

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
OCTOBER 30, 2021
REFORMATION WEEKEND
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "Reformation Song" – Damian Metcalf
Video: "Martin Luther According to Children"
Gathering Song: "A Mighty Fortress" – Chris Rice

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

God is calling you today.

Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together ... Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people.
AMEN.

Sharing of Peace

Let us have the faith and innocence of children, as we greet our fellow children of God with signs of Christ's peace. May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Mark 28:28-34)

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 Mark: One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

Praise song: “Forever” – Chris Tomlin

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. Continue to 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

The sending

Sending song: "Go Make A Difference" – Angrisano and Tomaszek

Benediction

The pathway is open before you this day. It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings. Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days.

And all God's people say ...

Thanks be to God.