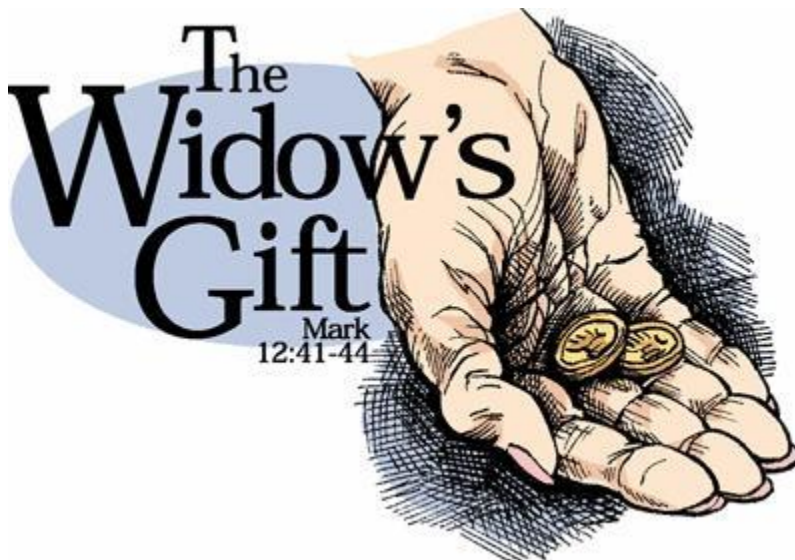


# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 20, 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**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Megan McCormick, flute

J. Evanovich

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Gathering Dialog**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

**We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church,  
the intents we are making for the upcoming year.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

**We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another;  
the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

**We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service,  
a future full of worship  
and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

**We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us,  
the visions that brought us to where we are today  
and the visions that we see today for the future.**

Let us gather in celebration!

**Let us worship God!**



1 You ser- vants of God, your Mas- ter pro- claim, and pub- lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

## 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.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



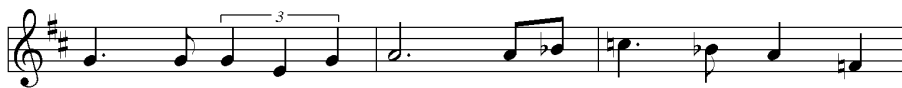
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☩ 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.



I 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.

O God, you show forth your almighty power by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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** – Psalm 146 (read responsively)

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from the Psalms.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
**who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – I Kings 17:8-16**

Translation: NRSV-UE

A Reading from First Kings.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**



We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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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.

## Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated.

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

**Response to the Word**

We have been blessed by the Eternal God, who has been faithful to us.  
**As thankful stewards, we will remain faithful to God.**

The mystery that has been hidden through the ages . . .  
is Christ in you, the hope of glory.  
**As redeemed stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ.**

God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide,  
our unfailing source of strength.  
**As Spirit-filled stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ.**

We rise in body or spirit.

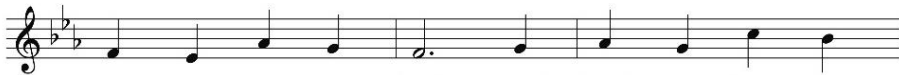
**Hymn of the Day**

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way  
Verses 1, 2, 3

HFG 150



1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -  
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
3. No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in  
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead And bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
ser - vant - hood, In low - li - ness you died.  
fol - low you And live by your com - mands.  
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

## Apostles' Creed

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of 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.**

**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**

## 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:*

Lord, in humble service,  
**we offer our prayers to you.**

*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**

As Christ came to serve, so now Christ invites us to serve one another with peace and love. Let us share signs of this service with words of peace and acts of love.

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

**Musical Offering**

Walk Worthy  
Adult Choir

Martin

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as you have blessed our lives and all of creation,  
bless the gifts we now return to you.

Bless our hands and our lives, that they may serve you and your creation.

Continue creating life and hope through our offerings and our ministries.

May your glory and your grace shine through everything we give,  
everything we say, and everything we do.

In loving gratitude, we pray.

**Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts to God.

**We offer them to the One who clothes them with grace.**

Bless God's name with songs of joy.

**We praise the Lord with our hearts and with our lips.**

With those who surround you shouting with joy, with all in every time and place who seek to serve, we lift our songs of thanksgiving to you.

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

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© 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 remember Christ's life, his death his resurrection,  
as we would comprehend your promises to us,  
we would proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Dying, Christ became the servant of all; rising,  
Christ became the source of salvation for all;  
coming again, Christ becomes your promise to all.**

It is here at this table, your Spirit poured out upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and your children gathered in this place, that we are transformed into your servants. As we eat of the bread of life, may we go from this place to give of ourselves in service to all; as we drink from the cup of grace, we are filled with your peace and hope, and become the gifts for which the broken, the hopeless, the lost are searching.

