

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and handicap friendly Congregation

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25th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Sunday
November 10, 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.

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

Let All Together Praise Our God

Paul Manz

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.

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

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**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

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!

2nd 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!

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.

Gospel – Matthew 11:27-30

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Matthew, the 11th 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.

Hymn of the Day

The Temple Rang with Golden Coins
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

HFG 154



1. The tem - ple rang with gold - en coins The
2. A wid - ow came with cop - per coins And
3. When Je - sus saw her cost - ly gift And
4. At last he brought his of - fer - ing And
5. Lord, help us all, with you, to yield What -



rich in bright ar - ray Con - trib - ut - ed from
of - fered them in praise. They were the last she
knew she had no more, He praised a love that
laid it on a tree; There gave him - self, his
ev - er love de - mands And free - ly give, as



gleam - ing hoards Their scales could scarce - ly weigh.
had to give Or save for dark - er days.
spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
life, his love For all hu - man - i - ty.
you have giv'n, With o - pen hearts and hands.

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

Musical Offering

Bring What You Have
Adult Choir

Berry

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

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

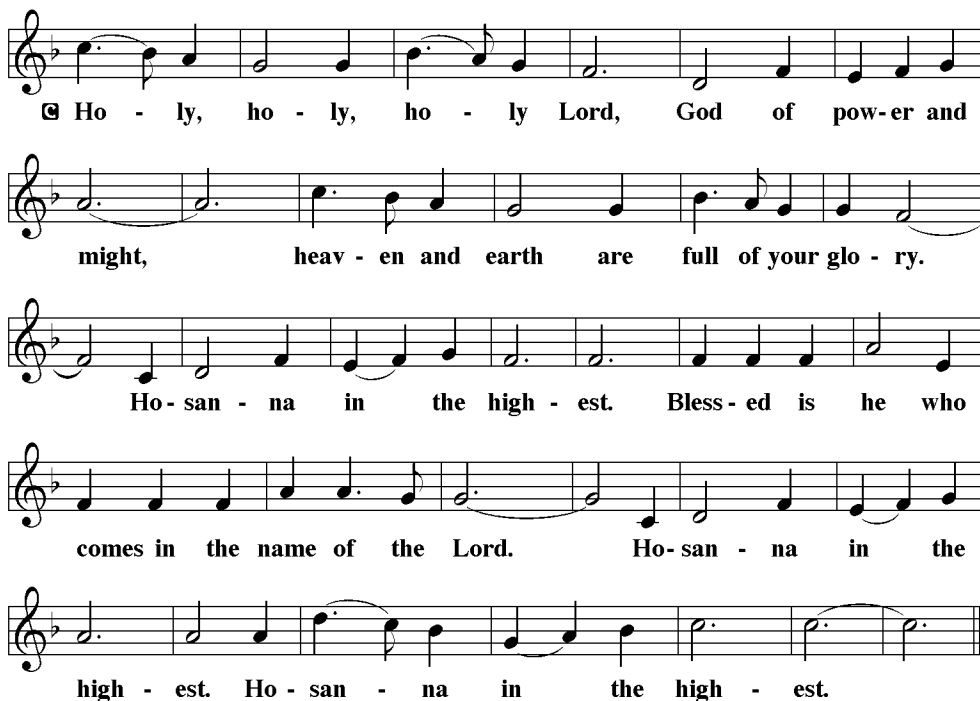
Offer your hearts to the One who creates new life for those who are empty.

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.

With all the company of heaven, with widows in poverty,
and children on the streets, we join our voices as we sing to you:



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

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.



☞ 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

Day by Day

ELW 790



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.



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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 Hymn

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

ELW 441



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou-sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Jig Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

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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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