

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 12, 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: – “Prayer for Generosity” – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Video: “Stephen Ministry Care Receivers Share Their Stories”

Video: Temple Talk – George Taylor

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

Praise the Lord, whose anger has turned away.

We will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our song.

God comforts us in our time of need.

Draw water from the wellspring of eternal life.

Surely God is our salvation.

Sing to the Lord.

God has done glorious things.

Give thanks to the Lord.

We will call on God's holy name.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **There is no place to turn, O God, for the comfort we desire; no place, but to you alone, O Lord. Bless us this day, that we might be a blessing to others. Bless us this day, that we might be faithful witnesses to life in Christ Jesus, our redeemer and Lord. In our songs and prayers, in our scriptures and spoken words, reveal your purposes to through the power of your Holy Spirit. We are here, O Lord. Equip us for ministry with the faith and assurance only you can provide. 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 21:5-19)

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: ⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to You, O Christ!

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise – “Just As I Am” - Alan Jackson

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Eternal God, we draw life in your presence. You have created and sustained us to meet the challenges we face each day. May the gifts and offerings we bring before you reflect the light of Christ that shines in our lives, a light that can heal the world. In our living and in our giving, help us act in concert with your ways, that the world might see in us the power of your Spirit. 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: **God, it seems that every time I turn on the news, the world gets a little worse each day. I know sin has ravaged this planet and that the world will lack complete peace until you return. Nevertheless, I ask that you intervene in the world and**

grant us peace. Help us to find more ways to love our neighbors and show the world your goodness. Amen.

Sung: "Go Make of All Disciples"

Benediction

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