

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
November 22, 2025
CHRIST THE KING
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: "At the Table"

Songs: "Thanksgiving Song" – Mary Chapin Carpenter

1

Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed be the Holy One,

who looks upon us with love and mercy.

Blessed be the Holy One,

who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.

Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child,

who rules in a realm of forgiveness and peace.

Blessed be the Holy One,

who is worthy of our worship.

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: **God of Creation, we cannot see you, but we see what you have created in all its beauty and bounty! Jesus, Child of God, the entire universe lives in you, and for you, and through you! Spirit of the Holy One, you sweep across creation, enlivening and sustaining. Everything on earth and in heaven has its being and its hope because of you, Triune God. Blessed is your holy, life-giving name! Amen.**

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sharing of Peace 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. We'll check for responses a little later.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Luke 23:33-43)

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.

Song: "Have Your Way" – Don Moen

A reading from Luke: ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.^[b]”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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, may our gifts bring your love to all. Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, may our gifts show the world that we belong to one another. For each of us is held in your embrace. In the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives the breath of life, 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: “In Christ Alone” – Mercy Me

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.