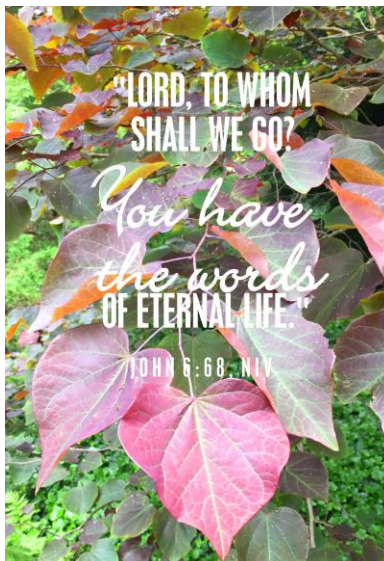


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14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 25, 2024
8:30 am

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

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Collins/Hayes

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

Leader
D G/D D D/F# All
G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader
G D/F# G A D All
G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

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.

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.

Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20

Translation: NRSV-UE

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 – John 6:56-69

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 6th 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

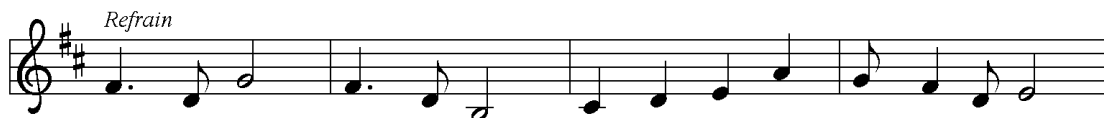
Youth

Please stand as you are able.

Word in Song

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492



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



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice 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.



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!

Refrain

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.

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.

Communion Song

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Leader or All



- 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,

All



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Leader or All



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,

All



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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 Song *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.



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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- 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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