

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 29, 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.

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

Sonata 2 in E-flat Major, Siciliano
Megan McCormick, flute

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you are the wellspring of life,
you are the author of salvation,
you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.

To this day,

you shower your people with life.

In the beginning your spirit hovered over the misty waters of creation,
and by your word you formed life and splendor.

Through the waters of the flood you renewed the face of the earth.

On Noah's ark,

you sheltered the human family along with living creatures of earth, sea, and sky.

To this day,

you shower your people with life.

In the wilderness your children discovered your well of water,
and after leading your people Israel out of bondage and through the sea,
you nourished them with water from the rock.

To this day,
you shower your people with life.

At the river Jordan your people crossed into the land
flowing with milk and honey,
and the valley of dry bones grew moist with breath.

To this day,
you shower your people with life.

Come down, O Love divine.
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
Be our rock.
Dry our tears.
Make us one.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given honor and praise,
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise; each en - deav - or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



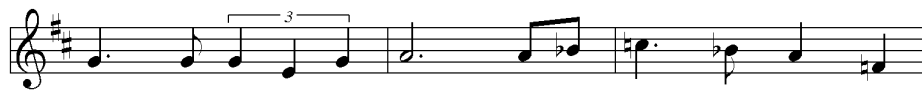
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God,

we give you thanks that you have poured out your Spirit upon all people,
giving us power to speak the truth and do what is right.

Deliver us from all sin and evil, and lead us in paths of righteousness,
that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Translation: NIV

A reading from Numbers.

The rabble with them began to crave other food,
and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat!
We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—
also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.
But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents.
The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.
He asked the Lord, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant?
What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?
Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth?
Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant,
to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors?
Where can I get meat for all these people?”

They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'
I cannot carry all these people by myself;
the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me,
please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me
face my own ruin.”

The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders
who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people.
Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said.
He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.
Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him,
and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy
elders.

When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp.
They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent.
Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.
A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth,
spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake?
I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets
and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

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

2nd Reading – James 5:13-20

Translation: NIV

A reading from James.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are.

He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this:

Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

WOV 5



The Good News from Mark, the 9th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said.

“For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us.

Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out.

It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

We rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

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 musical offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.

Musical Offering

Let Your Light Shine
Adult Choir

Courtney

We rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

As you have blessed us, gracious God,
bless the gifts we return to you now.

May our tithes and offerings

bless your world with love and salt your world with peace.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

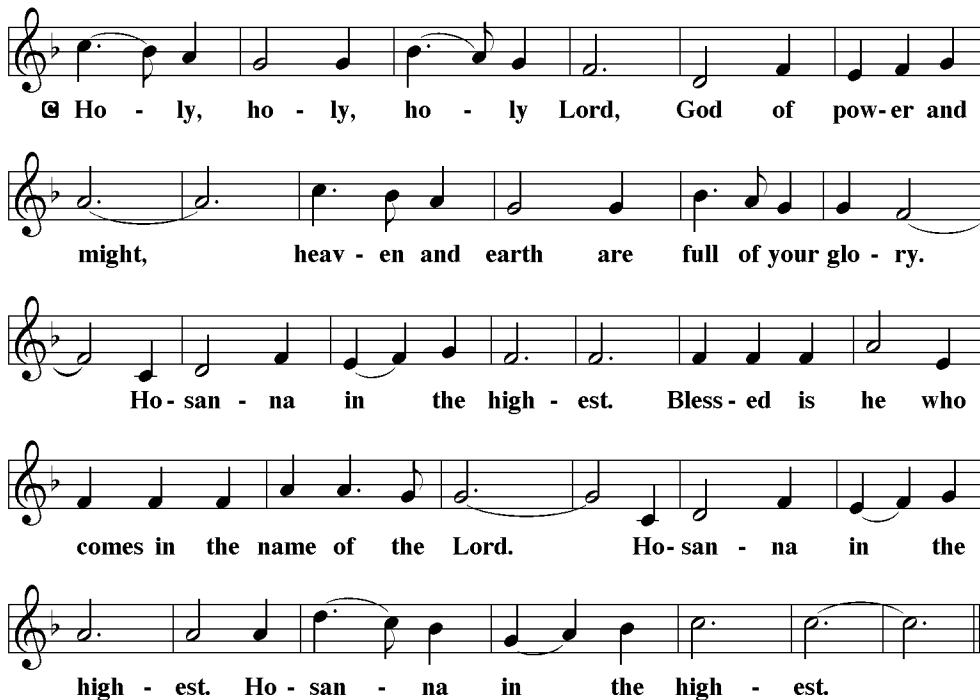
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

WOV 5



© Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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 remember, and in the remembering,
we would tell others of your wonderful love,
and would share the good news of grace with all people,
even as we seek to live that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, so peace might be our companion;
Christ has been raised, so life might be our eternal promise;
Christ will come again, to take us to God's glory.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table,
the bread and cup of hope and joy,
and on those who gather at your feast.

Whenever the story of that last meal is told,
wherever the bread is broken,
people are sent forth to bring hope to all who are in need of healing.
Wherever the cup is filled, whenever its grace is passed to a neighbor,

God's people go forth to serve their sisters and brothers,
to walk that path worn smooth by pilgrims, that way to live and peace.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

In the wilderness God sustained us with daily bread, manna from heaven.
At this table God nourishes us with the bread of life, Jesus Christ.

Come, taste and see the goodness and grace of God.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

WOV 5

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

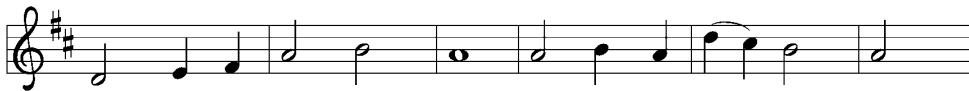


- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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 Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Paul Manz

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