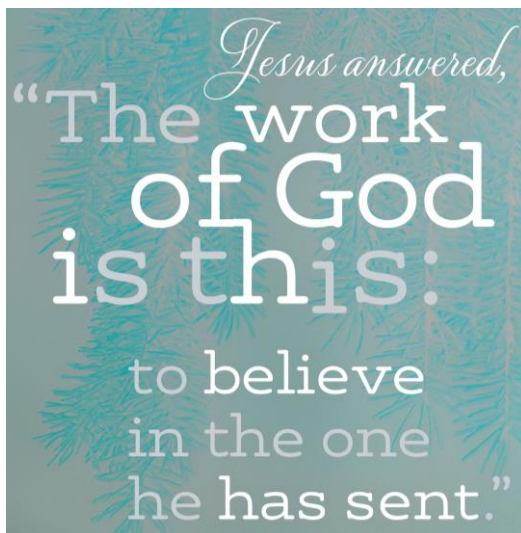


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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 4, 2024
8:30 am

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.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

Litany of Welcome for Pastor Shari

Leader: A church family is constantly changing. 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 share the time of welcome with Pastor Shari, whose time as our Senior Pastor begins now.

Pastor, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them forward during this important time of change?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word of God and in making known the love of God through loving service among them and in this community?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of his Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. **Amen**

Leader: I ask all of you, now, people of this congregation, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Pastor Shari, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a fellow servant of Christ and work with her in the ministry of this congregation? **We will.**

Leader: Will you pray for her and honor her for her work's sake and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? **We will.**

Leader: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you as the Senior Pastor of this congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Song

Alabaré

WOV 791

Estrillo
Fa

A-la-ba - ré, a-la-ba - ré, a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.

Do⁷ Fa

A-la-ba - ré, a-la-ba - ré, a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.

Do⁷ Fa *Fin*

Estrofas
Fa

1 Juan vio el nú - me - ro de los re - di - mi - dos, y
1 John saw the num - ber . . of all . . those re - deemed, and

Do⁷

to - dos a - la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.

U - nos o - ra - ban, o - tros can - ta - ban, mas
Thou - sands were pray - ing, thou - sands re - joic - ing, and

Fa *Estrillo*

to - dos a - la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.

Verses 2 and 3 on next page...

Verse 2. Voices united in joy and in singing,
We offer praise and glory to our God:
to God the Father, to Christ the Savior,
and to the Holy Spirit, three in one. *Refrain*

Verse 3. We are your people, O God everlasting,
the people you created out of love.
Mercy and Justice, Power and Wisdom:
we bless you, we adore you without end. *Refrain*

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.

Source of eternal bread, we give you thanks. In the midst of an uncertain journey, you feed us, you quench our thirst, you calm our anxious minds. Speak to our hearts and souls today. Assure us of your faithfulness, so we can take the next steps faithfully as we seek to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading – Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 6:24-35

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 6th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives

you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

Please stand as you are able.

Word in Song

Welcome Table

ACS 969



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.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Calling on the spirit of wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

Source of eternal bread,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God.
Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen

Peace

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 grace be with you.

And also with you.

People of one faith, one baptism, lift your hearts to God.

We offer our hearts to the One who has reshaped them by grace.

People of one hope, one Spirit, lift your songs of praise to God.

We lift them to God who has called us to one Body in one Spirit.

Jesus is the bread of life;

come to Christ and never hunger.

Jesus is the bread of life;

trust in Christ and never thirst.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we share this bread and cup, receive our sacrifice of praise:

Jesus is the bread of life;

come to Christ and never hunger.

Jesus is the bread of life;

trust is Christ and never thirst.

In this place we give you thanks, O God; you have poured out your life-giving Spirit, transforming this bread, this cup, your people into the body and blood of Christ.

Now by your grace you give us the bread that will never perish, the food that endures for eternal life.

Praise to you, holy triune God, here and everywhere, now and always.

Jesus is the bread of life;

come to Christ and never hunger.

Jesus is the bread of life;

trust in Jesus and never thirst.

Lord's Prayer

When we are gathered together in glory, one faith, one hope, one joy, one body, around the one table of peace and grace, we will join our voices in singing through all eternity to you, as we pray as you have 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

Come, even if you don't understand this mystery.
Holy manna has been served for all of us.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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

Communion Song

Come to the table
Sing 3 times

W&P 33



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



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.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ you take and bless our ordinary gifts and make of them an abundant feast.

Teach us to share all that we have.

Use our resources to feed multitudes.

Help us to gather up the fragments so that nothing and no one may be lost; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Amen

SENDING

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

Blessing

Stay well-nourished by God's grace and share the bread of life with others.
May the grace of Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore.
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;
- 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.



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

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