### **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, who names us as your children, hear us as we pray together saying:

**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.*

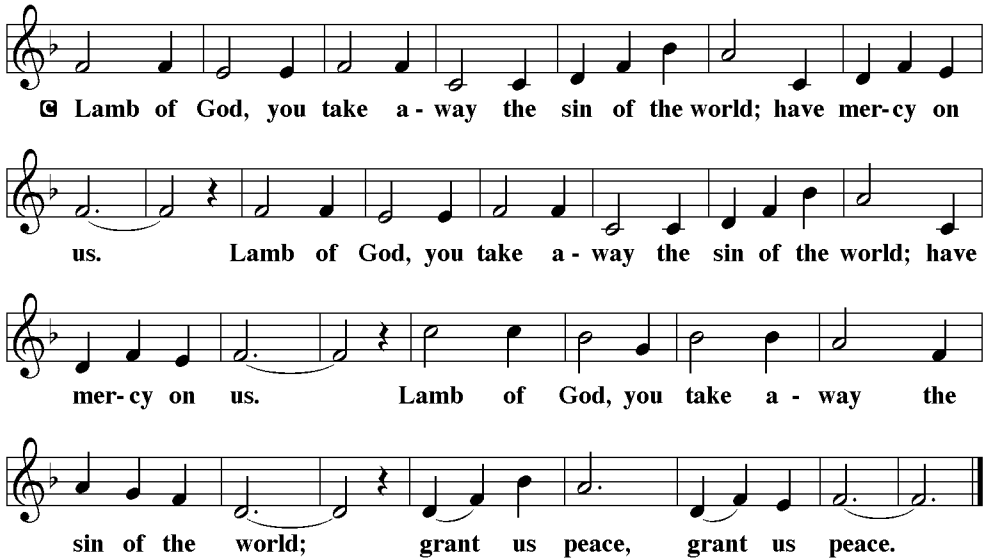
### **Distribution of communion**

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

# Agnus Dei

# Lamb of God

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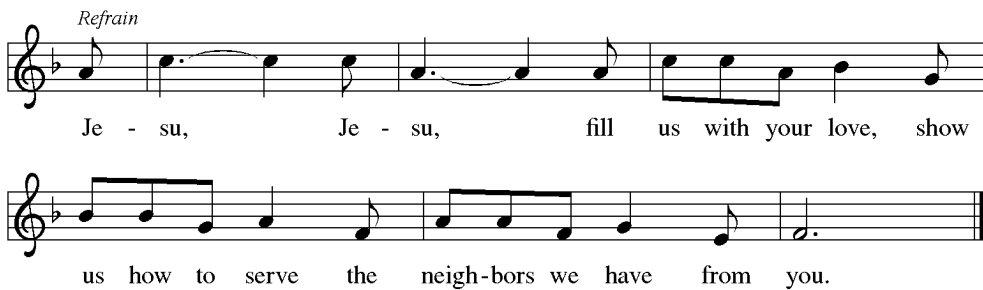
☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# Communion Hymn

# Jesu. Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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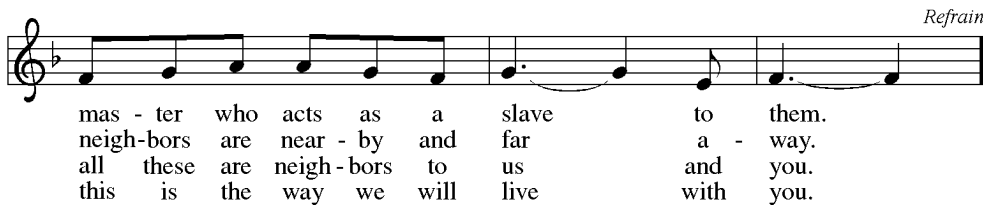
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



*We rise in body or spirit.*

### **Prayer after communion**

Let us pray.  
Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Hymn** *Please see next page.*

### **Dismissal**

Remember that you are called not to be served, but to serve others.  
Go and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

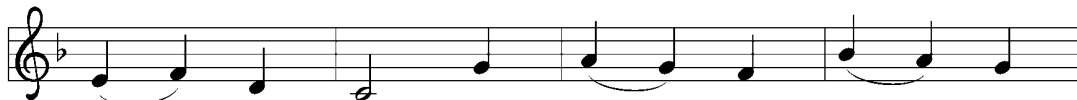
**Sending Music**

Prelude in a minor

J. S. Bach



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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- 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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