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The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 22, 2022
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

Please silence all communication devices

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

All who are baptized and believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Grape juice is used in our celebration so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

GATHERING

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Here I Stand
Jeff Gross, soloist

Michael A. Schmid

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

GATHERING DIALOG

(based on Acts 16, John 14)

Jesus dwells among us,
teaching us to believe in his name.

Let us offer God our thanks.

The Holy Spirit dwells among us,
guiding us down the paths of life.

Let us offer God our praise.

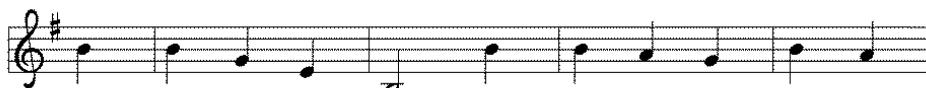
God dwells among us,
calling us to worship.

Let us offer God our worship

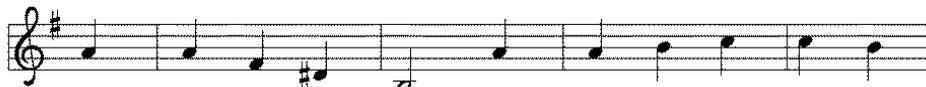
GATHERING SONG

O Sing to the Lord
English Verses only

ELW Song #822



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your family,
and you promise us food from your tree of life.

Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit
we may love one another and the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

READING Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

New Revised Standard Version

A reading from Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
The nations will walk by its light,
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.
People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.
But nothing unclean will enter it,
nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood,
but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
through the middle of the street of the city.
On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more.
But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,
and his servants will worship him;
they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
And there will be no more night;
they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light,
and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL John 14:23-29

New Revised Standard Version

The Good News from John, the 14th chapter.
Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus answered him,
“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.
Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’
If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Ric Elliott

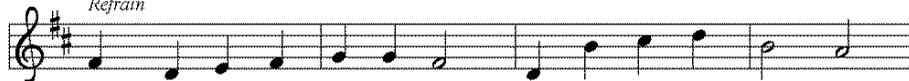
The assembly stands.

WORD IN SONG

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW Song #612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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AFFIRMATION

Let us profess our faith in the words of our Easter Affirmation.

**I believe in the God of Easter morning,
who awakes us from our darkest dreams
and leads us into the light of a new day.
Who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation.**

**I believe in the God of Easter Day
who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
and empties the dark tomb for us;
who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it;
walking with us on our detours.**

**I believe in the God of Easter evening
who breaks into our closets and prisons,
bringing peace and crushing our fear.**

**I believe in the risen Lord
who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet;
who grants us his spirit,
sending us out to bring Shalom to the world.
Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to prayer:

Set free from captivity to sin and death,
we pray to the God of resurrection for the church,
people in need, and all of creation.

After each petition:

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Pastor's closing prayer:

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers,
and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace **by saying,**
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary.

The table is set.

The assembly stands

WORD IN MEAL

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.

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life.
Fed from that river, your tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations.
Nourish your church in this sacred meal, that the bread and wine we receive
may be poured out through us as life abundant.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORD IN MEAL

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness,
make your face shine on us that we may be saved.

Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope
and long for peace the world cannot give.

Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart
that waits for the dawn of your eternal day.

Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul,
and make yourself known to all who long to see your face;
until that hour when night is no more, and you will be our light,
and reign forever, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God has a dwelling place with you.
You have a dwelling place in Christ,
a source of continual blessing in your life.
Go forth to spread God's message,
that others may also dwell in peace.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



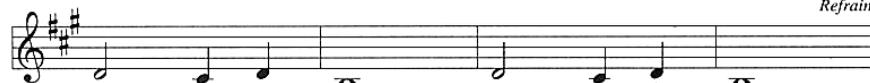
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at: lchsemmaus.org.

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