

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.*

***Joyful Noise:*** This month we are collecting two weeks for the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund which is currently aiding Texas flooding victim. Please be generous.

**GATHERING**

Song: "All Are Welcome Here" – Marty Haugen

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Gathering Words

Let us begin with the Gathering Words.

We gather this evening from a week filled with needs and demands

**We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.**

Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

**We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

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: **When the winds of life buffet us, O God, we need your hand to hold us and your love to make us whole. Speak words of peace to our aching hearts, that we might find the courage to embrace the fullness of life you place before us. Correct our sight when our vision fades, and lead in right paths when we lose our way. 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** ( Luke 10:38-42)

### 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>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one.<sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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: **Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing. May the offering we return to you this day**

**reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they show our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight's text greetings?

Prayers of the People

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 prayer**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

**The sending**

Announcements

Benediction

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

Sending song: "The Night Song" – Coffey Ministries

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.