

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
ALL SAINTS SERVICE
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

Note: Tonight's worship leader will ask for prayer requests at the start of the service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People.

GATHERING

Gathering – “Tonight we remember ... “

Song: “For All the Saints” – Lutheran Quartet

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Saints are people who have listened to and answered God's call.

They model for us that the most important part of life is showing in all that we do how much we love God, others and ourselves.

Saints follow the call of the Lord.

They dedicate their lives to following God's Word.

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Introduction

Gathering prayer

Blessing, honor, and glory to the Lord, our God. Praise the ancient of days.

Let us pray together - **No two saints are alike, just as no two people are alike. Saints do share certain qualities. They hear and obey the Lord's call. They follow the footsteps of Christ. They are Witnesses of our faith. Let us open our hearts to the will of God and follow Christ by looking to the example set by the saints. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

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 (Matthew 5:1-11)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

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 Matthew: Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Today's message

Praise & Prayer

Song – “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone” – Chris Tomlin

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

A time of remembrance

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life.

Reading of the roll – lighting of the candles

James J. Bynon

Rick Bachman

James Batman

Nancy L. Betz

William W. Bechtel

Mary L. Koch

Warren Schreffler

Ida Mae Piccin

Allen C. Mace

Charles R. Linkhorst

Joseph A. Harvilla Jr.

Other Zion Family and Friends

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

Now together, let us join the countless numbers across the centuries who have prayed as our Lord instructed us to pray. . . “Our Father”

The sending

Announcements

Benediction

Let us end with the benediction: Loving God, shower us with grace and mercy, that we might bring grace and mercy to a world in pain and want. Give us pure hearts and humble spirits, that we might show Christ's example in all that we say and do. Grant us hope and perseverance, that we might live as saints, as our foremothers and forefathers before us. Amen.

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

Sending song: “This I Believe” – Hillsong

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.