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**“Be opened.”
And immediately his
ears were opened,
his tongue was released ...**

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 8, 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

As for Me Pat Barrett Feat/Chris Tomlin
Dan Killingsworth, Larry Killingsworth

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Lord Jesus Christ, servant of the last and least, we give you thanks and praise.
By your grace you serve us with humility and compassion,
washing us clean from our sin.

Teach us to serve others.

Holy Spirit, source and strength of all life, we give you thanks and praise.
By your power you strengthen us with the hope of your new creation,
pouring out your gifts among us.

Help us to strengthen others.

Eternal and Almighty One, who welcomed the world into being,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your love you welcome us as the people of your covenant,
claiming us as beloved children.

Lead us to welcome others.

For the gift and calling of our baptism we give you thanks and praise –
Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Eternal and Almighty One –
one God, now and forever.

Amen

Gathering Song

Lord, I lift your name on high
Sing 2 times

ELW 857



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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, you extend your mercy to all who are in need.
Feed us at your table and heal us by your touch,
that we may have new life and sing your praise to all;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

WORD

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

Gospel – Mark 7:24-37

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Mark, the 7th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Healer of our every Ill

ELW 612

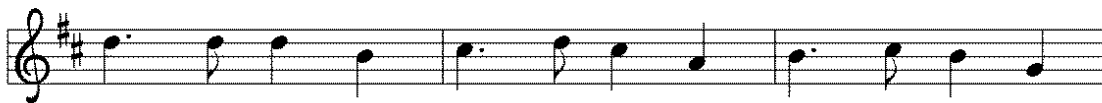
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

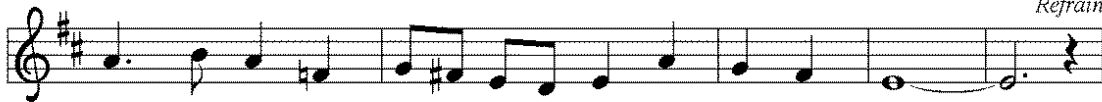


give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Commissioning and Blessing of Teachers

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

We place our trust in you, O God,
and know you hear our prayers.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,
in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Peace

As forgiven and reconciled children of Christ,
let us share signs of reconciliation, love, and welcome with one another.

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.

During the offering, the gifts will be brought forward.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Song

We are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God.

Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation,
that all may know your presence and live in your grace.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Beloved sisters and brothers, may the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We offer our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise in on our lips.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

May the Spirit of the risen Lord be poured out on us in this place,
and on the gifts of the bread and the cup.

As we take the loaf, we feast, not on the crumbs which fall from the table,
but on the grace which makes us whole;

on the hope which makes us one;

on the love which calls us to serve:

to welcome the immigrants to our neighborhood,

to teach the little child to read,

to affirm the awkward adolescent,

to share our bread and all we have with those in need,

until that day when Christ returns and all shall feast at his banquet in heaven.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, surround us in these moments and in all the ones to
come, with your grace and love, as we pray together the disciples' prayer:

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, here is your God.
Jesus welcomes you to this table.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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

Communion Song

If we live, we live to the Lord
Sing 3 times

ACS 1025

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes "wheth-er" in the second and third lines of the music.



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.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.
 Holy God,
 you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SENDING

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

Blessing

God all mighty,
God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Let us go forth from this place to fulfill the commandment of God:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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.



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.

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