

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
JULY 31, 2021
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "Be Not Afraid" – Brenden Derrick (9 years old)

Video: "Tell Me Without Telling Me" – Bishop Eaton

Gathering Song: "I Am the Bread of Life"

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

As one body of Christ,

we gather together this day.

Blessed by one Spirit,

we gather in unity and love.

Godsightings:

What are Godsightings? They're instances in our daily lives when we've seen God at work—often through the acts of others.

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 ... **Speak truth to us this day, O God. Speak truth to the most inward parts of our hearts and minds, that we might speak your truth in love and that you might speak your truth through us each and every day. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Accept one another with love, as we have been accepted with love. In the unity of God's Spirit, let us exchange signs of Christ's peace. May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE WORD (John 6:24-35)

Gospel 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 John: So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you

saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

Offering our gifts

Let us pray: **Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

Sending

Closing – “Be Not Afraid” – John Michael Talbot

Benediction

In the Spirit of peace, we go into the world. May we share the unity and love we have
found here, that others may touch the presence of Christ's peace, and the grace of God's
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.

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.