

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2022  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

**GATHERING**

Prelude: "In Remembrance of Me"

Video: "Growing Generosity" -The Barnabus Foundation

Gathering song: "I Am the Bread of Life"

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**

Will you come to the highest mountain?

**We come to worship the Lord.**

Jesus is waiting, waiting to greet you.

**Jesus, we come. Jesus, we're here.**

Come!

**We come to worship the Lord.**

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **Holy God, bring us to your mountaintop. We come to talk with you today. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory— a glory that can transform our lives. May Jesus, your Son and your chosen one, and may the Spirit of freedom and glory, shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

We are here today to worship God, whom we together praise and trust. We are the children of God, siblings in one big family. Out of the joy and hope of the faith that we share, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ. 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** (Luke 9:28-43 NIV)

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 Luke:** About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were

very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. <sup>3</sup>The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

## **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

Offering prayer

We want to thank everyone for their generous gifts. Those of you watching and listening from home, your offerings can be sent to 101 North Greenwood Street, Tamaqua PA 18252 or you can make a gift online at our website or Facebook page. Your generosity enables all of our ministries to continue to share God’s love.

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

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: "Shine Jesus, Shine"

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

Led by the Spirit, go forth in God's love. Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ's light.

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!**