

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 29, 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

Video: "What Is Advent?"

Reading: "The Candle of Hope"

Opening song: "O Come, O come Emmanuel" (Verses 1&2)

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

We begin the journey that leads to Christmas.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is a journey of peace.

Let us beat swords into plowshares.

This is a journey of hope.

Let us walk with God.

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: **Everlasting God, we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within. Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead. Amen.**

Greetings

Sharing of Peace

May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in 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 24:36-44)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

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: ³⁶“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴²“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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: **We thank you, God, for the joy we feel this day. We are blessed by this community of love, this sanctuary of acceptance. We place our trust in you, knowing that you care for us. With deep gratitude for all you provide to us, we offer our gifts to you. Centered our hearts during this season of giving. Amen.**

Sharing of text responses

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

The sending

Benediction

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.

Sending song: “Advent Song” – Christy Nockels

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.