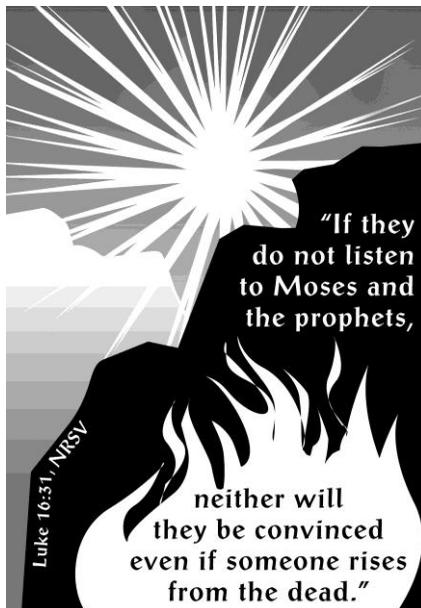


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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 25, 2022
8:30 am

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

Depth of Mercy
Doug Helfrich, soloist

Selah

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING DIALOG

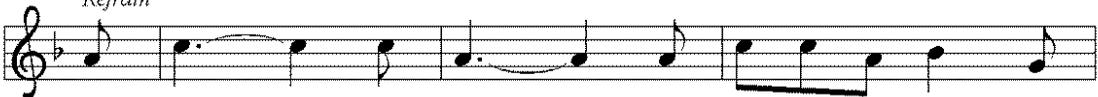
Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Jesus Christ,
who rules over all things,
gathers us in love.**

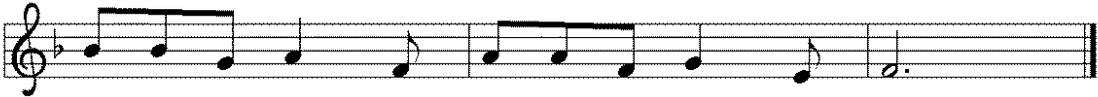
Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

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:



Refrain

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.

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.

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.

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.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

Please stand as you are able.

When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne ya ún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

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 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.

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.

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

SENDING SONG

Go, Make Disciples

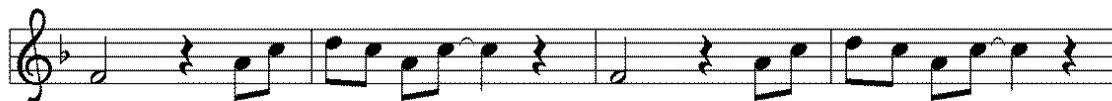
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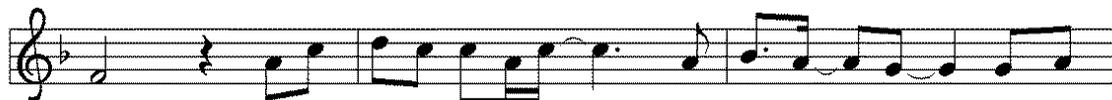
“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

DISMISSAL

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

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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