

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
JULY 30, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

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 during Prayers of the People.

GATHERING

Prelude: "Africa" Angel City Chorale

Temple Talk – Rochelle Evanousky

Gathering Song: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" - Maranatha Singers

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

We gather to hear what the Holy One will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful, those who turn to love in their hearts.

Surely wholeness is at hand for those who stand in awe.

Show us your steadfast love, Holy One, and grant us your wholeness and peace.

Let steadfast love and faithfulness meet us today.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **God of power and might, turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. For only in loving can we lead lives worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage to live with the saints in the glory of your love. And fill us with your grace and peace, that we may know the richness of eternal life in your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 11:1-13)

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: One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[□] a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise – “Just as I Am” – Alan Jackson

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Bountiful God, your love bears the fruit of hope and grace; your ways lead to fullness of life. May today's offering bear fruit in our world, that your love may cause old hatreds to cease, old wounds heal, and old divisions mend. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Note: Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers at this time.)

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

A Prayer for World Peace

We share a prayer for peace: **God, when I am over-whelmed by what is going on around me, please remind me that You are with me. Give me the strength to not fear evil, but instead allow me to remember that You overcome it. Show me Your comfort and protection and keep me rooted and grounded in Your love. In Jesus, name, Amen.**

The sending

Sung together: “Golden Break the Dawn”

Tzu-Chen Chao and Te-ngai Hu

Benediction

And all God's people say **Thanks be to God.**