

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 19, 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: “Thanksgiving: The Most Wonderful Time”

Gathering Song: “Thanksgiving Medley”

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Joyful Noise collection – Benefits the Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank which has provided over 17,000 diapers to Zion Diaper Depot ministry in the past year.

Temple Talk – George Taylor

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

On Christ the King weekend, we celebrate Christ as the ruler of our lives.

Christ does not rule with condemnation, though.

Christ offers forgiveness and rules like a shepherd, **comforting the people and drawing them closer to God.**

We give thanks for a savior

who brings love and redemption to all.

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Tender Shepherd, you gather us here to dwell in your love and grace. You comfort and guide us. You heal and redeem us. As we sing your songs of praise, send your light into our lives. As we commit ourselves to the ways of Christ, our guide, ruler, and savior, bless us with your presence. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The fullness of God dwells in Christ,
the one who brings peace and forgiveness.
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 23:33-43)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

A reading from Luke: ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”^[b]

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – Pastor Cindy White and Kevin Lawfer

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Almighty Christ, you gave us the gift of yourself. Now we offer these gifts to you, asking that you bless them and use them to share you kingdom with all. In your name, we pray. 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: **Lord, you offer us peace as a gift and peace as a responsibility that we must realize with your help. Give us the grace to reach for peace, to have attitudes of peace, that our words may be of peace, and that our works be works of peace. Then, may we build the peace that we and our nations need. Amen**

Sung: "Thanksgiving Song" – Mary Chapin Carpenter

PLEASE WAIT FOR CANDLES TO BE EXTINGUISHED.

Benediction

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