



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

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. **Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of **✝** Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG:**

### **O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER**

O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer:  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

**KYRIE:**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING:

*L:* The word of the Lord.

*C:* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 23

*You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

### Gospel:

P: The Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### *Reading*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON: *A REFLECTION OF THE READINGS FOR THE DAY*

### HYMN OF THE DAY -

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - A PRAYER WILL BE SPOKEN AND WE WILL RESPOND BY SINGING "LORD LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING"**

**RESPONSE: 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.

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**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:*

**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.

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto 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, Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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