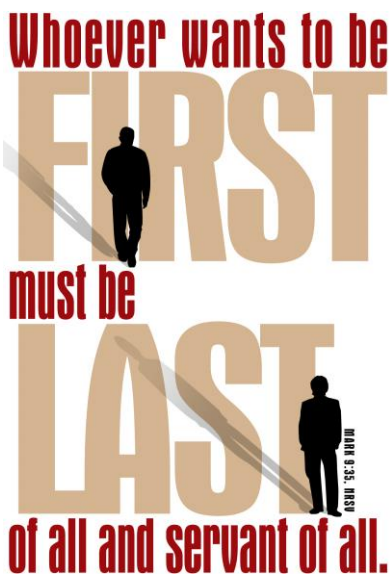


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18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 22, 2024  
8:30 am

## **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.

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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**

Thy Word

Grant/Smith/arr. Hayes

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Gathering Dialog**

Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;  
**our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.  
**Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,  
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Our culture promotes achievement, success,  
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.  
**Our God tells us if we want to be first,  
we need to go to the end of the line.**

Bathed in the living waters, fed by the bread of life,  
we are given new life and hope.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# Gathering Song

# Come, All You People

ELW 819



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## 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.

Holy Wisdom, we seek you. Too often we take shortcuts and seek the easy route, the path of less conflict, the road to fame and glory. This day, center us in your truth, that we may worship you with joy and humility, turning our hearts to the servant's path, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## WORD

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

**Reading** – James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from James.

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

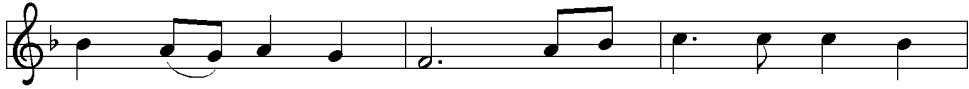
Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**





live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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:*

With open hearts,  
**we offer our prayers to you.**

*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

In a spirit of humility, recognize the ways we are called to grow with God  
and neighbor. Greet one another as God's children with the peace of Christ.

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. You may remain seated.*

## Offering Song

## We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, 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 voices, 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. Beloved One, with the work of our hands, we create pathways of care. With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share. May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity.  
**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

May the God who plants us by streams of living water be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who does good for us.

**We offer them to our God who feeds us with joy and hope.**

Children of God, let your thanksgiving be on your lips in every moment.

**Our hearts overflow with gratitude to the One who offers us the cup of grace.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

Though we may not always understand, we remember Jesus' willingness to be last, we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death, and we proclaim that he is the bread of life.

**Christ has died; Christ has been raised; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit upon those who gather in the place, in these moments, and upon the gifts of your feast. As we bring our famished souls to your table, strengthen us with the bread of life, so we might go forth to offer hope and grace to the needy around us; as we open our parched hearts to you, fill us with the servant spirit of the cup, so that, setting aside our thirst for greatness, we might offer our lives in service, taking peace and reconciliation to our world.

## Lord's Prayer

God in community, Holy in One, we have found all we need and long for, and we offer the prayer we have been taught:

**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**

Scripture tells us, "Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you."  
 Let us draw near to God who has drawn near to us. Come and be fed.

*The assembly is seated.*

**Distribution of communion**

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

**Communion Song**

**Jesus Loves Me**

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day." The guitar chords are: F, Dm7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, Bb/C, C7, Bb/F, F, Fsus4, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G2/B, Bbm6, F/A, Gm7, F/A, Gm7, F/C, C7sus, F2.

*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**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:**



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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](http://lchsemmaus.org).



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

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