

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 21, 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**

O How Good It Is                      Getty/Holmes/Townsend  
Glenn Hinderliter, Terri Hinderliter, Deb Stevens, Jeff Gross

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Gathering Dialog**

Whether we are strangers or old friends,  
God is joining us together in this place.  
**God's steadfast love is our foundation;**  
**God's faithfulness is with us forever.**

Whether we are 'natives' or immigrants,  
God is building us together spiritually.  
**God's steadfast love is our foundation;**  
**God's faithfulness is with us forever.**

Whatever walls we try to build between us,  
in Christ, God tears them down to build a household for all of God's people.  
**God's steadfast love is our foundation;**  
**God's faithfulness is with us forever.**  
Come, let us worship God!



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

## 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.

We gather around you, O Jesus, to tell you what we have done.

And you say to us, "Come and rest a while."

So, we give you thanks for his time of rest and reflection.

In this sacred time, prepare us for the work ahead of us.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

**Reading** – Ephesians 2:11-22

Translation: CEV

A reading from Ephesians.

Don't forget that you are Gentiles. In fact, you used to be called "uncircumcised" by those who take pride in being circumcised. At that time you did not know about Christ. You were foreigners to the people of Israel, and you had no part in the promises God had made to them. You were living in this world without hope and without God, and you were far from God. But Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God.

Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body to destroy the Law of Moses with all its rules and commands. He even brought Jews and Gentiles together as though we were only one person, when he united us in peace. On the cross Christ did away with our hatred for each other. He also made peace between us and God by uniting Jews and Gentiles in one body.

Christ came and preached peace to you Gentiles,  
who were far from God, and peace to us Jews, who were near God.  
And because of Christ, all of us can come to the Father by the same Spirit.

You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens with everyone else who belongs to the family of God. You are like a building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone. Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live.

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

*Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Translation: NIV

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

This is the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tami Reichley

Please stand as you are able.

## Word in Song

Christ, our peace  
Sing 3 times

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Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

## Apostles' Creed

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 power of 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:*

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

*After each petition:*

Jesus, our Good Shepherd,  
**hear 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**

Christ's love breaks down the walls that divide us.  
In joy and celebration of this great gift,  
let us share signs of the peace that makes us one.

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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to the One who is your peace.

**We open them to God, who breaks down the walls we put us.**

Take heart! God has prepared this Table for all people.

**We sing glad song of thanksgiving to God, who makes us one.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Word in Meal**

As we remember how you were with Jesus in life, in death, in resurrection hope, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ came, to break down all barriers;**

**Christ died, to bring peace to all;**

**Christ rose, to offer new life to all;**

**Christ will return, to take all home.**

You do not go back on your promises, but continue to pour out your Spirit on those who have gathered in this place to share the gifts of the Table.

Saints and sinners pass the broken bread to one another  
and, healing the echoes of your whispers,  
join in serving those whom the world considers as strangers.  
Native born and immigrants drink deeply of your grace and,  
walking side by side, rush to minister to the sick, to the dying, to the hurt, to the lost.

### **Lord's Prayer**

God in community, Holy in One,  
gather us into your heart, 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**

Our shepherd, the one who has gathered us in this place,  
has spread a table before us,  
knowing that we need sustenance for the journey ahead.  
Let us follow the Good Shepherd and rejoice in this meal!

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Distribution of communion**

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



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



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.*

## **Blessing**

Now go and gather all the sheep that have been scattered,  
and share with them this good news:  
do not fear or be dismayed,  
for God has raised up shepherds to care for you.  
In the name of God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.  
**Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**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](http://lchsemmaus.org).



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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