

SATURDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE  
JANUARY 25, 2025  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

*Note: This evening's service includes communion. Please make sure you have a communion cup. 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.*

**GATHERING**

Video – “The Table”

Gathering song: “I Am the Bread of Life”

Gathering Words – Pastor Cindy White

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

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.**

Let us pray together: **God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn to what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: help to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the heavens— the whisper of the land and roar of the seas, the prayer of the caterpillar and song of the flea. Speak to us through the fullness of creation, we pray. Amen.**

Welcome

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

## **THE WORD**

Gospel reading – (Luke 4:14-21)

God invites us to learn from His holy word.

**We open our hearts and minds to the wisdom God is sharing.**

A reading from Luke: <sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of Our Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

## **COMMUNION**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray together: **God of our ancestors, Caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love. May the gifts we bring before you this day honor the many ways you bless this church. And may our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love, as we continue Jesus’ mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

“In Remembrance of Me” - Priscila Olesky, Jon Mark Olesky, Jeremy Gibson and Michelle Hamilton

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

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

Sending song: "Prayer of St. Francis" – Snead O'Conner

Postlude

*Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.*