

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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

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Sunday, October 13, 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 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.

Gathering Music

Take my life that I may be

Setting, Lynette Maynard

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**



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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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.

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.

Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16

Translation: NIV

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 – Mark 10:17-31

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Mark, the 10th 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.

Word in Song

Take My Life That I May Be
Verses 1, 4

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To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
2 Take my hands and let them move
3 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
4 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a tí, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

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pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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.



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.

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.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

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.


Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Communion Song

Come to the Table
Repeat as needed

WP 33



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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:



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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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