

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 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

O God of Peace, O King of Peace

Baker, arranged by Sandra Eithun

Spirit Ringers, Megan McCormick, Flute

Elizabeth Moessner and Vi Ballard, soloists

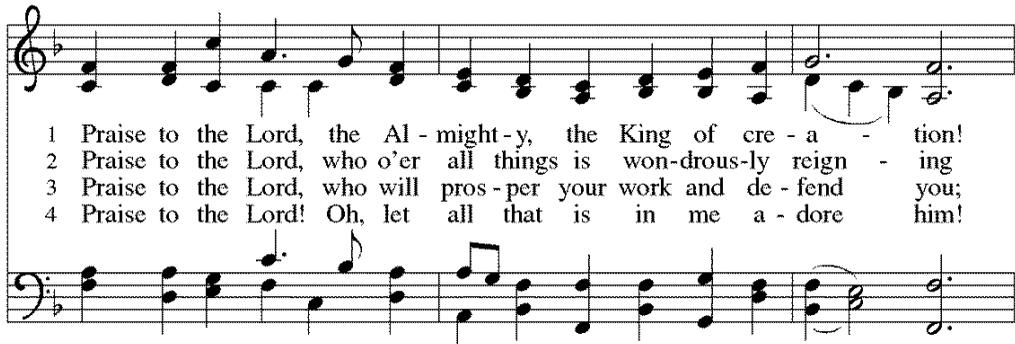
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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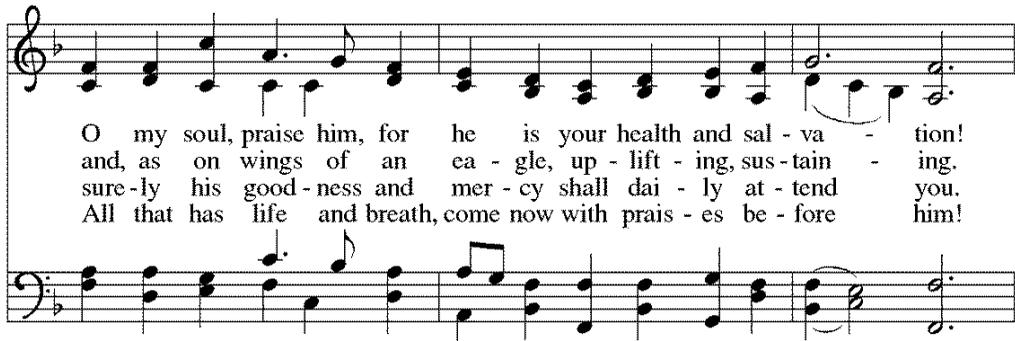
GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW Hymn #858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

○ God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain.
When we forget to be refuge for others in trouble, forgive us.
Turn our gaze to the poor Lazaruses of our world,
for we would rather look away.
Guide our lives to be a place of shelter for others,
as you have been shelter for us.
Strengthen us with your grace,
that we may offer our mercy and help to the needy,
as you have offered mercy and help to us.
Draw us back into the protection of your forgiveness and grace.
In hope and gratitude we pray. Amen

Because we have called, God has answered.
We are delivered and saved by God's love.
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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



I Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain
God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.

Feed us with your grace,

and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

New International Version

A reading from Amos.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!

You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments.

You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

New International Version

A reading from First Timothy.

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap
and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and
destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith
and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith.

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called

when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Good News from Luke, the 16th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tami Reichley

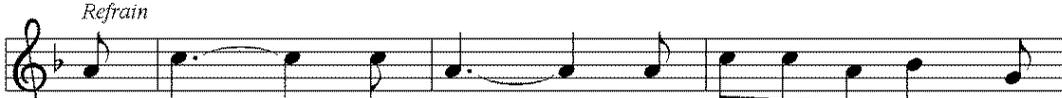
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW Hymn #708

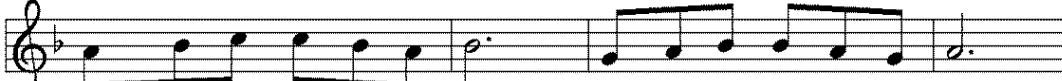
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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:

God, our refuge and our fortress,
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 table is set.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Steadfast
Adult Choir
Megan McCormick, flute

Filla and Mesler

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Immortal God, you invite us to dine with you at the heavenly banquet with your Son Jesus Christ, the blessed and only ruler, King of kings and Lord of lords.

And so we celebrate your glory, with all the company of heaven, singing the everlasting song.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORD IN MEAL

Generous and ever-giving God, make money an instrument of your peace.
Where your children are too wealthy, make them content with food and clothing,
not placing their hopes in the uncertainty of riches.
Where your people long to have more, free them from the harmful desires
that might plunge them into ruin and destruction.
Where money causes a great chasm of division,
bring partnership, understanding and kindness.
Visit all who are in agony through pain or humiliation or regret or abandonment,
and set our eyes on you who provide us so richly with everything for our enjoyment;
until the day when you are all in all, ever 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

This is a table where all are welcome.
Christ invites you to this table of grace,
this abundant feast of love for all.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able.

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 be with you in the week ahead.
In times of trouble, in times of joy,
may God be your refuge and strength;
may Christ be the foundation of your life.

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

Amen

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

Go in faith, hope and love to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

“Cwm Rhondda”

Pelz

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.

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