

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 6, 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

Love in Christ
Lisa Walton, soloist

Ralph Schultz

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Affirmation of Baptismal Vocation

Creator God, we praise you for the waters of baptism that draw us daily into greater relationship with you and with all that you have made.

**You name us as your beloved children.
Your heart is open to us in our struggles.**

In our baptismal promises, we have committed ourselves to our Christian vocation:
**to love and serve one another,
to share what God has done for us in word and deed, and
to follow in Jesus' example of service to all people.**

In your grace open our hearts to serve as Christ served,
**to follow where God leads and
to see the face of Christ in our neighbors.**

May God, who has claimed you as beloved and holy in baptism, guide your words, your steps, your work and your rest for all of your days. **Amen**



- 1 Let me be your hands, Lord Je - sus, help-ing those who come my way.
- 2 Let me be your voice, Lord Je - sus, tell-ing peo - ple of your love.
- 3 Let me be your ears, Lord Je - sus, hear-ing those who cry for help.



Let me be your feet, Lord Je - sus, run-ning er-rands ev-'ry day.
 Let me share your work, Lord Je - sus, me on earth and you a - bove.
 Let me share in help - ing oth - ers and not just think of my - self.

Refrain



Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news of our King.



Let me be your ser-vant, Je - sus, help-ing you in ev-'ry way.

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.

Draw your church together, O God,
 into one great company of disciples,
 together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life,
 together serving in Christ's mission to the world,
 and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading - Isaiah 58:6-12

Translation: CEV

A reading from Isaiah.

I'll tell you what it really means to worship the Lord.
Remove the chains of prisoners who are chained unjustly.
Free those who are abused!

**Share your food with everyone who is hungry;
share your home with the poor and homeless.
Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives.**

Then your light will shine like the dawning sun,
and you will quickly be healed.

**Your honesty will protect you as you advance,
and the glory of the Lord will defend you from behind.
When you beg the Lord for help, God will answer, "Here I am!"**

Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them
or say something cruel.

Give your food to the hungry
and care for the homeless.

**Then your light will shine in the dark;
your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.**

The Lord will always guide you
and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert.
God will make you healthy.

You will be like a garden that has plenty of water
or like a stream that never runs dry.

**You will rebuild those houses left in ruins for years;
you will be known as a builder and repairer
of city walls and streets.**

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 15:9-17

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 15th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

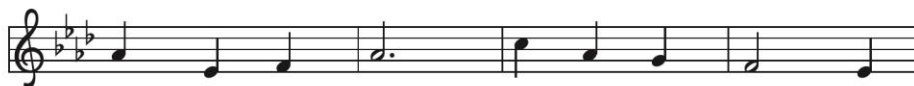
Message

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

God's Work, Our Hands

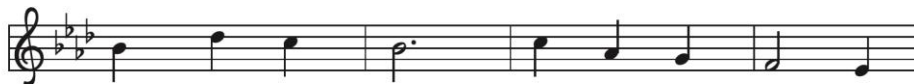
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting God at work in and among us,
we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

After each petition:

God of [], we pray,
hear us when we call.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Hold us in your presence now and always.
God of heaven and earth, hear us when we call.
Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God.
We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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.

Offering Song

We are an Offering

ELW 692

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 rests, with some triplets 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.
Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds,
bless these gifts in Jesus' name,
that they may aid a world of need, near and far.
Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

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.

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
Who preached good news to the poor,
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
We await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in one,
refresh us with your presence as we pray as Jesus 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

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

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



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God

WP 76

Repeat as needed



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world.

Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit

to live your love for others.

Amen

SENDING

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

GWOH Blessing and Sending for Mission

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today, and in our daily lives,
let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

Bless the 'Children's Activity Bags' for Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital,
the 'Kindness Rocks' made by Faith Formation for Children, and greeting cards
made by Rejoicing Spirits.

May those who receive them experience the love of those who have made them.

Bless the 'Snack Bags' and 'T-shirt bags' created for Laundry on Linden and the
backpacks collected for Lehigh Valley Foster Care.

May those who receive them find dignity in their use.

Bless the work of our volunteers working in our church community garden

as they beautify the garden and care for God's creation.

Bless these quilts made by Stitch and Chat to your service,
trusting that your love will go within them to families in need of hope and healing
through the work of Turning Point and Family Promise.

May the quilts become blessings for all who receive them.

May all these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Amen

Blessing

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

Amen



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Dismissal

Go in peace.

You are God's hands at work in the world!

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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