

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Bible Sunday  
Sunday, November 10, 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.

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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**

Don't Stop Praying  
Jeff Gross, soloist  
Dan Killingsworth & Larry Killingsworth, guitar  
Frank Mattes, percussion

West/Pardo

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **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.**

## **Bible Sunday Welcome**

Welcome to Bible Sunday, a day of celebration when our congregation helps parents to keep their baptismal promise to “place in their child’s hand God’s Holy Word.”

During the Gathering Song, the following young people who are present at this service are invited to come forward with their parents to receive their Bibles. [*Names are read*]

**The Beginner’s Bible:** Dominic and Addison.

**Deep Blue Kid’s Bible:** Roman, Hadley, and Amelia.

**The New International Version Bible:** Weston, Devian, Emma, Katelyn, Sarah, Makenna, Audrey, Chelsie, Juliette, Joshua, Gabe, Elizabeth, Charlie, and Izabella.



*The assembly is seated.*

## **Bible Presentation**

Dear Friends in Christ, it wasn't so long ago that many of you stood with a baby in your arms and made a promise on behalf of your child to . . .  
faithfully bring them to the services of God's house,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Ten Commandments.

You also promised that as they grew in years, you would . . .  
place in their hand the Holy Scriptures,  
and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith that,  
living in the covenant of their baptism, and in communion with the Church,  
your children may lead godly lives.

Parents, do you intend to fulfill your promise?  
*If so, answer I do.*

Parents, you may place your child's Bible in their hands.

*The children and their parents turn to face the congregation.*

Let us pray.

We rejoice with you in this step in your faith journey.

**We pray God will guide you, your family,  
and our congregation as you use this Bible in your home,  
in your Sunday School classes, and in worship.**

**We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

**Amen**

# WORD

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

## **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Psalm 13**

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from the Book of Psalms.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18**

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from First Thessalonians.

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel – Matthew 11:27-30**

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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

When the Poor Ones  
Verses 1, 2, 4

ELW 725



1 *Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne ya ún re - par - te,*  
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;  
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;  
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;  
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



*cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,*  
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;  
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



*cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:*  
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;  
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us;  
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble;  
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



*Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;*  
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



*va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.*  
we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.



## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world,  
let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*After each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,  
trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.*

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice - 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 voice-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 lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice - 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 voice-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.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,

that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.

**Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offer your hearts to the One who creates new life for those who are empty.  
**We bring our lives to God, the restorer of new life.**

People of God, give thanks to the One who gives us all things.  
**We praise the One who is abundant beyond all expectations.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

Remembering Christ's gentleness and generosity,  
remembering his compassion and humility,  
we speak of that mystery we call faith;

**Christ died once, and it was for all;  
Christ was raised, once and for all;  
Christ will return for those who wait for him, to bring them home to God.**

Once and for all, pour out your Spirit upon those who gather around  
your bountiful table, where life and love are placed.  
You nourish us with your bread filled with gentle grace,  
so, that fed, we may serve those who hunger for hope in their lives.  
You restore our tiring spirits from the overflowing cup of joy,  
so, that refreshed, we may take new life to the poor and hopeless  
in every place where they are found.

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One,  
we lift our prayers to you as we use the words Jesus taught us:

**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**

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**

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



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.  
 with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

## Communion Song

This Is Christ's Body  
Repeat as needed

ACS 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with  
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food  
and drink in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

# SENDING

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

## **Blessing**

May the abundant goodness of God, the generous mercy of Christ,  
and the sustaining power of the Spirit be with you today  
and every day until the coming of God's joyous reign. **Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

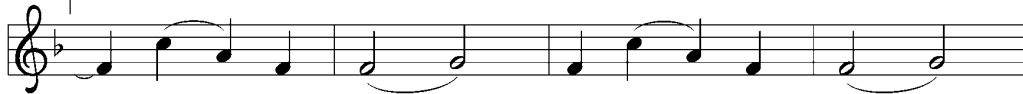


soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.



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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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