

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
APRIL 23, 2022  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

**GATHERING**

Prelude: "In Christ Alone"

Video: "I Know My Redeemer Lives" – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Gathering Song: "Christ, the Lord, Is Ris'n Today" – Elevation 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**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Shout and sing praises to God.**

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**We have seen the Lord's greatness.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **We hear your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing? How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to all? From the life in his blood he has freed us, making us a royal priesthood. Whether we have seen or believe without seeing, we have found life in his name. In Christ's name, we give thanks and praise. 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 (John 20:19-31)**

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 John: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of Our Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

### **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

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 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

A Prayer for the World

Let us pray together a prayer for world peace: **Lord Jesus, You came that the world might know the peace that You have experienced with the Father eternally. Yet, You taught us that in this life there will be wars and rumors of wars. Nations will rise against nations as violence works itself out in the world. However, through You, the world may be saved. O Lord, send Your spirit into the hearts of all men, that the world might know true peace through Your abundant mercy. Amen.**

## **The sending**

Sending song: "Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow"

### Benediction

As God sent Jesus into the world, so the Spirit now sends us to continue God's holy work. To God be glory and dominion forever and ever

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.**