

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and handicap friendly Congregation

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14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 25, 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.

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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**

I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love

Grundy/Nault

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Blessing of New School Year and Backpacks**

## **Gathering Dialog**

Calling all children of the Living God:

the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

The good news is proclaimed in God's words,  
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**Let us worship together, every generation.**

We come together with different abilities and disabilities,  
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

**Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

Let us pray.

God our teacher, who helps us understand the world around us, thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of young people. God, who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God, you have given our children minds that grow and develop in unique ways. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask your blessing upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all. Today we remember those who are beginning school this year: Those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities. We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today.

**Amen**



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -  
 joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
 ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

## 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, by your word and spirit you give life to the world.

Teach us to follow you through every trial and trouble,  
 that we may believe in you and praise your name forever.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people,

“Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors— Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor— lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

“Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered,

“Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

A reading from Ephesians.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power;  
put on the whole armor of God,  
so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,  
for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers,  
against the authorities,  
against the cosmic powers of this present darkness,  
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.  
Therefore take up the whole armor of God,  
so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and,  
having prevailed against everything, to stand firm.  
Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth  
and put on the breastplate of righteousness  
and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.  
With all of these, take the shield of faith,  
with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.  
Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.  
Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.  
To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.  
Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me  
to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,  
for which I am an ambassador in chains.  
Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Open our hearts, Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father,  
so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven,  
not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died.

But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

“This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it,  
said to them, “Does this offend you?”

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?



It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.  
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.  
But among you there are some who do not believe.”  
For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe  
and who was the one who would betray him.  
And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless  
it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.  
So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”  
Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**National Youth Gathering Presentation**

Youth

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn of the Day

## O Word of God Incarnate

ELW 514



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

## 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:*

God of wisdom,  
**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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Blessed are those whose hearts know the way to the kingdom.

**Our hearts are filled with life itself as we seek to follow Jesus.**

Blessed are those who sing praises to God.

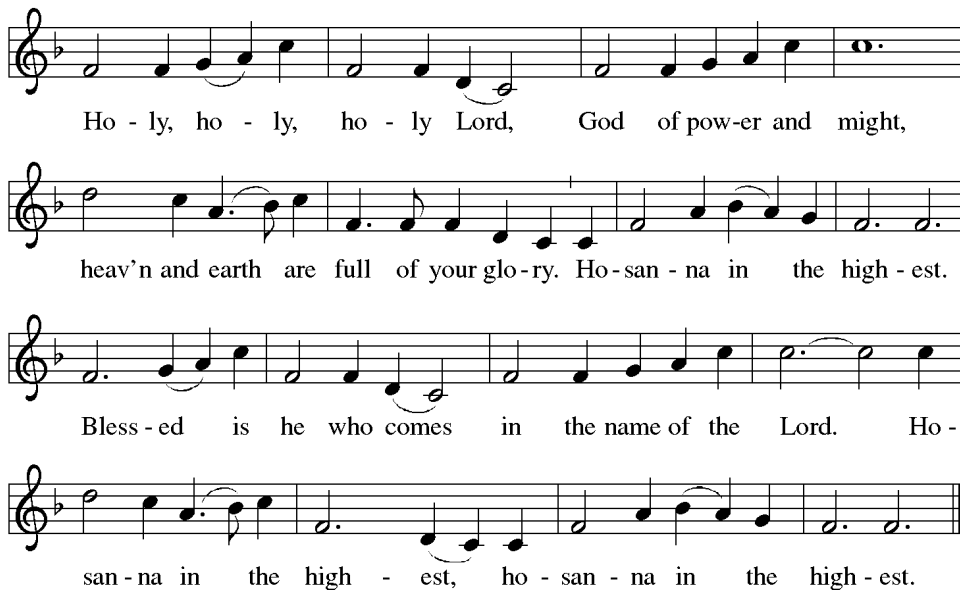
**Trusting in the One who calls us here, we sing our joy and love to God.**

With those who have always known your name,  
and those who have heard it for the first time,  
we join our voices in praise and song:

## 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

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**

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One,  
hear us as we pray together as Jesus has 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**

Jesus said, "This is the bread that came down from heaven.  
The one who eats this bread will live forever."

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**

**Father, We Thank You**

**ELW 478**



1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -  
 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl-edge and faith and life im-mor-tal Je - sus your  
 guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



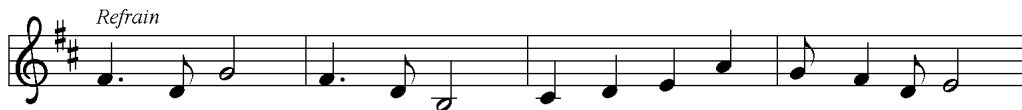
Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,  
 formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
 church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joyce in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



*Refrain*  
 in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
 Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

*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**

Children, families, and all who love them,  
go out into the beautiful world that God has made!  
Go and play!  
Go and learn!  
Go and love others!  
May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and everyone around you.  
May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy.  
In the name of God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.  
**Amen**

**Sending Hymn** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Pray in the Spirit at all times.  
Share with all who are in need.  
Be bold in proclaiming the gospel.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music**

The Whole Armor of God

Paxton





1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

**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](http://lchsemmaus.org).

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