



Sunday Worship  
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Big Spring United Lutheran Church with  
Zion Lutheran Church, Newville  
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God's work. Our hands.

The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in *bold type*.

## **PRELUDE**

### **GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and  
within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from  
despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and pre-  
serve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN (ELW 513)

## Listen, God Is Calling

*Neno lake Mungu*

*Refrain*  
Leader All




Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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## WORD

### FIRST READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you  
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your  
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one  
confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture  
says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”  
<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the  
same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on  
him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”  
<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not  
believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they  
have never heard? And how are they to hear without some-  
one to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him  
unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the  
feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: PSALM 85:8-13 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is  
speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn  
their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and  
peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteous-  
ness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will  
yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a  
pathway for his feet.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MUSIC OFFERING

*At the Cross*

Chris Tomlin

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON: Ghosts and Splashes (Peter walks on water)

(Silence for a time of reflection)

## HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 763)

### My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,  
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## **PRAYERS**

### **Come, O Holy Spirit by Henri Nouwen**

*Come, O Holy Spirit.*

*Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.*

*Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,  
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

*We ask for your healing for those who are struggling with  
spiritual and physical health.*

*We ask for guidance in our business of work, family and gov-  
ernment.*

*We ask for love and strength for those who suffer loss of oth-  
ers, jobs, friendships and connections*

*Hear what is on our hearts (brief silence). Take this from us  
so that we may find Christ's peace.*

*We thank you for your love, forgiveness and grace and for be-  
ing all things for all people.*

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE COMMUNION MEAL

### THE OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and as-  
cension, we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

*Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The elements were given as you entered.

Please peel the top film and take your bread.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

Open your cup by peeling back the foil.

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF SENDING FOR SERVICE**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus . . . May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (*Romans 15:5, 13*) in the name of Creator, Redeemer and Advocate.

**Amen**

## **BLESSING**

Go into the world in peace

Have courage

Hold on to what is good

Return no one evil for evil

Strengthen the faint hearted

Support the weak

Help the suffering

Honor all people

Love and serve the Lord

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Bless you now and forever

**Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

If you have any prayer needs, please reach out to us on our Facebook page or websites.

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