

SATURDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE
JUNE 22, 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

Gathering song: "Lord, I Need You" – Matt Maher

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

**The Holy One does not forsake
those who seek God.**

Be gracious to us, Holy One.

**For you are the One who lifts us
from the storm.**

We praise you in every time in space.

We rejoice that your hand guides us.

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

June Joyful Noise collection-Benefits St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Prayer requests

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return. Forgive us when we blame you or others for**

our troubles. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace. 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

Gospel reading – (Mark 4:35-41)

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 Mark: ³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song: "Behold the Lamb" – Keith/Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering Moment

Let us pray together: **We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything. May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.**

Song of praise – "Doxology" – The Vagle Brothers

Sharing text responses

Invitation to Communion

Here at the table, we see most clearly that we are part of the body of Christ. We are no longer divided into people of different ages, different ideas, different backgrounds, different gifts.

Here unique individuals become a single body, made richer for the multitude of gifts shared. Here, we feast on one bread and one cup, and become one body in service to the world.

The preparation – Please remain seated

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

We offer our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, O God, for you are the Ground of our being, in whom we live and move. At the beginning you created the galaxies and planets, our sun, the earth and moon, plants and animals, individuals and nations, every substance and spirit.

You gave us your creative spirit to make friendships and families, art and music, love and compassion.

You gave us power to acquire the secrets of our mother earth, to honor her and care for her, as she cares for us. And so we join with all the creation that praises you, in every time and place.

God of eternity, spirit and matter all express your splendor.

We take this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Spirit we who eat and drink them may know a closer experience of your presence. On the night before Jesus died, he shared food with his disciples. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to them said: "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you and for many. Do this to remember me," He took wine, blessed it, and giving it to them said: "Drink this all of you. This is my blood which is shed for you and for many; do this to remember me".

To God be glory forever. Amen.

We who are many are one body

For we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us receive this Holy Sacrament remembering that Jesus died for us, and hold him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Distribution

Post-Communion prayer

Loving God, you have created all humanity in your image and likeness, and have revealed your plan and purpose in calling us your beloved.

We commit ourselves to you.

As we have shared this holy meal, inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift.

We commit ourselves to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples ...

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

THE SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Let us share in our benediction: **May the breezes of the Spirit calm our hearts as we share God's presence with the world. May the peace of Christ pacify our engulfed minds as we go to care for our neighbors. The Holy One is our source of peace, today and forevermore. Amen.**

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

Sending song: "Prayer of St. Francis" – Sinead O'Connor

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.