

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 24, 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: "If I Were a Rich Man" – The Singing Santa

Opening song: "I Am the Bread of Life" – Suzanne Toolan

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**

Those who love God,

**God will deliver.**

Those who know God by name,

**God will protect.**

Those who call out to God,

**God will answer.**

We gather this evening

**as those who trust God.**

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others.**

**In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, 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** (Luke 16:19-31)

Today's reading – Please remain seated

God, your holy word invites us to place our trust in you.

**May the words we hear this evening, take root in our lives.**

A reading from Luke: <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup> “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup> “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

<sup>31</sup> “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

## **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Preparation song: “Remembrance”

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. 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.

A prayer for Peace

Let us pray for Peace: **God, when I am overwhelmed 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 – Please remain seated

Sung: “God Be with You ‘Til We Meet Again”

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you. Go forth, rejoicing in God.

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