

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
APRIL 26, 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: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
as soldiers of the cross,  
lift high his royal banner;  
it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
and Christ is Lord indeed.
  
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
the trumpet call obey;  
stand forth in mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day.  
Let all his faithful serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.
  
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor;  
each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the din of battle,  
the next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
their crown of life shall see,  
and with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.

Welcome

Let us begin with the Gathering Words.

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

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

With trumpet sounds and singing hearts,  
**we come to praise the Lord.**

As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love,  
**we come to praise the Lord.**

Coming here with our doubts and our faith,  
**we come to praise the Lord.**

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 mystery and miracles, breathe your peace upon us. Reveal your presence, as we look for you each day. Strengthen our faith and our trust, as we pray for miracles for one another and for all of your creation. 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** (John 20:19-31)

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 John: <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

### **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology”

Let us pray together: **Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts. Bless them with your miraculous power, that they may become mighty gifts of love, justice, and peace—gifts with the powers to heal our world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight’s text greetings?

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken

Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ... “Our Father .....

### **The sending**

Announcements

Benediction

And all God’s people say ....

**Thanks be to God.**

Sending song: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.