

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
AUGUST 27, 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: "In the Cross" - Zion Women's Chorus

Video: "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday"

Gathering song: "We Are Called"

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

With gifts of praise,

we come to worship.

With heartfelt prayers,

we come to worship and pray.

With open minds, eager to grow,

we come to worship and grow this day.

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **God of love and grace, flow through our messy lives with your abundant grace. When we would close our hearts and doors, open us to share your grace with others. When we would neglect the needs of your world, forgive us so abundantly that we might be moved to give as abundantly as we have received. When we let pride and self-interest rule our days, forgive us so miraculously that we might live with humility and selflessness. In your abundant love and miraculous grace, may your world come to know your ways. 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 (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Today's reading – Please remain seated

A reading from Luke: One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Preparation song: “One Bread, One Body” – John Foley
and New Dawn

Offering prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Generous God, bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be gifts of abundance and grace for a world in need. 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 ...

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

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

THE SENDING – Please remain seated

Sung: "World Peace Prayer" – Rockwood First

Congregational Church

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God!