

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
MARCH 5, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "Lamb of God"

Video: "Go into the Desert"

Gathering Song: "Lamb of God" – Maranatha Singers

Welcome – Deb Davies

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

When disasters strike, where can we go?

God is always there.

When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

Christ is always with us.

When life is hard, who can ease the load?

The Spirit is always there to sustain us.

Come!

Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ's faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ's name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. 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 (Luke 4:1-13) 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 Luke: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing

during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"^[4]"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Word of Our Lord
Thanks be to God!

Today's message – Deb Davies

Special music – "What a Day That Will Be"
Pastors Cindy White and Darryl Kensinger

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 worshiping 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: "Blowing in the Wind" – Peter, Paul & Mary

Benediction

As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High. As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One. As you face times of trial, call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

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.