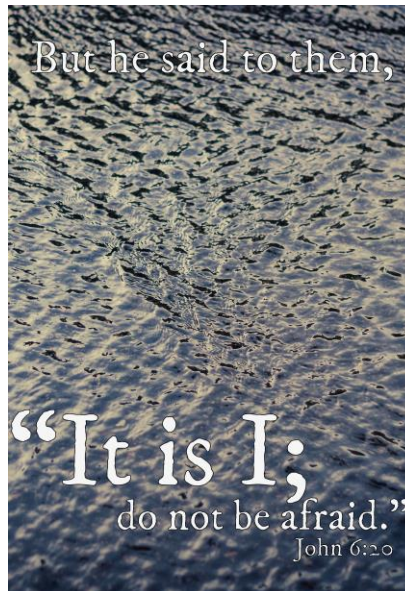


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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024
8:30 am

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.
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

Give Thanks

Smith/Hayes

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

Gathering Song

Gather us in

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



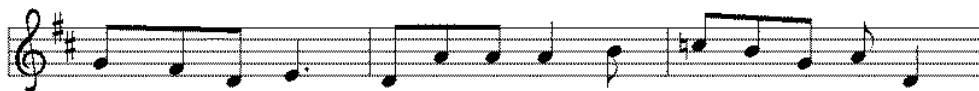
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



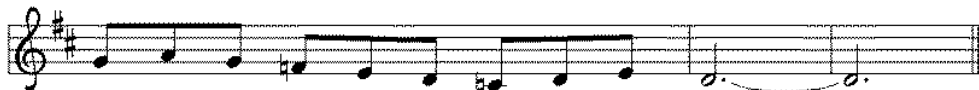
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er.



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song,
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

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.

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!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

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.

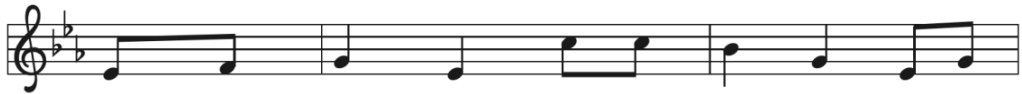
This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

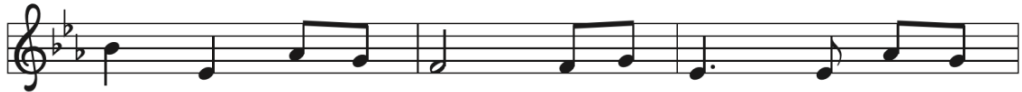
Sermon

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



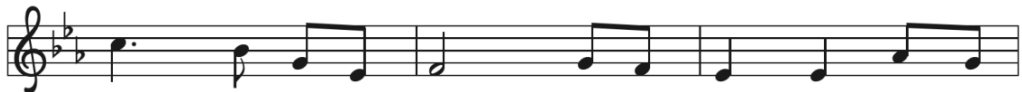
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



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 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.

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.

Communion Song

Build a longer table

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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:

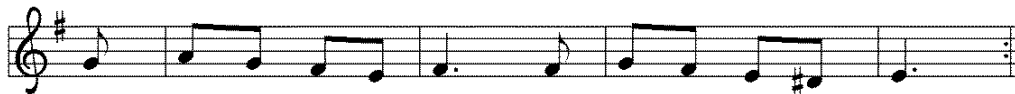
May God's blessings be with you as you go forth from us.

Blessing

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



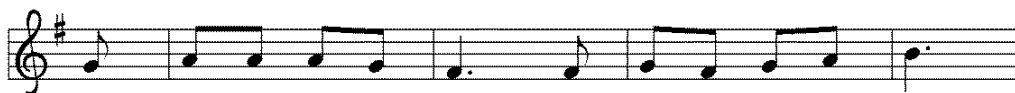
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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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