

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2025  
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**

Opening song: "Here I Am Lord" – Chris Bray

Welcome

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

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

Great is the grace and glory of God.

**We give thanks with hearts of joy.**

Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

**We give thanks with hearts of hope.**

Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

**We give thanks with hearts of faith.**

Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

**We give thanks with hearts of love.**

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: **Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice. "Whom shall I send?" you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, "Here I am. Send me." You evaporate our shame, and joyously embrace our authentic selves. May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity as you do. Amen.**

Greetings

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** (Luke 5:1-11)

Gospel reading

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

**May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers.**

**Amen.**

A reading from Luke: **5** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,<sup>[a]</sup> the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

**4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

**6** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

**8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

## **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

“Doxloogy” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray together: **Bless these gifts, O God, with your love, your strength, and your presence. May the ministries this offering supports be a sign of your love, strength, and presence in the world. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight’s text greetings?

Prayers of the People

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy ...      **Hear our prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken

Now together, let us join the countless numbers across the centuries who have prayed as our Lord instructed us to pray. . . “Our Father ..”

## **The sending**

Announcements

Benediction

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

Sending song: “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Don Moen

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.