

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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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 or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

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.

Lighting of Remembrance Candles

*During the Gathering Music, you are invited to come forward, if you wish,
to light a candle in remembrance of someone who has died.*

Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Please light the candles in the back row first, then move toward the front.

Gathering Music

Worthy of It All
Shannon Diaz, soloist
Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Brymer/Hall

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sisters and brothers in Christ, to give thanks for their lives, and to comfort one another.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, may live a new life.

**For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

In remembrance of our baptism, the Pastor blesses the congregation with water.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal light through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
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 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

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.

Almighty God, you alone have the power to turn weeping into laughing,
 to transform fear into faith, to raise us from death to life.

Call us by our names, release us from bondage,
 and lead us forth into the light, that we might sing your praise forever;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 11:32-44

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 11th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,
“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

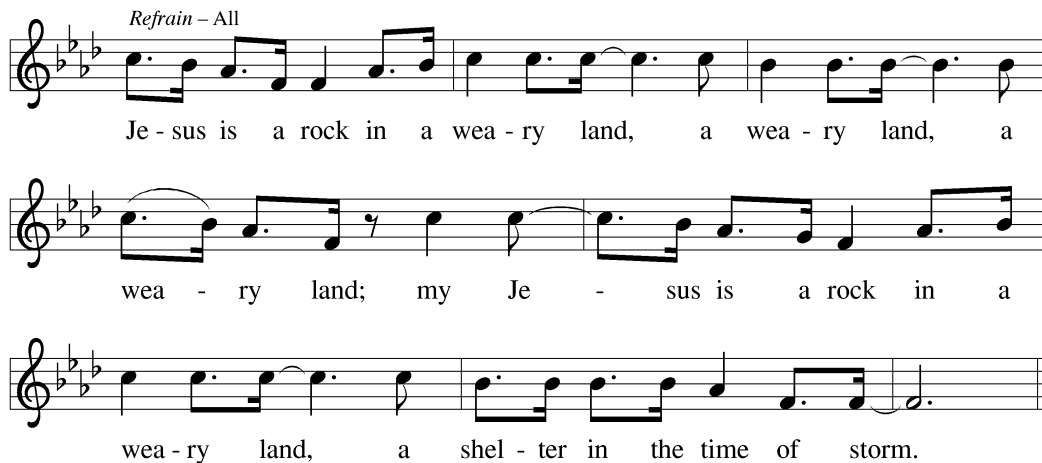
We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

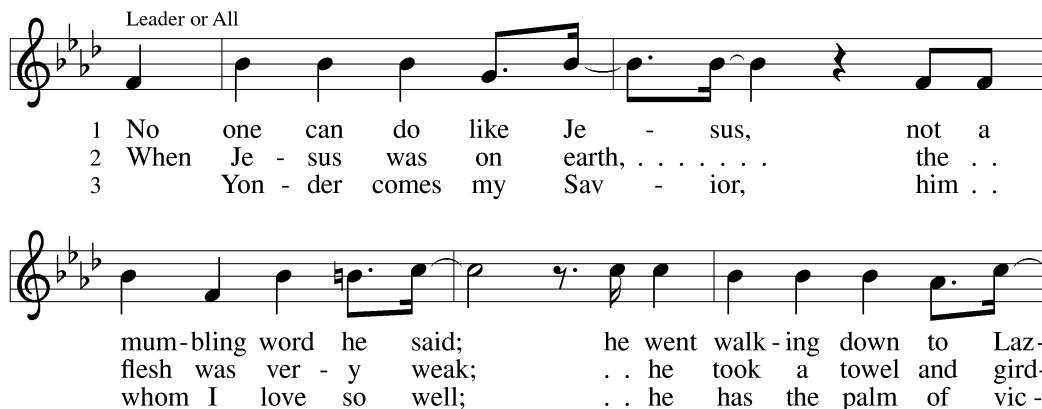
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Refrain - All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

