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It is I; do not be afraid.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 28, 2024
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

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

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Dickens

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the gift of our baptism in Christ Jesus.
You have poured out your grace upon us and claimed us as your beloved children.
You have made us one flesh, one body, breaking down dividing walls of hostility.
You have made us citizens with the saints and members of your holy household.

With your saints of every time and place we pray for the work of your Spirit.
Fill us with the fullness of your love, surpassing all human knowledge.
Equip us for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.
Make us tender, kind, and forgiving, just as in Christ you have forgiven us.

Help us to live a life worthy of our calling.
Clothe us with compassion and strength to go and proclaim the gospel of peace.
Build your church into a holy temple, a spiritual dwelling place for all.
Fill our hearts with songs of faith and prayers of great thanksgiving.

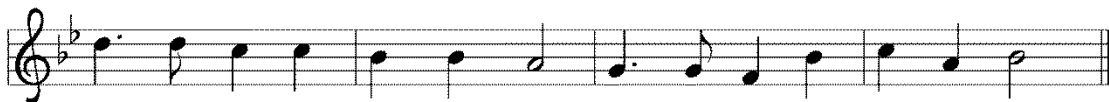
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, one God in the three persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, above all, and through all, and in all.
Amen



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

With barley loaves and sacks of grain,

with prayers of thanksgiving and pleas for help, O God,

we come to you today –

to be fed, to get rest, to be transformed, to be sent out, to feed the world.

In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading – 2 Kings 4:42-44

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Second Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord: They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.


Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel – John 6:1-21

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 6th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”

So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

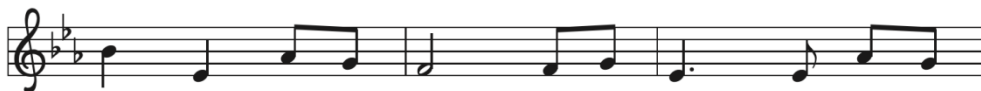
Sermon

Pastor Mark Wimmer

Please stand as you are able.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



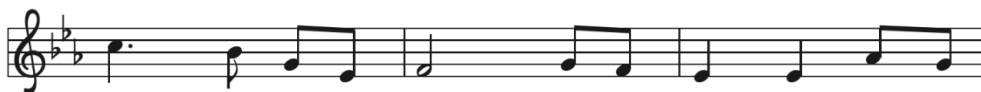
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 we join our voices in prayer.

After each petition:
God of miracles,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Peace

Whether we come to worship with regrets and sadness or with joy and thanksgiving, passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us share this gift of peace with one another.

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 God who feeds all people be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts in faith to God,

that God may dwell in them forever.

Sing glad songs to the One who restores us.

We will rejoice in God who loves us.

With all the saints who discovered your grace,
and with all the sinners transformed by your glory,
we lift our voices in glad song to you.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

ELW Setting 10

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

It happened on that last night when Jesus gathered with his friends,
and it happens in these moments, as your Spirit is poured out upon the simple gifts
made sacred for your family gathered around the table.

As you take the bread broken for wholeness and offer it to each one of us,
may we be strengthened by your love,
gathering up the fragments to go and feed a world hungry for grace.
As the cup touches our lips, our parched fears washed away
by your hope poured out for us,
may we have the power to recognize the suffering around us,
and the courage to serve them in your name.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus has taught us, saying:

**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

Simple gifts, loaves and fishes,
can feed thousands.
Simple gifts, loaves and fishes,
can teach the world about the power of sharing.
Simple gifts, loaves and fishes,
can change the course of history.

All are invited –
to share, to eat, to gather crumbs,
to see the extraordinary in the most ordinary of activities: sharing a meal.
Come, share and eat.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Solo

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Chuck Coe, soloist

Dorsey/Carter



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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.

Rite of Farewell and Godspeed for Pastor Wimmer

Leader:

Our church family is ever changing.
Loved ones are born into the family and loved ones come to the end of their lives.
Individuals come and go in our church life.
It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage,
of endings and beginnings.
Today we celebrate the gifts you have brought to us as one of our pastors.

Leader:

Pastor Wimmer, we called you to be our Interim Senior Pastor:
to proclaim God's Word, to baptize new members into the Church of Jesus Christ,
to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebrations
of the Lord's Supper.

With the Gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble
and at the death of our loved ones.
Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family
have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ
and in our service to this community.

Pastor Wimmer:

Dear friends in Christ, you have called me to be your pastor and entrusted to me
the responsibilities of the ordained ministry in your midst.
I have been among you to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.
I have been among you to proclaim the good news.
I have been among you to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

Leader:

Let us pray. Eternal God, you continually call your people to new tasks and set before them new opportunities.

We thank you for your servant Mark and his ministry in your Church. By your Spirit, prosper those deeds done according to your will; and grant him grace to continue your work in this new season of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Now, we pray, be with Pastor Wimmer, his family, and with this congregation. Grant that all of us, by drawing closer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

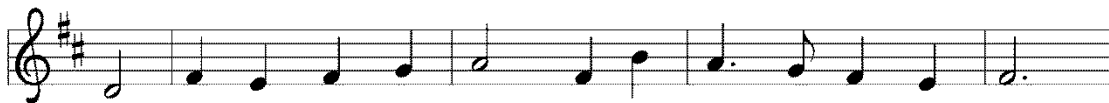
Leader:

May God's blessings be with you as you go forth from us.

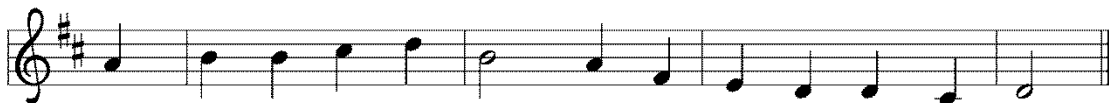
Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
 and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
 your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
 let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
 grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Dismissal

The one who has fed us calls us out –
 to gather crumbs and feed the world.
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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