

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Global Missions Sunday
Sunday, January 26, 2025
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.

Land acknowledgment:

We acknowledge and honor the Lenni-Lenape Peoples who were forcibly removed from this area, and upon whose ancestral homelands we gather. With gratitude to God, we honor the land itself, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and who continue to care for this land and call it their home.

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.

Introduction

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Gathering Music

Cantad al Señor
Spirit Ringers

arr. McChesney

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

We listen, but we do not understand

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

Pray in the Spirit and you will receive.



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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.

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings to the poor, to captives, to the blind and the oppressed. Lay your call to Christian unity on our hearts, as we listen to your precepts and seek to live them each day. As the heavens proclaim your praise, and the day and night reveal your truth, open our hearts to those who need our care. **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Writing as both apostle and pastor, Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Listen, God is Calling

ELW 513

Verse 1

Choir sings *Leader*, Congregation sings *All*

Refrain
Leader *All*



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader *All*



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune
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Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

The Good News from Luke, the 4th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then he began to say to them,

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Response to the Gospel: Listen God is Calling – **Verses 2 and 3** (Please see page 8)

The assembly is seated.

Message

Global Missions Team

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Come to be our Hope, O Jesus

ACS 904



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra_es - pe - ran - za, ven y
2 Ven, y te - je_un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do_en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce_en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va_en ple - na li - ber -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de_in - jus -
tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre_el fu - tu - ro de tu
ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia_y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
rei - no de_a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba_es - te gran
suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y_en com - pren - sión.
mu - ro que_hoy se - pa - ra no - che_y dí - a.
rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen

Peace

Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this 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. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Offering Prayer

God of our ancestors, Caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love.
May the gifts we bring before you this day honor the many ways you bless this church.

And may our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love,
as we continue Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor,
release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

Bless the special offerings to Support our Sisters in Tanzania,
that these girls and women may be freed and empowered
to live the full lives you intend for all your children.
In your holy name we pray. **Amen**

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Baptizing God, as you created the body with many members,
each in need of one another, and from many members you make us one,
transform us around this table to realize our common need for one another.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son, who ...

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Wondrous God, whose ways are more to be desired than gold,
hasten the days when those ways shall be known in all the earth.

Fix your promise in the hearts of your children who suffer,
that as members of your body they may never suffer alone.
Revive the souls that wait on you and restore the hearts that rest in you,
until eternity dawns and the voice of thanksgiving is heard throughout the earth,
giving glory to you, our living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers of joy to you,
even 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

Come to the table of love.
Jesus meets us here.

We gather as the beloved community,
**hungry to be fed with the gifts of the spirit,
thirsting for the waters of life.**

God is here and everyone is welcome.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

Communion Song


Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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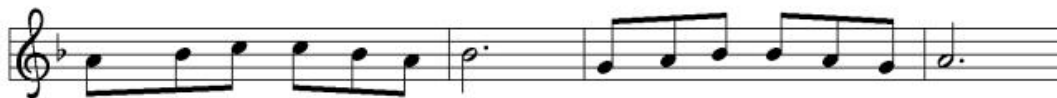
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for the sweet taste of hope received in this meal of bread and wine. Send us now with hearts that open to serve all in need and with joy that overflows not only to those around us, but especially to the despairing in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

SENDING

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

Blessing

As you go on your way
Song leader first, then all

John Ylvisaker

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. ____ May he go be -

fore you to show you the way. May he go be - hind you to en - cour-age

you, be - side you to be - friend you, a - bove you to watch o - ver, with -

in you to give you peace. ____



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Dismissal

Go with the blessing of God, that all may be one.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Cantad al Señor

arr. Krentz

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.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at: lchsemmaus.org.

Titus, and Silas, missionaries**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith**Monday, January 27, 2025**

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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