

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
OCTOBER 22, 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: "Thrive" – Casting Crowns

Video: "CBS: On the Road"

Video: An Introduction to Generosity – Brian Lawfer

Opening song: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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

God has called our daughters and sons to gather,
old and young alike.

We are here to answer God's call.

Let us rejoice in the many gifts God has provided.

We are here to praise God's goodness.

Let us worship and praise God with all our might.

Gathering prayer - Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **Amazing God, we come to give you thanks for everything your people have received. May we feel the joy our ancestors felt at their vindication and restoration. Open us to your call, to witness to your grace, in the words and actions of our lives. Help us pray without pride or guile, that we may receive the greatest gift of all— being in your presence forever and always. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Sister and brothers, claim your identity as a beloved one of God. 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 18:9-14)

Today's reading – Please remain seated

Empty the rushing of our minds, Holy One, and the noise that blocks out your message.

Open our hearts and minds to the words we are about to hear. Seal them in our hearts.

A reading from Luke: ⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. Amen.**

Preparation song: “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” – Taize

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 prayer 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: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Benediction – Pastor Cindy White

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