

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
September 13, 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.*

*Next Saturday: Communion and Joyful Noise. The September Joyful Noise collection benefits Doctors Without Borders provides medical care where it is needed most in 70 countries.*

**GATHERING**

Video: "All Good Gifts-Zion 2025"

Video: "Lost Sheep" – A film by Lucas Rooney

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Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

O God of heaven and earth,

**bless us with your mercy and grace.**

Enter our hearts and make us holy.

**Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways,**

that we might not wander alone.

**Hear our cries and gather us to yourself,**

that we may be one with each other,

**through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**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: **God of wind and fire, blow through our lives. Release us from all that binds us, and free us from thoughts the fears that keep us from union with you and with one another. Lay waste to the burdens that impede us, and wash away the debris that weighs us down.**

**As we strive to follow your path, guide us onto the road of the righteous. Make of us a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who dwell alone. In hope of your mercy, we pray. 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 15:1-10)

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.**

***Sing together: "Have Your Way" – Don Moen***

A reading from Luke: **15** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup> and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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: **Most gracious God, we bring these gifts, as we bring ourselves. We are nothing special in ourselves. But you seek us, you gather us together; and in your arms, our lives come together. Bless us and these gifts, that together we may be a blessing and return your glory to you, where it belongs. 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: “Shepherd Me, O God” – Marty Haugen

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.