

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
May 29, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Vow to Thee, My Country"
Video: "Memorial Day Tribute"
Gathering song: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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

Why do you look upward?

Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Look around you. What do you see?

There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

Look beyond you. Where will you go?

Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all. AMEN.

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ...**Astounding God, we come before you this day as witnesses to Christ's ascension from this realm to the heavenly kingdom. We stand in awe and wonder at what we hear and see. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the power and truth of your words. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal love through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.**

Sharing of Peace

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 (John 17:20-26)

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 John: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ!

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Preparation song: “I am the Bread of Life”

Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Your power and might, O God, bring forth our worship and praise. Your love and mercy, Compassionate One, call forth our gratefulness and thanksgiving. In appreciation for your blessing in our lives, we offer you these gifts from our hearts, this fruit of our industry. Receive them, we pray, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that our lives here on earth might be filled with your Spirit. 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

“This is the body of Christ, broken for you.”

“This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

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 ...

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken – Please remain seated.

A Prayer for Peace

Let us pray: **God, it seems that every time I turn on the news, the world gets a little worse each day. I know sin has ravaged this planet and that the world will lack complete peace until you return. Nevertheless, I ask that you intervene in the world and grant us peace. Help us to find more ways to love our neighbors and show the world your goodness. Amen.**

THE SENDING – Please remain seated

Sung: “When All is Said and Done”

Video: “Honor the Fallen”

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

And all God’s people say ...

Thanks be to God.