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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 7, 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, Now is the Time to Worship

Doerkson/Turnquist

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Lord of grace, God of love, Spirit of holy communion – we give you thanks and praise for our baptism in Christ Jesus.

Through the gift of our baptism we no longer regard one another from a human point of view, but as beloved children of God and members of the body of Christ. Now we walk by faith, not by sight, confident in your saving love.

Fill us with the life of your Spirit, that we may be afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but nor forsaken, struck down but not destroyed – always carrying in our bodies the death and life of Jesus our Lord.

For the gift and calling of our baptism we give you thanks and praise – Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Eternal and Almighty One – one God, now and forever. Amen **Gathering Hymn**

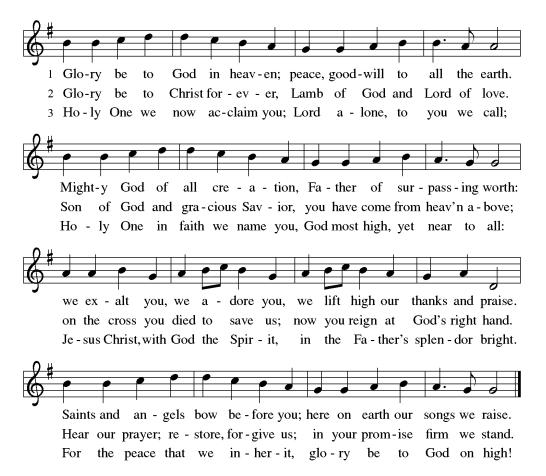
In Christ Called to Baptize

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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.**



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of the Sabbath, speak to us even when we are hardheaded and hard-hearted, even if we have rebelled against you, even if we refuse to hear. Speak to us so we can stand up on our feet and proclaim your Word through our words and deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5

Translation: NIV

A reading from Ezekiel.

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Translation: NIV

A reading from Second Corinthians.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself,

except about my weaknesses.

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool,

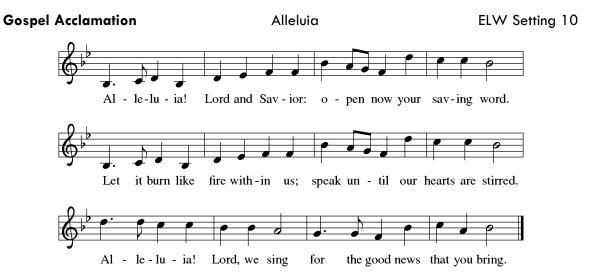
because I would be speaking the truth.

But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.



Gospel – Mark 6:1-13

The Good News from Mark, the 6th chapter. **Open our hearts**, Lord.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

This is the Good News! Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Wimmer

Hymn of the Day ACS 979 Making Their Way 1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble 3 Mak-ing our way by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney sea son heard God's call: wealth - y and poor. pow - er - ful, low - ly, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet, day. on this trav - el-ing light, till life's end, shar - ing the rich - es, Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks, Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love, learn-ing to walk in car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled, the great-est with the least have come to share this feast. they seek our God to know, and to - geth - er so grow. to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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: Gracious God, hear our prayer. Pastor's closing prayer: Holy God, holy and merciful int

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

On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey. Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace, for this peace is grace and strength for the journey.

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.

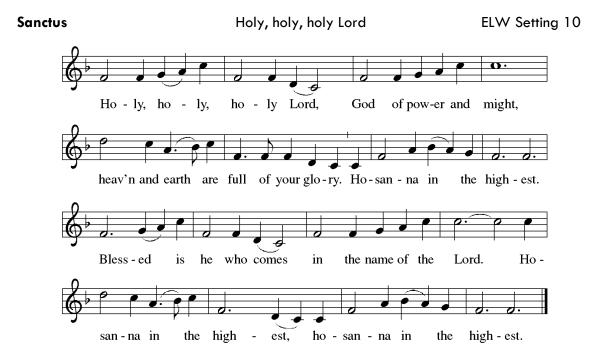
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Great Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you. And also with you. People of God, offer your hearts to God. We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace. Children of God, sing your praises to the One who has gathered us here. Our songs of joy travel to the very ends of creation.

Amazed at our crafty rebellion, you continued to love us, longing to shelter us in your heart. When we continued to dishonor your prophets, when we would not welcome their words, you sent Jesus to become that weakness strong enough to destroy sin and death.

So, we join our voices with all who have wondered at your steadfast love, singing your name to the edges of the universe:



Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we remember Jesus' calling us to follow, as we seek to be sent forth to serve, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Christ came, to shape our lives like his; Christ came, to be our guide forever; Christ will come again, to gather us in glory.

So now, in this place where we have heard your promises, among these people in whom we have seen the Christ, pour your Spirit upon the gifts of your table. The broken bread of life and your cup of grace, are more than we will ever need, and more than enough to bring healing to those who have known only hardship, rejection, and loneliness.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, we unite in praying 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 prepared an abundant feast for us, a safe place for us to rest and recharge, and a community to call home. Let us come to the feast ready to receive these gifts.

The assembly is seated.

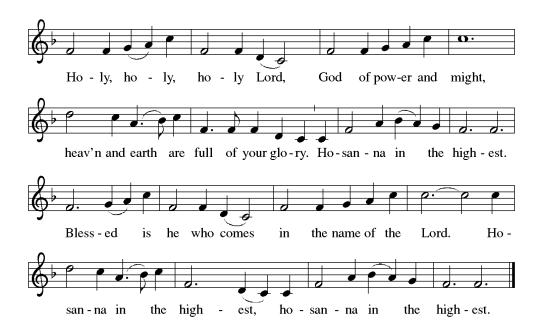
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The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.



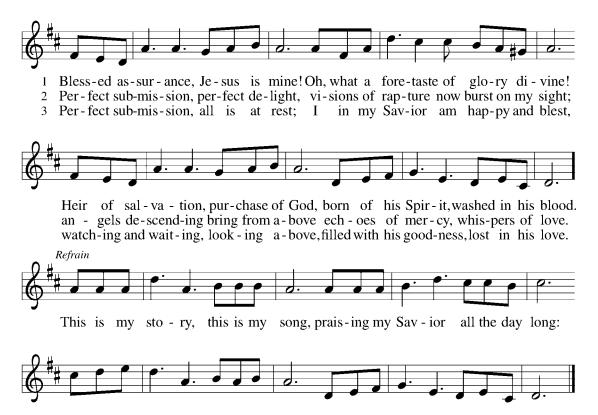
O Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

Blessed Assurance



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Communion Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



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

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

 \pm be upon you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

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;
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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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