

SATURDAY EVENING
JUNE 8, 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: Remembering D-Day – 80th anniversary

Gathering song: "Bind Us Together Lord" - Maranatha Music

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

All who need a place to belong . . . **join the family of God.**

All who seek spiritual brothers and sisters . . . **join the family of God.**

All who strive to grow in faith and love . . . **join the family of God.**

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: **Caring Father, in the midst of our brokenness, knit us together as your family. Loving Mother, in the midst of our woundedness, seal us in your heart as sisters and brothers. Gentle Spirit, swing wide the doors of our church, that all may find within these walls a place where your will is done and holy relationships are nurtured. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

As the family of God, let us share signs of familial love as we pass the peace of Christ.

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 3:20-35)

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: ²⁰Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹When his family^[a] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind.

²²And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song: “How Great Is Our God” – Chris Tomlin

PRAISE & PRAYER

The Offering Moment

Let us pray together: **Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.**

Song of praise – “Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Sharing text responses

Anyone wish to share a response to your sharing of the peace message?

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

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world! Go forth with forgiveness and grace. Go forth with compassion and love.

We go as Christ's family for all the world to see.

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

Sending song: “The Family Prayer” – Maranatha Music

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.