

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 18, 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.

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.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please pick up Communion cups/wafers by usher stands in the narthex for use during worship. 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

Unchanging

Chris Tomlin

Eric Kahler, soloist and Bob Schuchart, guitar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom
for all who fall short of the goodness of God.
Trusting in God's mercy,
let us turn to God and make our confession.

Holy God,
we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.
We seek the comfort of silence,
and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused,
missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.
Forgive us, O God.
Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity
and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.

God our Judge is also our Savior.
The good news is sure:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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.

Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us
with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace.

Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation
and welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

READING Amos 8:4-7

NRSV-UE

A reading from Amos.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

NRSV-UE

The Good News from Luke, the 16th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples,
“There was a rich man who had a manager,
and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
So he summoned him and said to him,
‘What is this that I hear about you?
Give me an accounting of your management because
you cannot be my manager any longer.’
Then the manager said to himself,
‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me?
I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,
people may welcome me into their homes.’
So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first,
‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered,
‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him,
‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’
Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied,
‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him,
‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’
And his master commended the dishonest manager
because he had acted shrewdly,
for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing
with their own generation than are the children of light.
And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth
so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much,
and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,
who will entrust to you the true riches?
And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is your own?

No slave can serve two masters,
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth.”

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cindy Camp

Please stand as you are able.

WORD IN SONG

Make Me a Servant

CCLI Song #33131

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today. *Repeat***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to prayer:

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good
creation.

After each petition:

Faithful and loving God,
hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God,
we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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 worship center.

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.

We thank you that though we have brought you grief,
your son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as a ransom for all,
and is, now and forever, our mediator in your presence,
that we might live faithfully in all holiness and dignity.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORD IN MEAL

God of compassion,
come near to all who find you far away,
who have waited long,
whose sadness is deep,
who have been taken hold of by sadness,
whose eyes are a fountain of tears.
Restore the well-being of your people.
Bring your whole creation to the day
when your saints enjoy the glory of your kingdom,
and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.
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

Here is bread to strengthen you; here is wine to sustain you.
Come, taste the promise of Jesus for you.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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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