

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP
JUNE 1, 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. You are encouraged to stay for our picnic/fellowship time following this evening's service.

GATHERING

Gathering song: "Blessed Be Your Name" – Robin Mark

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

The One who called Samuel from the darkness
continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."

The light of Christ shines all around us.

The One who searches us and knows us
hems us in, behind and before.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us worship God

who surprises us at every turn.

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: **Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered, we yearn to touch your healing power. Be with us in our hour of need and become the joy of our salvation. Our mouths long to sing your praise and our eyes long to behold your glory.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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

Gospel reading – (Mark 2:23-3:6)

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 Mark: ²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his

hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Song: “How Great Thou Art” – Alan Jackson

PRAISE & PRAYER

The Offering Moment

Let us pray together: **Though we are vessels of clay, your light shines through us when we share what we have with those in need. May today's offering be like the bread of presence that feeds the hungry and satisfies the soul. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Song of praise – “Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Sharing text responses

Anyone wish to share a response to your sharing of the peace message?

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: “Night Song” – CityAlight

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.