

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
MAY 7, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "When It's All Been Said and Done"

Video: "Happy Mother's Day"

Gathering Song: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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

Christ is our shepherd.

We are Christ's sheep.

The shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.

We will follow our shepherd.

Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.

In God's flock, we rest secure.

Come! Let us worship.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Loving Shepherd, in the midst of sorrow and loss, you wipe away every tear from our eyes. May the wonders of your love reach down to us this day. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, raise us also to new life. Help us cling no longer to the darkness threatening to overcome our world, that we may reside in the glory of the Lamb. Wake us from the slumber that numbs our spirit, even as you nourish us in the strength of your Spirit. May the world see the shepherd living in us, and may we come to dwell in your pastures, which remain ever green. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

We rest secure in God's flock. In gratitude and thanks, let us share signs of peace from our shepherd, who watches over us.

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 10:22-30)

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: Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Word of Our Lord
Thanks be to God!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise song – "Shepherd Me, O God" – Marty Hagen

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care. Everything we have comes the goodness of your love. Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers.

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

A Prayer for the World

Let us pray together 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: "When It's All Been Said and Done" – Robin Mark

Benediction

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

And all God's people say ...

Thanks be to God.