

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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

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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 13, 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 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.

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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**

Son of God, Eternal Savior

David Cherwien

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Confession**

Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true –  
we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers of confession  
to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope.  
Let us pray together:

We stand before you, saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride,  
for nothing we do or say, can be hidden from you.

**You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves;  
you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused;  
you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that “stuff”  
which keeps us from following Jesus.**

As you empty our hands of the wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to,  
fill them instead with your grace and hope.

**As we let go of all which might hold us back,  
give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
into that life which he offers to each of us.**

Hear the good news!

**Because God loves us, we lack for nothing;  
because God forgives us, we have everything we need;  
because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.**

**Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who liberates us,  
we decide to live as God’s faithful and forgiven people. Amen**



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

### 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.



☐ 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.

Good Teacher, we have followed your word, we have kept your commandments, and we come now to you – longing to learn and seeking the good you offer.

Mold us in this time together, that we might better follow you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Translation: NIV

A reading from Amos.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.

There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

A reading from Hebrews.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Good News from Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp



*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Hymn of the Day

### Take My Life, That I May Be Verses 1, 2, 6

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- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

#### Verse 6

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Josephine Patricia

### Presentation



We enter the Christian community in and through baptism.

We are human, sin and fall short of all that God hopes we will be and all that the world needs us to be. God is a forgiving God who draws us into the cleansing baptismal water with Christ. With the water and the Word, the Spirit blows into us and we become a beloved child of God.

Our baptism is followed by a lifelong journey of being nurtured and formed by the Word as taught through our family, affirmed by us, and experienced in and through the presence of Christ in worship, water, Word, wine, bread, and prayer.

In our baptism, we are called to the mission of Christ,  
to be disciples in our daily lives for the sake of the world.

Trusting in the grace and love of God, Kevin and Jessica, do you desire to have Josephine baptized?

*Response:* We do.

Kevin and Jessica, as you present Josephine to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Kevin and Jessica, do you promise to help Josephine grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

Matthew and Caitlin, do you promise to nurture Josephine in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

People of God, do you promise to support, nurture, teach, pray and welcome Josephine in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Kevin and Jessica, I ask you to reject sin, affirm your faith in Christ, and proclaim the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* We do.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize.  
People of God, do you believe in God the Father?  
**Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Baptism**

We give you thanks, God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life.  
Send your Holy Spirit into this water and on all who are washed in it, that they may be given new life.

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

Josephine Patricia, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

Let us pray. Sustain Josephine Patricia with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen**

Josephine Patricia, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen**

Josephine Patricia, child of God, you are clothed in Christ.  
All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Amen**

## **Welcome**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God,  
as we bear God's creative and renewing Word to all the world.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Invitation to prayer:*

Challenged by God's Word in Christ,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*After each petition:*

God of justice,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**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 six staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) throughout the piece. The lyrics are: 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 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.

Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you today be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In confidence, draw close to the Table of our God.

**We bring our hearts, our lives to the feast of grace.**

Sing glad songs to the One whose goodness fills our lives.

**We rejoice that we may enter the kingdom of love and hope.**

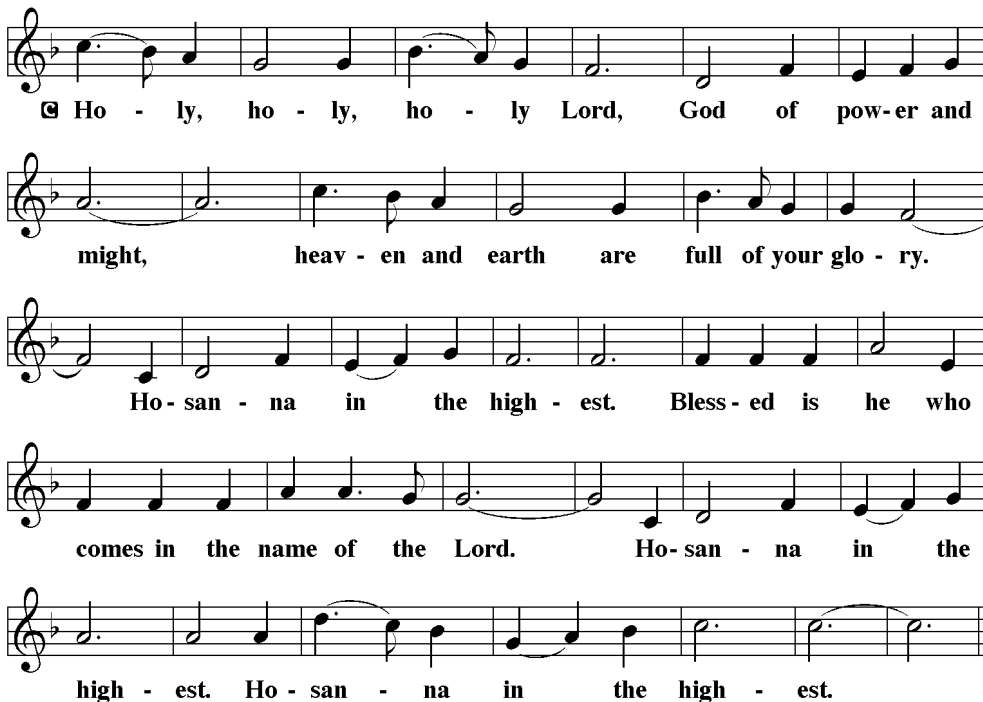
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

