

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
September 6, 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: By Our Love

Song: "God's Work, Our Hands"

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Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

Look around. What wonders we behold!

**We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.**

Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.

**Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.**

Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.

**Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.**

**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: **Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love in to all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. 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 14:25-33)

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: <sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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: **Gracious God, you have blessed us beyond measure; you have entrusted us as partners to care for your world. Bless these gifts and our very lives. Transform everything we are in this life into offerings that bring your love to the world. 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: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” – Collin Raye

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.