

SATURDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
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.

GATHERING

Gathering song: "Wake, O Wake and Sleep No Longer" –

Christopher Idle

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

Today God's love will be poured into your life.

Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

Hallelujah!

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Gathering prayer – Pastor Cindy White

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Temple Talk – 5th Sunday financial report

Evening prayer

Let us pray together: **In the stillness of this moment, awaken us to the astonishing truth that your love is like the celebratory love of a couple on their wedding day. Help us choose again to live in your love and to yield every aspect of our lives to your divine rule. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Friends, you are God's beloved people, examples of love and grace. Welcome one another with the love of God and the peace of Christ.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD

Gospel reading – (Matthew 25:1-13)

Praise the Lord for the hearing of God's Holy Word. **Blessed are we when we live according to God's ways.**

A reading from Matthew: **25** "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹ "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to You, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song: "Be Thou My Vision" – Reawaken Hymns

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray together: **Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

Song of praise – “Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Announcements

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

The Sending

Benediction

God has called and chosen us to be witnesses to hope and peace in God's world. Go in peace and this same healing, reconciling love and peace will be with you. Go and serve the Lord your God in all that you do.

AMEN.

And all God's people say **Thanks be to God.**

Sending song: “May the Peace of God” – Getty/Becker/Hogg

Postlude

Thank you for worship with us this evening!