

SATURDAY EVENING
JUNE 15, 2024
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: "A Teaching Moment"

Gathering song: "Good, Good Father" – Chris Tomlin

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

The Holy One, defender of the poor and needy, calls us to gather now.

We come, thankful to be a part of this family of faith.

God knows us well and calls us by name.

We hear our name and respond to God's call.

The love of Christ urges us on.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Cindy White

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.

Welcome

Evening prayer

Let us pray together: **Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions. God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in**

our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.

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

This evening's reading – (Ezekiel 17: 22-24)

God's words are amazing gifts. They revive our weary spirits. They delight us. Their clarity enlightens us and leads us to wisdom.

Let us hear these words with hope and anticipation.

A reading from Ezekiel: ²²“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – “Cats in the Cradle” – Pastor Cindy White

PRAISE & PRAYER

The Offering Moment

Let us pray together: **Holy God, magnificent, sustaining farmer of the future, receive these gifts, we pray. Through our offering, help us know in some surprising way that you are bringing into being something wonderful and new. Amen.**

Song of praise – “Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Sharing text responses

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

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

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken

SENDING

Thank you for being with us this evening.

Announcements

Benediction

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

Sending song: “This Is My Father’s World”

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.