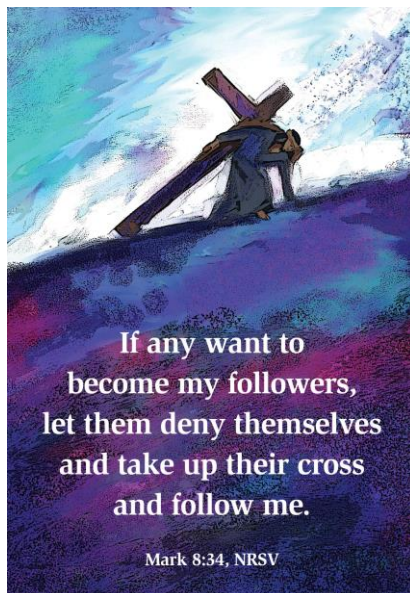


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17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 15, 2024
8:30 am

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

Deep River
Glenn Hinderliter, trombone

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Confession

We all make mistakes, many of them.
We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and actions,
with our silence and inaction.
Let us confess our sins to God,
trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

**Spring of Wisdom,
we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed.
We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace,
and stumble into the arms of the world.
We speak nasty gossip about others,
rather than tell of their glory as your child.
We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.**

**Forgive us.
Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit;
give us silence with which to witness your wonders;
give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ,
our Lord and our Savior, the One who leader us to life.**

With gentleness, God speaks to us;
with graciousness, God forgives us;
with Joy, God embraces us.

With our lips, we praise God;
 with our words, we thank God;
 with our silence, we find God in our hearts.
 Thanks be to God. Amen

Gathering Song

He is Exalted
 Sing 2 times

WP 55

F F/A B \flat B \flat /D C/E

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise his

D sus D/C G m D m /F C/E C F Am

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

B \flat F/A G m D m /F C/E C F Am

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

B \flat F/A G m B \flat /F E \flat M 7 B \flat /C F B \flat /F F

name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed 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.

Incline your ear to us, O Lord.

Your grace has saved us.

As we pray, as we sing, as we worship,

may you hear the call of our hearts reaching out toward you with gratitude.

Grant that for the sake of the gospel

we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross,

and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me

a trained tongue,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – Mark 8:27-38

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Mark, the 8th chapter.
Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi,
and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”
And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others,
one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”
Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”
And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Will You Come and Follow Me
Verses 1, 3, 5

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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:

God of wisdom and grace,
receive our prayer.

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

God has given us mouths to praise God
and tongues to bless God's people.
Let us turn and share God's grace and peace 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward.

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 melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. 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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

For your holy word, O God, we give you thanks.

For your enduring wisdom, O God, we give you praise.

For your call to speak truth, O God, we give you glory.

Grant us the courage to share your gifts, this day and all days. **Amen**

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of glory be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who whispers hope and grace to you.

Our hearts rejoice in the wonder of God.

Sing glad songs of praise to God.

We join all creation in proclaiming God's gifts.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we give thanks for Jesus' life and death,
as we celebrate his ministry and resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, losing his life for our sake;

Christ arose, taming death's hold;

Christ will come, that we may proclaim his name.

Here in these moments, and in this place, pour out your Spirit of life and hope upon the wayward and the foolish, on the wise and the faithful, who are gathered around your table, and upon the gifts of the bread and cup. As the healing touch of the bread of life rests upon our tongues and hearts, may we use them as a blessing, speaking words of hope and grace, becoming the voice of those ignored by the powerful of our world. As the taste of the cup of salvation tingles deep within our souls, may we go to take up our crosses, following Jesus into service and sacrifice to all made in your beloved likeness.

Lord's Prayer

God in community, Holy in One,
in this time together, may we hear you in the silence and the songs,
and discover you in the people around us,
even as we pray as Jesus teaches 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

At this table there is grace and peace.
At this table there is plenty for all.
Through this life-giving meal,
we follow Jesus into a world of abundance and hope.
Come, be fed.

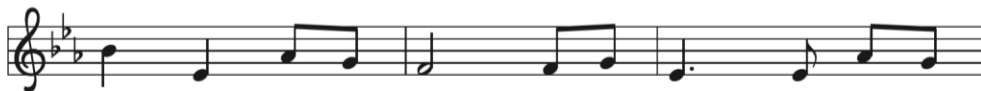
The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



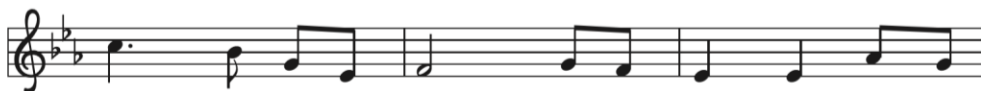
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.



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



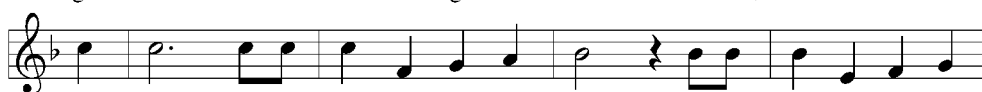
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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.



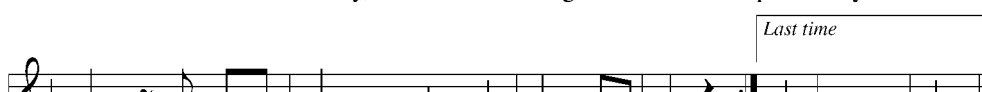
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



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!

Last time

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 of all might, God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

People of God, go into the world and speak God's blessing
and God's grace in word and action.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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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;
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