

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
JANUARY 14, 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: "East to West" – Casting Crowns

Video: "God Loves Us No Matter What"

Gathering Song: "Your Grace Is Enough" – Maranatha Music

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**

Called to be light,

**we come this day to shine.**

Called to follow Christ,

**we come this day to serve.**

Called to love God,

**we come to worship and praise.**

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Light of the world, shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more intimately. Reveal your presence and make your voice heard, that we may grow in love and shine with the light of your love for all to see. 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 (John 1:29-42)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

**Wait patiently. Listen openly. We trust that God’s loving light and law will be revealed in these words and in our hearts.**

A reading from John: <sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[b]</sup>).

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song: "Blessed Assurance"

### **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Lamb of God, bless these gifts with your mercy and your grace. Shine through these gifts with your light and love, that our ministries and our church may be a beacon of light and love, revealing your presence to our world. 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**

Sending: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Benediction

Shine brightly, for you are the light of the world. Shine with light and love. Shine for all to see!

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