

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
MARCH 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

Video: "What is Lent?"

Opening song: "Lamb of God" – Maranatha Singers

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

Welcome home, beloved children of God!

Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

we trust that God is with us,

guiding and protecting our days.

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: **Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. 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 4:1-13)

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: **4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." **4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'^[b]"

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **7** If you worship me, it will all be yours." **8** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'^[c]"

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here."**10** For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; **11** they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[d]"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[E]"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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: **God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving. You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing. With grateful hearts, 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

The sending

Announcements

Benediction

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

Sending song: "In Christ Alone" – Travis Cottrel

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.