

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
JANUARY 29, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "Christ Be Our Light"

Video: "Lost & Found"

Gathering song: "Spirit of the Living God" – Audrey Assad

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

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

Love is not envious.

It is not boastful.

Love is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way.

Love does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things.

Believes all things.

Hopes all things.

Endures all things.

Love never ends.

God blesses us with this love,

Today and all days. Amen.

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, for we need to feel your healing touch. As we gather to worship you this day, humble our hearts, teach us patience, and touch us with kindness. Open our eyes, that we may see ourselves as you see us. Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness, that our words may be true and our love may be pure. Bind us in a love that does not fail or fade, that we may bear all things, believe all things, and hopes all things in your love, which never ends. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

We know that faith, hope, and love abide. Let us share this wondrous gift, as we pass the peace of Christ this day.

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 (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

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 1 Corinthians: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Preparation song – “Christ Be Our Light” – Emmaus Music

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: "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"- Jim Reeves

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

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!