

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
October 18, 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.*

*This week's Joyful Noise: October's collection supports Zion's team in the Nov. 2 Tamaqua Hunger Walk. We'd like to have a good-sized walking team so please consider joining us. We walk from the Tamaqua Art Center to Griffith's Funeral Home and back. Sign-up sheets are at every service.*

**GATHERING**

Song: "Thy Word" – Amy Grant

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Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord.

**I meditate on your wisdom all day long.**

**Your teaching makes me wiser each day.**

Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

**How sweet are your words to my taste,**  
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**Your word is a lamp to my feet**  
and a light that shines on my path.

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: **Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. With Jesus, we ask the question, "Will there be faith on earth?" Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and**

**now? Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family. 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. We'll check for responses a little later.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

**THE WORD** (Luke 18:1-8)

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: **18** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

<sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will

he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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: **Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your love may be made known throughout your world. 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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – Alan

Jackson

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.