

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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: "Be Thou My Vision"

Video: "Faces"

Gathering Song: "It is Well"

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**

When we try to hide,

**God always finds us.**

When we crawl into the darkness,

**even there we don't escape God's eyes.**

Are you tired of running from the one who loves you?

**We are here at last,**

ready and eager to be made whole.

**Let us worship the living God.**

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Holy God, we have sought to follow you without counting the costs, but our tanks are running empty and we are afraid we can't go the distance. We have hidden in the crowd, ignoring Christ's call to pick up our cross and follow him. We have hidden in the stories we tell ourselves: that we will attend to our spiritual walk some day— just not this day. Help us assess our motives and intentions, even as we ponder our need for the journey. For only then will we know if we have what it takes to finish the course in faith. 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 14:25-33)**

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

When we try to hide, Lord, you can always find us. Even when we crawl into the darkness, we cannot escape your eyes.

**We are tired of running, Lord. We are here at last. Share your teachings of life and death, for you love us as your people, and we love you as our God. Amen.**

A reading from Luke: <sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – Pastor Cindy White

## **Praise & Prayer**

### The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **With these gifts, we lay down all that we have and all that we are, and take up the cross with Jesus. 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: **Dear Lord, there is so much going on in the world ... So much that is upsetting and beyond my control. Please help me to cast my cares on you. Help me to turn my worry time into prayer time.**

**Please help all who are dealing with tragedies, illness, Adversity and losses. Please put your angels about those who are in harm's way. Please pour out your blessings on all who are in need And help us all to find your peace that passes Understanding. Thank you for being with me each moment of this day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

### The sending

**Sung together:** "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" – Jim Reeves

### Benediction

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