

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
JANUARY 17, 2026
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. We will also be using our cell phones for the Sharing of the Peace. You may wish to select someone ahead of time to send your message of peace and love.

GATHERING

Video: "Jesus' Baptism"

Opening song: "Beautiful Savior" – Amy Grant

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Can you hear God's call?

Christ's voice is heard far and near.

Can you discern God's Word?

Christ calls one and all.

God speaks of light and life.

Christ loves the mighty and the small.

The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

We are called into fellowship together.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **Holy One, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of your searching love.**

May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Sharing by text

We invite you to take out your cell phone now and send a text message of joy and love to someone who isn't in worship this evening.

Godsightings: Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (John 1:29-42)

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers.

Amen.

“Have Your Way” – Don Moen

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

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ 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.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”^[a]

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

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

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

³⁹ “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.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² 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^[b]).

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

"Doxology" – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray: **God of Grace and God of Glory, you bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life. As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of your glory. Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.**

Sharing of text responses

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

Let us pray together as our Lord instructed us to pray ... "Our Father..."

The sending

Benediction

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.

Sending song: "May the God Lord Bless and Keep You" - Jim Reeves

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.