

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
OCTOBER 23, 2021
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "One Bread, One Body"

Video: "The Table"

Gathering song: "In Remembrance of Me" – Robert Kochis

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

Bless the Lord at all times.

Let everyone bless God.

Praise the Lord continually.

Let everyone praise Christ.

Our souls boast in the Lord.

We boast in the Spirit's greatness.

With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord,
for God has delivered us and made us whole.

Exalt our God, the Lord of life.

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Taste and see that the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray together ... **God our healer, source of everlasting mercy, give us the courage to cry out in our need when the crowd seeks to silence us. Give us the wisdom to admit our limitations and accept our limited understanding. Give us the confidence to sing your praises in the midst of fear and doubt. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be truly made well and whole and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

You are God's beloved children. Look into one another's face to see the beauty of God's presence. Share the Lord's peace with gladness. May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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?

THE WORD (Mark 10:46-52)

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: Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

Offering prayer

Let us pray: **Holy, awesome God, we bring gifts of paper and coin, symbols of our gratitude and our love. Bless these symbols, that they may become acts of love and grace. Bless us and our gifts, that we may transform the world with love and grace. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.**

The preparation – Please remain seated

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

We offer our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, O God, for you are the Ground of our being, in whom we live and move. At the beginning you created the galaxies and planets, our sun, the earth and moon, plants and animals, individuals and nations, every substance and spirit.

You gave us your creative spirit to make friendships and families, art and music, love and compassion.

You gave us power to acquire the secrets of our mother earth, to honor her and care for her, as she cares for us. And so we join with all the creation that praises you, in every time and place.

God of eternity, spirit and matter all express your splendor.

We take this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Spirit we who eat and drink them may know a closer experience of your presence. On the night before Jesus died, he shared food with his disciples. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to them said: "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you and for many. Do this to remember me," He took wine, blessed it, and giving it to them said: "Drink this all of you. This is my blood which is shed for you and for many; do this to remember me".

To God be glory forever. Amen.

We who are many are one body

For we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us receive this Holy Sacrament remembering that Jesus died for us, and hold him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Distribution

"This is the body of Christ, broken for you."

"This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Post-Communion prayer

Loving God, you have created all humanity in your image and likeness, and have revealed your plan and purpose in calling us your beloved.

We commit ourselves to you.

As we have shared this holy meal, inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift.

We commit ourselves to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples ... O God, strengthen us in our desire to serve you and others, and breathe into our bodies the passion of your love. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

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

Hear our prayer

Please feel free to offer any prayer that is on your heart this evening. (Pause for responses) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear this prayer

Gracious and merciful God give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully in response to your call. We pray this in the name of Jesus, to whom we again commit ourselves.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken – Please remain seated.

THE SENDING – Please remain seated

Sung: "Go, Make Disciples"- Handt Hanson

**"Go, make disciples,
baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me. (Repeat)**

Go, make disciples."

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening. We invite you to join us tomorrow at 9 a.m. either in person or online for our Sunday service. We also invite you to Morning Prayer Wednesdays online at 9 a.m.

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

We once were broken, but now are whole. We once were blind, but now we see. We once were lost, but now are found. We once were alone, but now are family. We go with God. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Go in peace, to love and to serve, healed and free.

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God!