

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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

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**"She out of
her poverty has
put in everything
she had."**

MARK 12:44

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 20, 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

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 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,*
 2 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za*
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar, el sol y las es - tre - llas
En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,

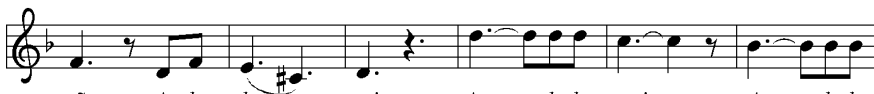


y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -
bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

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.

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 – Mark 12:38-44

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Mark, the 12th 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.

Word in Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 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. 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.

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.

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.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



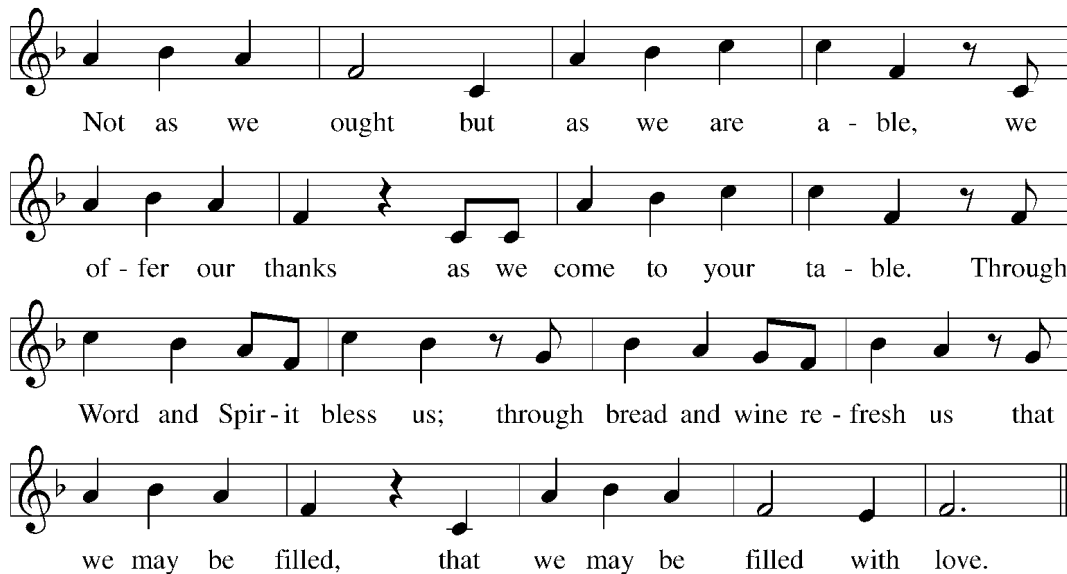
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Communion Song

That we may be filled

WP 134

Repeat as needed



Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

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 Song *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.



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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



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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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