

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Peter and Paul, Apostles  
June 29, 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.

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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 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

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Marian Snyder and Renee Stitt, duet

arr. Stopford

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

## Gathering Song

You Never Let Go

Redman & Redman

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
Your perfect love is casting out fear.  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,  
I won't turn back. I know You are near.**

**And I will fear no evil for my God is with me.  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?**

**Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.  
Oh no You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.**

**And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,  
A glorious light beyond all compare.  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth.**

**And I will fear no evil for my God is with me.  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?**

**Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.  
Oh no You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.**

**You keep on runnin' and You never let go  
Singin' Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.  
Oh no You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.**

**Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.  
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes,  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.**

**Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.  
Oh no You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.**

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Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.  
Oh no You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.**

## 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.

**Almighty God, today you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them your Church first received the faith.**

**Keep us true to their teaching. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

**Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Second Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Gospel** John 21:15-19

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time,

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?”

And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,  
and someone else will fasten a belt around you  
and take you where you do not wish to go.”

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Word in Song

By All Your Saints

ELW 421



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 We praise you, Lord, for Pe - ter, so ea - ger and so bold,  
3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
thrice fall - ing, yet re - pent - ant, thrice charged to feed your fold.  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
Lord, make your pas - tors faith - ful to guard your flock from harm,  
till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
and hold them when they wa - ver with your al - might-y arm.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone.

Insert after vs. 2:

- 3 Praise for the light from heaven, praise for the voice of awe,  
praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.  
O Lord, for Paul's enlight'ning we bless your name today;  
come, shine within our darkness, and guide us on our way.**

## Affirmation for Festival of Apostles Peter and Paul

I believe that even in the darkest prison,  
**God's light can shine, and God's power can break chains.**

I believe that fervent prayer can be a powerful tool,  
**and God hears and answers, even in the face of persecution.**

I believe that faith in God, even when circumstances are difficult,  
**can lead to miraculous deliverance.**

I believe that God can be trusted,  
**and I will cling to God's promise of protection and hope,  
knowing that God is in control.**  
**Amen**

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity,  
we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*After each petition:*

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, 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. 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 Song

## We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. There are several triplets marked with a '3' over the notes.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them even to the end of the age.

For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy:  
Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher,  
Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel,  
Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.  
And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ.

## Words of Institution

## **Word in Meal**

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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**

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.



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.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Prayer after communion

We pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.  
 Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves  
 and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

# SENDING

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

## Blessing

Go forth to feed and tend God's people.  
Do so because you love Jesus, and because Jesus loves and needs you.  
May the abundant blessings of God's love surround and feed you,  
as God renews you day by day. (*John 21*)  
**Amen**

## Sending Song

He Reigns

Furler & Taylor

**It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain.  
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain.  
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir.**

**It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns! It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns!**

**Let it rise above the four winds caught up in the heavenly sound.  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered  
underground.  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this.**

**It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns! It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns!**

**And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard,  
'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.**

**It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns! It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah,  
He reigns, He reigns!**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



- 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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