



Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40:31, NIV

Sunday Worship
Together on-line as a community of Christ
Big Spring United Lutheran Church with
Zion Lutheran Church, Newville

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ON WINGS OF EAGLES

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God's work. Our hands.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P We gather together in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Healer.

C Amen.

LITANY OF GRACE

P We dwell in the shelter of you, O Lord

C Abide in us

P We hide in the shadows and seek your hand, O Spirit

C Lead us

P We seek refuge and you are our rock, O Christ

C Protect us

P We confess to you, Jesus, that we have hidden from your call to follow you. We have put our blinders on to the needs of others and we have held on to our sin instead of giving it to you. Take our sins from our hearts so that we may soar like the wings of an eagle.

Let us pray: Merciful and loving God, we know that through Christ our sins have been lifted from our hearts. We seek you through your Word and are led by your Spirit. Release us from the things that hold us down so that we can soar like eagles and spread your love throughout the skies. Your grace is great!

C Amen.

HEAR US AS WE SEEK YOU

P To accept the gift of grace

C Help us, Oh God.

P To trust in you

C Help us, Oh God.

P To turn away from evil and toward the goodness of Christ

C Help us, Oh God.

P To produce fruit that comes from vibrant faith

C Help us, Oh God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (ELW 779 verses 1 & 5)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

People Need the Lord

Steve Green

Psalm: Psalm 91

L/C by whole verse

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

³For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

⁴**God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.**

⁵You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

⁶**nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**

⁷A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸**You will only have to look with your eyes, and you will see the reward of the wicked.**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

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GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: THE WINGS OF GRACE

(Silence for a time of reflection)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

I'll Fly Away

Johnny Cash

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Our response after each petition will be

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

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

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **Our God, maker of all creation. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts of time, talent and tithes. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both 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

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

The elements were given as you entered.

P Please peel the top film and take your bread.
The body of Christ given for you.

C Amen.

P Open your cup by peeling back the foil.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

C Amen.

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

THE LITURGY OF SENDING FOR SERVICE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to soar in God's grace

C Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

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

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Midweek Lenten Services 2021

This year we will gather virtually with our friends from Big Spring United, Center, Centerville, St. Matthew, St. Peter, and Zion Lutheran churches. We will meet online through our website or Facebook pages on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Each week the ministry leader from two of our collaborative churches will preach and preside with a message from Open My Eyes, Lord liturgy of the Word (no communion).

Ash Wednesday will be online and a Parking Lot service will be offered to receive ashes.

(individual cups will be given to each car).

Ash Wednesday 2/17/21 7 pm
 BSULC Parking Lot and online

		<u>ONLINE HOST</u>
Wednesday Midweek 2/24/21	7 pm	Centerville
Wednesday Midweek 3/3/21	7 pm	Center
Wednesday Midweek 3/10/21	7 pm	St. Peter
Wednesday Midweek 3/17/21	7 pm	St. Matthew
Wednesday Midweek 3/24/21	7 pm	Zion