



Sunday Worship
Together on-line as a community of Christ
Big Spring United Lutheran Church with
Zion Lutheran Church, Newville
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The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in *bold type*.

PRELUDE

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

I want to take a moment and welcome you here today. No matter where you are on your faith or life journey, you are welcome here. If you are young or old, or young at heart, or feeling old, you are welcome. If you are married or single or divorced, you are welcome. If you are happy or sad or anxious, you are welcome. If you struggle with your identity or are confident in your identity, you are welcome. If you are rich or poor, sick or well, you are welcome. You are welcome no matter what color your skin is. If you believe in God all of the time, some of the time or not at all, you are welcome. Come with your pains and sorrows. Come with your fear and brokenness. Come with a mind that is open and a heart that is ready to give and receive love and compassion. You are welcome in this community.

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 APOLOGY:

And now as in the tradition of our community, before we move toward recognition of our own faults, I want to offer an apology on behalf of the church. For the ways the church may have ignored you, judged you, and rejected you; for any pain, hurt, division, or betrayal the church may have caused. I am sorry. Nothing can undo the wrong you have endured; and I hope for you deep inner healing and peace.

BRIEF CONFESSION

We will hold a brief silence to confess our sins to God.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved . . . I pray, that according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. (*Ephesians 2:4-5; 3:16-17*)

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG (ELW 786)

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: READ RESPONSIVELY – PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport
of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their
breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face
of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your
works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they
smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I
have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional African-American Spiritual

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-23

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: DANCING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit moving on the waters,
quickenning worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.**

**Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.**

**Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priest and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.**

**Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.**

**Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord;
through your voice which speaks within us
we, your creatures call you Lord.**

PRAYERS

Come, O Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman

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 government.

We ask for love and strength for those who suffer loss of others, 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 being all things for all people.

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.**

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 on 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

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Johann Christoph Bach

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