

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

GATHERING

Prelude: "Jerusalem"

Video: "Prayer for Ukraine"

Gathering Song: "Here I Am to Worship" – Maranatha Music

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

Today is a day to sing praise to God!

God continually blesses us, each and every day.

Even in the midst of cold and darkness, the warmth of God's love is real.

We can count on God to be here for us.

Let your hearts rejoice and your voices shout praise to God.

For God is great and worthy to be praised. AMEN.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

We recognize God at work when we see acts of goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, love, peace, patience, kindness and caring.

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Luke 13:31-35)

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 Luke: At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Word of Our Lord
Thanks be to God!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise song – "Beautiful Savior"

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

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: "Be Not Afraid"

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, stand firm in Christ. Trust God's promises in all things and take shelter in the Spirit's loving arms in times of trouble.

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.