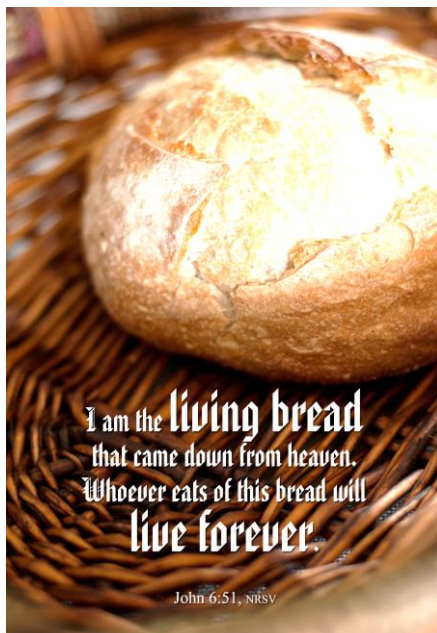


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13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 18, 2024
10:30 am

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 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

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Stanford/Kerrick

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

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 the 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 as we long for the fullness of time.

**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, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Amen



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are living bread from heaven.
 Feed us with your body and fill us with your blood,
 that we may have eternal life and abide in you always;
 in your holy name we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading – Proverbs 9:1-6

Translation: NIV

A reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars.

She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city,

“Let all who are simple come to my house!”

To those who have no sense she says, “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:15-20

Translation: NIV

A reading from Ephesians.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel – John 6:51-58

Translation: CEV

The Good News from John, the 6th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

I am that bread from heaven! Everyone who eats it will live forever.

My flesh is the life-giving bread I give to the people of this world.

They started arguing with each other and asked, “How can he give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that you won't live unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man. But if you do eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will have eternal life, and I will raise you to life on the last day.

My flesh is the true food, and my blood is the true drink.

If you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you are one with me, and I am one with you.

The living Father sent me, and I have life because of him.

Now everyone who eats my flesh will live because of me.

The bread that comes down from heaven isn't like what your ancestors ate.

They died, but whoever eats this bread will live forever.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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 wisdom and understanding,
hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:
We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God.
Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen

Peace

As we seek God's wisdom and guidance,
let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day.

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.

At this table, God speaks grace to us.

We offer our listening hearts so we hear these words of life.

In this company of faithful followers of Jesus, give thanks.

In this moment, and always, we sing praises to our steadfast love.

With the wise and the unwise, the foolish and the faithful of every time,
we join our voices to sing our thanks:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we gather to eat at your table of remembrance, as we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we point to that mystery of grace called faith:

Christ died, the bread that lives forever;

Christ was raised, on the first day of new life;

Christ will come for us, so we may abide in God's kingdom forever.

It is not in the high places but here at this table graced with the common loaf and cup that we find your promises kept, and your Spirit poured out upon us.

You offer us the bread of heaven, broken that we might be made whole, so that filled with grace, we might go to find all those whose hopes have been foreclosed. You touch the cup of life to our lips, to our hands, to our hearts, so that we might be transformed into servants to all the world.

Lord's Prayer

We long to worship you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray 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

Wisdom built this house.

Now she calls to us: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine.

Lay aside immaturity, and live and walk in the way of insight."

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.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

ELW Setting 10



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Refrain / Estribillo

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo

que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

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,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Give Thanks

Smith/Wagner



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

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.

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