

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Christ the King
Sunday, November 24, 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

This is Our God
Eric Kahler, soloist

Wickham/Furtick/Lake/Barrett

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

From seed to shoot God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

From shoot to branch God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Rooted and growing God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Flourishing, blossoming, God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With wisdom and might, God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With justice and mercy, God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With righteousness and faithfulness, God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

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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.

We have come to your house, O God, to your resting place,
because here we feel near to you.

You are everywhere, reigning over all things,
close to us in your sanctuary and far enough away to watch the planets move.
Help us to feel your presence renewing and reenergizing us,
here in this place and in all the world.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading – Revelation 1:4b-8

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 18:33-37

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 18th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus,
and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I?”

Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.

What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.

If my kingdom belonged to this world,

my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.

For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
Verses 1, 3, 4

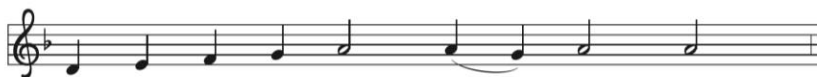
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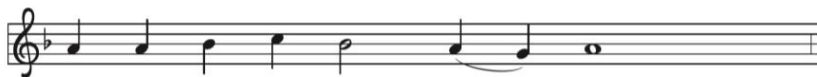
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Nicene Creed

We profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen**

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:

God, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
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.



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



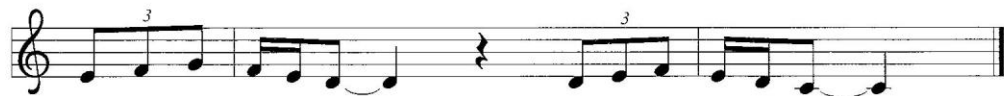
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



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.

Strong one of Israel, you bless our lives with splendor:
sunlight sparkling on the water, dew on the grass, trees etched against the night sky.
May our gifts and offerings reflect our gratitude for the wonder you bring to our lives.
And may those who receive these gifts come to know your bounty and the glory of
your kingdom.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts to the One who loves us.

We will not turn away from the God of grace.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Our souls rejoice in the one who is, who was, who is to come.

We lift our voices in glad song to you,
joining our voices with those around us, and all your servants in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of amazing imagination.

All creation echoes with cries of wonder!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who is, who was, who is to come.

Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Turn your face toward us, and pour out your Spirit upon this table of grace,
and your children gathered around it. As we eat of the bread,
we will open our souls to listen to your voice,
which sends us to speak out for the misused and oppressed of our time.
As we drink from the cup,
we will open our hearts, so we might go into the world,
to speak truth to those who have only known lies,
to serve all whom the world has forgotten.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, may your word be on our lips,
as we pray together as Jesus has 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.

Communion Song

He is exalted
Sing 2 times


W&P 55

F F/A B \flat B \flat /D C/E



He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C




He is ex-alt-ed, for-ev-er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his

Dsus D/C Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am



name. Je-sus is Lord, for-ev-er his truth shall

B \flat F/A Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am



reign; hea-ven and earth re-joice in his ho-ly

B \flat F/A Gm B \flat /F E \flat M⁷ B \flat /C F B \flat /F F



name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God
Repeat as needed

W&P 76

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

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

In the strength of God the maker we are going on a journey.

In the friendship of Jesus we are going on a journey.

In the safeguarding of the Holy Spirit we are going on a journey.

A star is shining.
 Angels are busy.
 Mary is pregnant.
 Joseph is packing.
 Advent is coming.
 It's time to go.

May God bless us with hope and wonder as we travel.
Amen

Sending Song

The King of Glory
 Verses 1, 4, 5

W&P 136

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Refrain

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Dismissal

Make way! Make space!
Make time! Make peace!
The Lord our King is close.
The King of Love is near.
The Prince of Peace approaches.
Make way for Christ the King.
We go with Advent anticipation!

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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