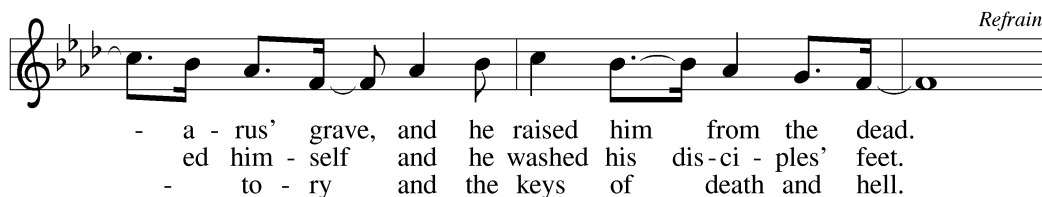
Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Affirmation

Let us join in the following Affirmation for All Saints' Sunday:

**We believe in a God who sees potential,
who brings color into our world and delights in all creation.**

**We believe in a God who hurts when we hurt,
who holds us and confronts us and stands beside us in solidarity.**

**We believe in a God who is with us in each breath,
who amazes us and shocks us
and invites us to join the dance.**

We believe that life is God's gift. Hallelujah. Amen

Prayers of the People

A Litany for All Saints' Sunday

God of warmth and welcome,
we come into your presence with wonder and praise;
caught up with the saints and the angels, we bring you ourselves and our prayers.

May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*).
God of compassion and love,
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God,
for all your servants and witnesses of time past:

for those who lit our lives with joy,
for those who have touched us with tenderness,
for those whose loss fills us with longing.
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves,
looking with acceptance on all that we are,
and cherishing us, without condition.
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have stood alongside us,
holding us in the depths of joy or despair
where words of joy fall silent.

We give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have travelled before us,
showing us in their lasting courage and tenderness
how to live in love and die in faith and hope.

We give thanks in glad remembrance.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Holy and merciful God, we give you thanks
for the members of our congregation who have died this past year:
Gloria Boyer; Tara Brady; Paul Brndjar; Jane Fretz; Deborah German; John Hansen;
Frederick Keiper; Barry Molnar; Mark Morawski; Elaina Rishel; Denise Rohrbach;
Edward Roth; Peter Schneck; Bruce Schuessler; Kathy Schuessler. Help us, with all your
saints and angels, to seek your face and happily walk in your ways; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Peace

God wipes away our tears, bestowing blessings upon us.
Let us share signs of these blessings as we rejoice in the peace
and fellowship of the saints of God.

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

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. 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.

We rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you bless us with rich food and fine wines at your banquet table.

May our offering nourish the bodies and souls
of those who know only hunger and want.

Bless our gifts into your holy service, that all may come to know
the blessings of your table and the wonder of your love.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of all saints be with you!
And also with you!

Lift your hearts to God, all you who seek God's face.
We offer them to the One whose heart weeps with ours.

Lift up your heads, O people, singing glad songs of praise to God.
**With joy in our hearts, with words of truth and life on our lips,
we give thanks to our God.**

You call us not to be heroes who go it alone
but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you.
We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of the table
and on your children in this sacred space.

With a simple cup filled with hope, with bread broken in love,
you make a feast for those who are with this band of believers.

As we open our hands to receive grace's brokenness,
may we go forth to dirty them in service to all around us.

As we swallow the well-aged hope of your Spirit,
may we discover our hearts to be as broken as yours,
by the injustices of our world.

Lord's Prayer

All saints, just like us, sing your praise forever and ever,
and we join in their anthem even as we 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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv-er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

SENDING

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

Litany of Welcome for Pastor Cindy

Leader: A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of welcome with Pastor Cindy, whose time as our Associate Pastor begins now.

Pastor, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them forward during this important time of change?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word of God and in making known the love of God through loving service among them and in this community?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of his Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion.

Amen

Leader: I ask all of you, now, people of this congregation, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Pastor Cindy, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a fellow servant of Christ and work with her in the ministry of this congregation?

We will.

Leader: Will you pray for her and honor her for her work's sake and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will.

Leader: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you as the Associate Pastor of this congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Blessing

Hold fast to the faith of God's saints, past and present.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

Trust the example they left for us to follow.

In our loving and in our service, we are heirs with Christ.

Walk in the puddles of light the saints left as footprints for us to follow.

**In our journeys of faith,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord.**

May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us be with you.

Amen



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
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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