

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
JULY 9, 2022  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

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

**GATHERING**

Prelude: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Video: "God's Love No Matter What"

Gathering Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Phillips, Craig and Dean

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**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength,  
and with all of your mind.

**We will worship God, the one we love.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

**We will open our hearts to all God's children.**

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

**THE WORD (Luke 10:25-37)**

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: On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise – “If We are the Body” – Casting Crowns

## **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 - “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

## **The sending**

Benediction

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