

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
JANUARY 15, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "All Good Gifts"

Video: "This Is Church"

Gathering Song: "Our God" – Chris Tomlin

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

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

But there is only one Spirit.

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

But it is the same Lord we all serve.

There are many activities we can do to serve God:

teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

But all these are activated by God.

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit
in the world.

It is impossible to list them all.

To say that one is better than another is foolish.

God gives to each as God chooses.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together - **God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you.**

**Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength,
courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts**

**in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we
are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and
reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

God's steadfast love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. Turn to one another and offer signs of that transforming love that only Christ can give. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life? We recognize God at work when we see acts of goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, love, peace, patience, kindness and caring.

THE WORD (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

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 1 Corinthians: Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Word of Our Lord

Thanks be to God!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

Praise song: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" – Promise Keepers Chorus

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

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 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. 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

Sending song: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Benediction

And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new. May the Lord bless you and keep you. 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.