

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
JANUARY 31, 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**

Opening song: "Our Father" – Don Moen

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with our God.**

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**With speech that is gentle,  
and words that build up.**

How shall we live our faith?

**With actions that bring peace,  
and works that lift up the lowly.**

Come and worship God

**in spirit and in truth.**

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: **Loving God, we come this evening seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.**

Greetings

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** (Matthew 5:1-12)

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 Matthew: **5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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: **O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. This evening, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. 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: “God Will Make a Way” – Don Moen

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.