

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and Handicap Friendly Congregation

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WH<sup>EVER</sup>  
“ is not against us ”  
IS FOR US.  
*Mark 9:40*

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 29, 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**

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 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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.

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.*

**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 – Mark 9:38-50**

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tami Reichley



We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom

WP 22



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!



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!



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



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



bring forth the cit - y of God!

## 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 Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.*

The musical score is written on six staves of music in treble clef, 7/8 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 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.

## 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.

*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 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*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

Go, Make Disciples

ELW 540



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”



## 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.

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