

JANUARY 9, 2021 – SATURDAY SERVICE
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Lighting of Candles

Video: “Gloria” – Piano Guys

Gathering song - “Beautiful Savior” – Amy Grant

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Gathering words - Pastor Cindy White

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God’s strong voice calls us to worship,

calling us to sing and offer praise.

God’s creative voice calls us to worship,

calling us to life and light.

God’s loving voice calls us to worship,

calling us to love and be loved.

Listen, for God’s voice calls to us now.

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

Let us pray together: Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering this day, as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus’s day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love and adoption. Speak from the heavens into our minds, that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.

Sharing of Peace – Please remain seated – Please wave

Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE WORD (Mark 1:4-11)

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 [Mark 1:4-11](#): John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with^{the} the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ!

Today's message - Pastor Cindy White

PRAISE & PRAYER

Song of praise – "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

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 worshiping 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

Sending

Sung – “Prayer of St. Francis”

Benediction

Amidst a noisy world, make way to listen for God. In the busiest of days, find time to listen for God. For in the listening, we finally hear this truth: We are beloved children of God—created in love, created for love, created to love. Let's go out there to listen and love. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and bless you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**