

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
OCTOBER 8, 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 Christ Alone" – The NCrew

Video: "We are a community united" – Online giving option

Video: "Clear"

Gathering Song: "I Come to the Garden Alone" - Alan Jackson

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

In the midst of our hectic week, we have come to worship God.

Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we seek God's guidance.

Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

We thank God for the respite we are given.

Tune our hearts and voices in praise to God.

Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us.

AMEN.

Gathering prayer

Just as we have died with Christ, so shall we live with him. And just as we have endured hardships with Christ, so shall we abide in his grace and mercy.

Let us pray together: **For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Sharing of Peace

Christ calls us to seek the welfare of this place and to plant gardens of faith. May we do both as we share signs of Christ's peace with one another. For only in the peace of Christ can we flower as God's people.

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 17:11-19)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

The word of God cannot be chained.

Let us listen for that word— for it proclaims grace and love; it heals our souls.

A reading from Luke: ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise – "Give Thanks" – Don Moen

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Author of life, you meet us in our need. Your love and grace surround us. When our world gets turned upside down, you carry us through the trials of life. Your power gives us the strength to find healing and comfort each day. Receive these gifts as signs of our thanks.**

Accept our praise for your many blessings. Receive our very lives, that we may serve you in the ministry of your church. 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 us pray together for world peace: **Teach us your wisdom, O Lord, that we may live wisely, not foolishly. Open our minds to understand our place in the world, that we may be proper stewards and caretakers of this beautiful earth. May your love and wisdom flow through us into this world of hatred and mistrust, that we may sow the seeds of peace. Illumine our hearts to the path of truth, Holy Spirit, that we may celebrate the ways that lead to life. Amen.**

Sung: "Go Make a Difference" – Angrisano and Tomaszek

Benediction

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