

SATURDAY EVENING
JULY 13, 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. **A person from the congregation will choose a song from the hymnal to be used as the closing.***

GATHERING

Video: "Camp Firelight: Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Gathering song: "The River Is Here" - Vineyard Music

(This song was used to open this year's Synod Assembly.)

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

We come here shouting,

our voices lifted in praise.

We come here singing,

our songs full of joy.

We come here dancing,

our hearts rejoicing.

To the Holy One who is worthy,

all praise and glory forevermore!

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: **In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to**

earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in these warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN.

Sharing of Peace

May the peace of Christ fill you with the joy of God's word.
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 - (Psalm 85:8-13)

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 Psalm: ⁸I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song of Praise: "Thy Word" - Amy Grant

PRAISE & PRAYER

The Offering Moment

Song of praise – "Doxology" – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray together: **The earth is yours, O Lord, and all that is in it. All we have comes from the richness of your grace. As you have blessed us, so may we bless others. May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.**

Sharing text responses

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 determined

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.