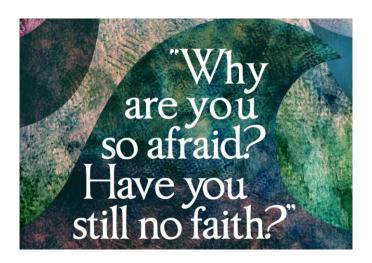
# Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits and Handicap Friendly Congregation

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 23, 2024 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 located in the lobby. 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.

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#### HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# **GATHERING**

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

**Gathering Music** 

Don't Be Afraid Deb Stevens, soloist Bennett/Mauldon

#### Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

#### Confession

This is the day of our salvation.

Now is the time of our deliverance!

The grace of God has not come in vain. Let us confess our sin.

God of grace, we confess that we have failed to follow you. We rejoice in our own abundance and ignore the needs of our neighbors. We cite the letter of the law and forget the way of your Spirit. We boast about our strengths and try to hide our weaknesses.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Set us free from our sin and lead us to our salvation.

Transform us by your grace, that we may live to share your love.

Open our hearts to one another as you have opened your heart to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.



# 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.

Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace.

May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming.

May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond.

May our hearts find the tranquility we desire.

O God of creation, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

# WORD

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

Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A reading from Second Corinthians.

As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

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"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,
so that no fault may be found with our ministry,
but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:
in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments,
riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God;
with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;
in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors and yet are true, as unknown and yet are well known,
as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed,
as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich,
as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

**Gospel –** Mark 4:35-41

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The Good News from Mark, the 4th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Mark Wimmer

Please stand as you are able.

# **Word in Song**

# Calm to the Waves Sing 3 times

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Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts.

Fears at an end.

In still-ness, hear his voice.

# **Prayers of the People**

Invitation to prayer:

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

After each petition:

Holy Breath of life, receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen

#### Peace

Like Christ, who says, "Peace!" in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

# **Great Thanksgiving**

May the calmer of our storms be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, all whose fears threaten you.

We open our hearts that God might touch them with peace.

Join in glad songs to the One who is with you.

Our voices join in praise and thanksgiving to God.

#### Words of Institution

#### Word in Meal

Here at this table of life and hope,

you pour out your calming Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and on your children gathered for this feast.

As you feed us with that brokenness which can restore us to wholeness, remind us that our lives are not empty,

but filled with every blessing which can bring hope and joy to the poor.

As our hearts overflow with your grace, let us hear the cries of the afflicted, so we might go to stand with them until all people are transformed by your justice and grace.

### Lord's Prayer

We open our hearts to you, now and forever, even as we pray as we are taught:

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

The assembly is seated.

#### Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.



- 2. The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus: the peace of the Lord is among us right now, so open yourselves to receive it.

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- 3. The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus: the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live so open yourselves now to share it. The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live so open yourselves now to share it.



Please stand as you are able.

### Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen

# **SENDING**

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

# **Blessing**

Amen

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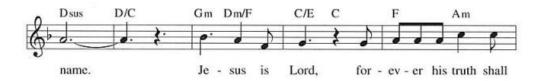
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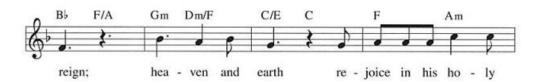
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.











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- 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;
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