So, with those who raise their questions to you,  
with those who struggle with your answers,  
we lift our voices to you, singing your praises:

## 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

As we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection,  
as we break the bread and fill the cup,  
we would live out that mystery we call faith:

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

Here at the table graced with your gifts,  
here, upon your children gathered in joy,  
pour out your Spirit of peace and life.  
As we come to taste of the bread which, in its brokenness makes us whole,  
we would not go backward to our old life,  
but go forth to bring hope to all who cry out for justice in the world.

As we drink deeply from that cup which, by its grace,  
fills us with compassion, we would offer the blessings we have,  
that others might know the richness of your love and hope.

### **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray together,  
using the words we have been taught by Jesus.

**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 welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Distribution of communion**

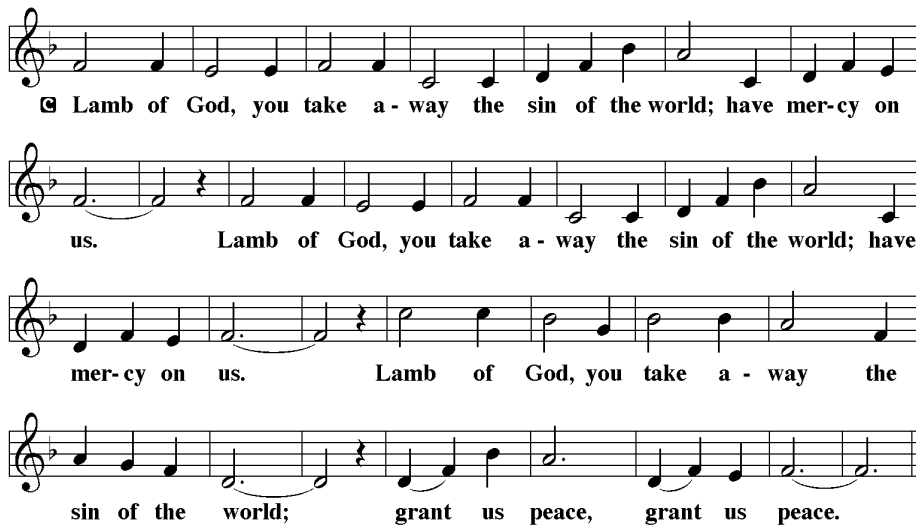
The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.



**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 Anthem**

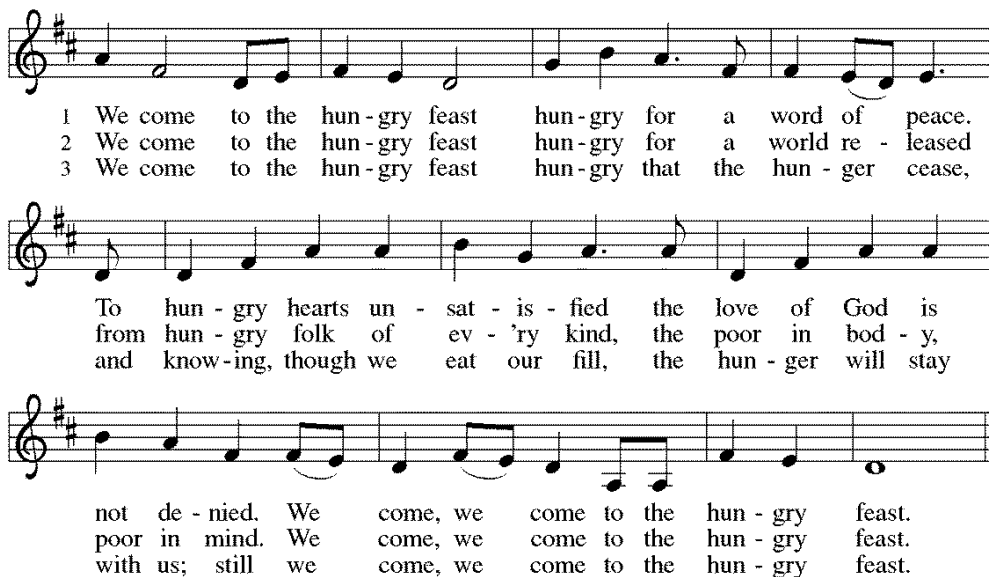
**Break the Bread**  
Adult Choir

Sleeth

**Communion Hymn**

**We Come to the Hungry Feast**

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1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun - ger cease,  
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay  
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*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**

### **Blessing**

God of all might, God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen**

**We proceed directly to our Congregational Meeting.**

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



- 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).

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