

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 11, 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

I Lift My Hands
Eric Kahler, soloist

Tomlin/Giglio/Maher

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Dialog

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**Whoever comes to Christ will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in Christ will never thirst.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**Our ancestors ate manna and died, but this is the bread of heaven;
those who eat of this bread will live forever.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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.

Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits.

As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways,
 each and every day.

May we speak words of kindness to one another
 and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement.

May we offer and seek forgiveness.

Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love
 extends to all of your beloved children.

In your holy name we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading – I Kings 19:3-8

Translation: NIV

A reading from First Kings.

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

When he came to Beersheba in Judah,

he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.

He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die.

"I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life;

I am no better than my ancestors."

Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said,

"Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

So he got up and ate and drank.

Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 6:35, 41-51

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 6th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

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

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

Please stand as you are able.



1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,
 2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;
 1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,
 2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nión;
 mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



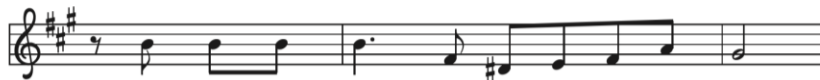
tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré
 Por e - lla, y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.
 per - dón, con - sue - lo, y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na, a - quí;
 3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



la fes - ta pa - sa, mas no, a - sí, el a - mor.
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,
 The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,



cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

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:

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:

Jesus, bread of life,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

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

Amen

Peace

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

In the name of Christ, I invite you to share the peace of Christ,
the one who brings new life and nourishment to our souls.

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 bread of life be with you.

And also with you.

Come to the One who waits for you at this table.

We bring our hearts to the One with whom there is grace and wonder.

Children of God, hope in the Lord!

We will sing glad songs to the One who listens to our hearts and lives.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Here at this table of bread and cup, graced by your Spirit of hope and peace,
we discover the extravagant love you have for us.

As we feast on the bread of life, may its lavish grace fill our hearts,
so we may go out to serve others, never minding the cost.

As we drink from the cup, may we be transformed by its peace,
that we might go out to embrace all who have been forgotten by the world.

Lord's Prayer

Peace, grace, and forgiveness are your gifts,
and we praise you for them even as we pray as we have been 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

As God provided for the prophet Elijah,
God provides us with nourishment for our journey through the wilderness.
People of God, come – taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Song

I am the Bread of life

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Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you -
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."



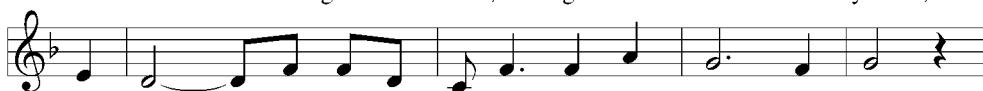
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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

Go forth in the strength of the spirit to share the bread of life with the world.

In the name of God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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: lhsemmaus.org.

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