

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
APRIL 12, 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: "In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

*(Refrain)* And He walks with me,  
and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own.  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me is falling;  
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling. *(Refrain)*

Welcome

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Jesus is the rock of our salvation.  
**But the builders rejected that rock.**  
Jesus is the gate of righteousness.  
**But so many consider him a fraud.**  
Jesus has become the cornerstone of our lives.  
**Shall we enter his gate of righteousness?**  
Yes! Let us worship 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: **Foundation of our faith, your Son humbled himself on the back of a colt. Then he entered Jerusalem in lowly estate to bring joy to the hearts of children. Forsaking his place at your side, Jesus emptied himself of prestige and power to become a servant to all. On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more, that we too may dance with the children— for to such belong the kingdom of heaven. 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 19:28-40)

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: <sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[a]</sup>

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

### **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray together: **We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit. We praise you for Christ’s gift of self, and your never-failing love. For your many gifts, we thank you. For walking with us in our weakness, we praise you. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us—a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight's text greetings?

Prayers of the People

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: "Were You There?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.