

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 10, 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: "Where Were You (When the World Stopped turning)?" Alan Jackson

Video: "9/11: On That Day"

Gathering Song: "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"
CityAlight

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

From our wanderings and wonderings,

we are welcomed home by God.

Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

Come to be found,

for all are welcome here.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace, we pray. 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 15:1-10)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

May the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God,

to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen.

A reading from Luke: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise – “Christ Be Our Light”

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Thank you, generous God of grace, for pouring your love and abundance so freely upon us. Pour this same love and abundance upon the gifts we now return to you, that they may become**

signs of grace and instruments of love to bring the world back home to you. 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

The sending

A Prayer for World Peace – “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Benediction

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