

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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May 18, 2025
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 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

Ten Thousand Reasons
Jeff Gross, soloist

Redman & Myrin

Easter Greeting

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Song

Christ is Living

ACS 934



¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!

1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.

2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.

3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.

Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.

Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."

Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.

Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?

Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.

For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.

Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!

Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

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.

We pray.

Eternal God, you are the beginning and you are the end.

You are the source and you are the destination.

You are the spring of the waters of our lives.

And you are the sea toward which we flow.

We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to fall upon our lives again today.

Refresh our faith, renew our course, and help us live for you. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading Revelation 21:1-6

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this,
for these words are trustworthy and true.”
Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End.
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 13:31-35

Translation: NIV

The holy gospel according to John the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified
and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,
God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.
“My children, I will be with you only a little longer.
You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now:
Where I am going, you cannot come.
“A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

**God, We Gather as Your People
Verses 1, 4**

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen
 wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.
 For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
 long. May that wel - come be our song.

Welcoming New Members to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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 Stephen, Andrew, Christine, Paige, Connor, Brent, Tara, Bennett, Emmalyn, David, Jennifer, Gabriella, Patrick, Lillian, Jack, Stephen, Tara, Gerard, Nick, Ashley, Tobias, and Charlotte, 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.

Siblings 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 our new members
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 siblings 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.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Dwell among us, we pray,

that we may love one another.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen

Peace

The message of peace is good news through Jesus Christ!

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.
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.*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Offering Prayer

We pray.

God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life.

Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice.

With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day.

Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ's triumph over death.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the risen Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We offer our thanks and praise to the One who gives us new life.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the bread and the cup, resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be your children. When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry. Served at the table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and hearts, not just our lips. Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in one, make us new as we pray as Jesus teaches, 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

Receive the gift of new life.
Come to the table of grace.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

Communion Song

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Communion Song

This is Amazing Grace

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy, worthy.**

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me,
All that You've done for me.**

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen

SENDING

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

Commissioning of Tanzania Travelers

The Tanzania Team and minister gather around the baptismal font.

We gather as siblings in Christ with the whole world. We give thanks for the mission focus of the Tanzania team who seek to learn and experience in body, mind, and spirit the life of the people of Tanzania

The people of Tanzania have a rich faith history, diverse cultures and lives deeply dependent on God. Our Tanzania team will be immersed in the life of the people at the hospitals and schools and in the church and faith lives of the people in Tanzania. Let us bless the team in their connections with the people of Tanzania and for what they will learn from and be transformed by the Tanzanian people.

We pray,

Most gracious and loving God, you have created each of us in your own image. Bless and open the eyes, ears, hearts, and minds of our Tanzania team of Dean, Linda, Rick, Ruth, Pr. Tami, Victor, MaryJo, Deb, Dianne, Adrienne, Donna, and Karen.

We pray for their safe travels, a spirit of cooperation with each other and all the people they meet, for their inspiration, for their stamina and health and for their servant hearts to spread your love to all the people they meet.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

We send these disciples to experience the body of Christ beyond this place.
May they return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people,
and with new skills to sharpen this community's mission and witness.
May we experience from them the joy, gratitude, hospitality, and faith of the
Tanzanian people.

Will you, people of God, accept the gift of their witness with love and gratitude?
We will.

(Using the baptismal water, the minister makes the sign of the cross to bless each team member saying, Child of God, Go with God's blessing).

After the baptismal blessing, the congregation responds with,
Tanzania Team, **go with our blessing, gifts and prayers.**

God we ask you to:

**give them peace and to bless them by your hand;
guide them by your Word to be a blessing to others and to each other;
renew them by your Spirit, and inspire them in and through the Tanzanian people;
protect them as they travel, keep them safe, and;
make their homecomings joyful.**

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Blessing

As you leave this space, do so with resurrection hope –
that the God who loves the world enough to come back again, comes back for you.
Go forth as agents of God's steadfast and never-ending love,
being bearers of good news and great imagination.

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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