

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
October 25, 2025
REFORMATION WEEKEND
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: The Protestant Reformation Easily Explained

Songs: Reformation Song – Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

A Mighty Fortress – Brian Doerksen

Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

God crowns the year with bounty.

The Lord makes old men dream dreams.

God makes young girls see visions.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

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: **Giver of dreams and visions, pour out your Spirit on our fellowship, for we need your presence in our lives. Show your portents in the heavens and set your signs on the earth and seas. Touch our spirits with the awe of your majesty, that we may humbly dwell within your courts in peace and harmony. Amen.**

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

Sharing of Peace

With dreams and visions guiding our way, let us turn to one another and pass the peace of Christ.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sharing by text

(After a few moments) 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 (John 8:31-36)

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 John: ³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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: **God of overflowing abundance—How can we repay you for your grace and mercy? Receive the fruit of our labor. Receive also the gift of our humble thanks, and keep our hearts safe in your Spirit. 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: "Blessed Assurance" – Alan Jackson

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.