

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 13, 2021
HONORING VETERANS
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "Songs of the Armed Forces"

Videos: "A History of Veterans Day" and "Thank You For Your Serve"

Gathering Song: "Welcome Home" (The Veterans Day Song)

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

On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces. Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

We give thanks for our veteran's courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together - **Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Making peace is a daily action in our lives. We do not need to wait to come to church in order to make peace with our neighbors and our family members. Sharing God's peace is a daily opportunity. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings: Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Ephesians 6:10-18)

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 Ephesians: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The Word of Our Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

Praise song: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Offering our gifts

Let us pray: **Lord of life and love, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them, that others might be encouraged in the faith. Gracious God, use our lives as well. Help us share your story and pour out your love on everyone we meet. 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**

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. Be with us in all that we will do. May we enjoy this week and
learn and grow in it. 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

Video: "What a Great Sacrifice"

Sending song: "How Do You Thank a Veteran?"

Benediction

God, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and
appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one
feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and
enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants. May the Lord's face shine upon you
with grace and mercy. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love and serve the Lord.

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.