

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
July 12, 2025  
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**

Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Gathering Words

Let us begin with the Gathering Words.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

**We come to worship and to praise.**

With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

**With love for God, we gather as God's  
community of love.**

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, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. 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** ( Luke 10:25-37)

### Gospel reading

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.**

A reading from Luke: <sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’<sup>[a]</sup>; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii<sup>[c]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

This evening’s message – Pastor Cindy White

**Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology”

Let us pray together: **Gracious God, bless these gifts.  
May they bring your love, justice, and compassion  
to where they are most needed in our world.  
Help us be good neighbors to everyone we meet.  
With gratitude and love, we pray. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight's text greetings?

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

**The sending**

Announcements

Benediction

And all God's people say ....

**Thanks be to God.**

Sending song: "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout  
The universe displayed!

**Chorus**

Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!

When thru the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze,  
**Chorus**

And when I think  
That God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross,  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin!  
**Chorus**

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim,  
My God, how great Thou art!  
**Chorus**

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.