

SATURDAY EVENING
AUGUST 3, 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. Please have a hymnal at your seat. Pastor White will ask for a closing hymn selection.

GATHERING

Gathering song: "Bind Us Together Lord" – Emmaus Music

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! AMEN

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: **God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and**

love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. 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 - (John 6:24-35)

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 John: ²⁴Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'^[a]"

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise song: “I Am the Bread of Life”

PRAISE & PRAYER

The Offering Moment

Song of praise – “Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray together: **God of miraculous grace, transform our gifts into the work of ministry. Transform our lives into your presence in the world. Through these gifts, may we grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened in the unity of faith. Transform these gifts into the bread of life so that in our giving others may be fed. Make these gifts the waters that spring up into eternal life, so that in our giving, others may be nurtured and strengthened as children of God. In your loving and nurturing name, we pray. Amen.**

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

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

Sending song: To be announced

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.