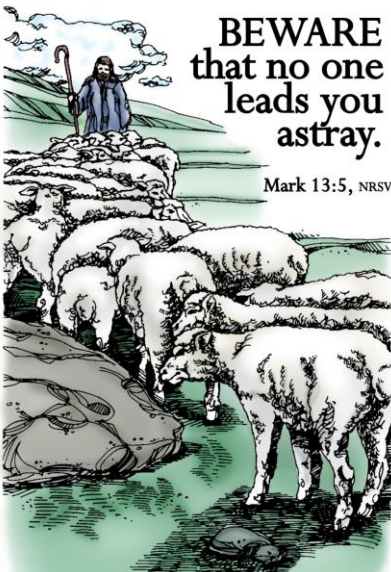


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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
New Member Welcome  
Sunday, November 17, 2024  
8:30 am

## 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**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall, Arr Cindy Berry

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Confession**

Longing for the touch of God, we cry out;  
humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness,  
we bring our prayers of confession to God.

Holy Listener,  
**we have to admit that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others,  
rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those  
around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of  
peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.**

**Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path  
of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve;  
give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken,  
who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Our Lord and Savior.**

This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace,  
God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

**Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others  
and serve all who are around us. Amen**

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm

pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C B<sup>b</sup>/C F/C B<sup>b</sup>/C F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B<sup>b</sup>/C F/C B<sup>b</sup>/C G/C C B<sup>b</sup>/C F/C B<sup>b</sup>/C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm G<sup>sus</sup> G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am<sup>7</sup>/G Dm G<sup>sus</sup> G C C<sup>sus</sup> C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

## 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.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done 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 – Daniel 12:1-3**

Translation: NIV

A reading from Daniel.

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Gospel – Mark 13:1-8**

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him,

“Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus.

“Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

“Tell us, when will these things happen?

And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed.

Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines.

These are the beginning of birth pains.

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tami Reichley

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Word in Song**

**My Lord, What a Morning**

ELW 438



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

**Welcoming New Members to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

Fern Crone, Tracy Heberling, Grace Olson, Susan Reiss, Nancy Shoemaker,  
Dennis Shoemaker, Pastor Cindy Camp and Pastor Shari Duminy

**Presentation of New Members**

*Those being welcomed, representative of the congregation, and ministers gather at the altar.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Fern, Tracy, Grace, Susan, Nancy, Dennis, Pastor Cindy and Pastor Shari, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize.

**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 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**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Address and Questions**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ  
and sent to share in the mission of God.

We are called to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and  
share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?*

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.



*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for Fern, Tracy, Grace, Susan, Nancy, Dennis,  
Pastor Cindy and Pastor Shari in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*A representative of the congregation presents a Bible to the persons being welcomed.*

Receive this Bible.

Hear God's word with us.

Learn and tell its stories.

Discover its mysteries.

Honor its commandments.

Rejoice in its good news.

May God's life-giving word inspire you to ministry in daily life.

## **Welcome**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly.*

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to Holy Spirit's community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **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:*

Trusting in God's faithfulness,  
**we offer our prayers.**

*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**

As you share the signs of peace, spark acts of love  
and good deeds everywhere you go.

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. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three-beat triplets marked with a '3' above the notes in the first, third, and sixth staves. 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  
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we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.  
Faithful and loving God,  
thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways.  
Bless the gifts we return to you now,  
that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness  
for all the world to know.

**Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

May God who is faithful be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hold fast to the confession of our hope!  
**Our hearts will not waver in proclaiming God's grace.**

Encourage one another to go forth to serve the world.  
**With glad songs, and lives of service, we will proclaim our God.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.  
**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, we raise our prayers to you,  
even as we speak the words of Jesus.

**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

Good Soil  
Sing 2 times

W&P 52



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



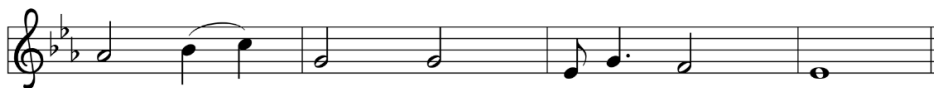
1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

*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**

Go into the world with hope.

**We will shine with God's glory and grace.**

Courageously face the struggles and joys of each day.

**We will embrace the power of God's love.**

Go forth in courage and faith.

**We will bring God's love to the world.**

In the name of God, who creates, redeems and sanctifies our lives.

**Amen**

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

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace.

Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**





*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá*  
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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;
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**Glenn Hinderliter, percussion**

**Thank you, Cindy Cicconi-Ernst, for sharing your musical talents with us today.**



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