

NOVEMBER 21, 2020 – SATURDAY SERVICE
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Lighting of Candles

Gathering song – Please remain seated

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You

Welcome - Pastor Cindy White

Gathering words - Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Worship God with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

Godsightings - We recognize God at work when we see acts of goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, love, peace, patience, kindness and caring. Where have you seen God at work in your life?

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together: **Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and**

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

Sharing of Peace – Please remain seated – Please wave

When we were strangers, Christ welcomed us. Let us share the peace of Christ with friends and strangers with words of welcome: “The peace of Christ be with you.”

And also with you.

THE WORD ([Matthew](#) 25:31-46)

Today’s reading – Please remain seated

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers. Amen.

A reading from [Matthew](#): “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Today’s message - Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ... For the church throughout the world and for all who proclaim the message of God's healing love. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, and for justice, mercy, and peace. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all who are needy, desolate, forgotten, suffering and/or lonely. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the sick in body, mind or spirit and for all who assist them with hands of healing. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those burdened by anxious days and sleepless nights. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, our companions, and all those we love. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For our congregation. May we continue to welcome newcomers. Make Zion a place of hope and love for everyone in our community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it. Help us to open our eyes and hearts to your work in our lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

Lord we raise up the special needs, concerns and prayers of those worshipping here this evening. Please feel free to offer any prayer that is on your heart. Lord in your mercy ...

Hear this prayer

Generous God, as we celebrate your blessings in our lives, we ask you to hear our prayers for the world this day. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the needs around us; give us courage to take action and patience to keep praying. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken - Please remain seated

THE SENDING

Sung – Please remain seated

“God, Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2

God be with you till we meet again!
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again!

3

God be with you till we meet again!
When life's perils thick confound you,

Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!

4

God be with you till we meet again!
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before
you;

God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again.

Spoken: We leave this sacred space to claim the riches and glorious inheritance that are ours through Christ. We go out into the world to share our blessings with all in need. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!