

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
FEBRUARY 12, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "In Christ Alone"

Video: "Love Life"

Gathering Song: "Love Never Fails" – Brandon Heath

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering prayer

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

Let us pray together: **God of Love, we confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind. We are quick to envy, and find subtle ways to boast. There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down. Loving God teach us to love God of Love, we confess that we are quickly angered. We are quick to record how often we've been wronged. There are times we celebrate the misfortune of others. Loving God teach us to love. God of Love, we confess that we put ourselves first. We're reluctant to give; we are slow to sacrifice. There are times we hesitate to protect. Loving God teach us to love. When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worse, may love remind us to trust. When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost, may love remind us to hope. When we are tempted to give up, to assume it will never happen, may love remind us to persevere. Loving God teach us to love. Amen**

Sharing of Peace

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 3:14-21) A prayer for the Ephesians

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: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of Our Lord
Thanks be to God!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

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 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: "Hold Us Together" – Matt Mahre

Benediction

May God to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. With both feet rooted firmly in love, may you take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

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.