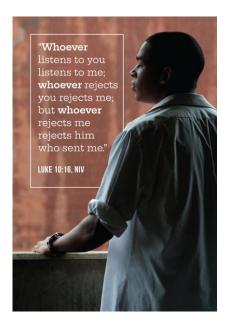
# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 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** 

Morning Has Broken Deb Stevens, Terri Hinderliter, Glenn Hinderliter, and Bob Mueller, quartet with Megan McCormick, flute arr. Stopford

## Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

# Confession

Secure in the promise of God's knowledge of us, and trusting in God's readiness to forgive, let us confess our sin.

Source of all that gives us life,

we have turned away from you to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen

In the name of the one who died and rose for us, and by Christ's authority, I declare that we have full forgiveness of our sins for new life. Amen **Gathering Song** 

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!

# 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.

Challenging God, you send us out like lambs among wolves, then ask us to be peaceful and gentle. Help us hear and obey your call to follow Jesus, even if we must surrender our reputations and rules we hold dear. May we learn and live the path of the cross, restoring one another and bearing one another's burdens, as we discover your gift of becoming new creations in Christ. Amen

The assembly is seated.

# WORD

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

Reading Galatians 6:7-16

**Translation: NIV** 

A reading from Galatians.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God! We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

**Gospel** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Open our hearts**, Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

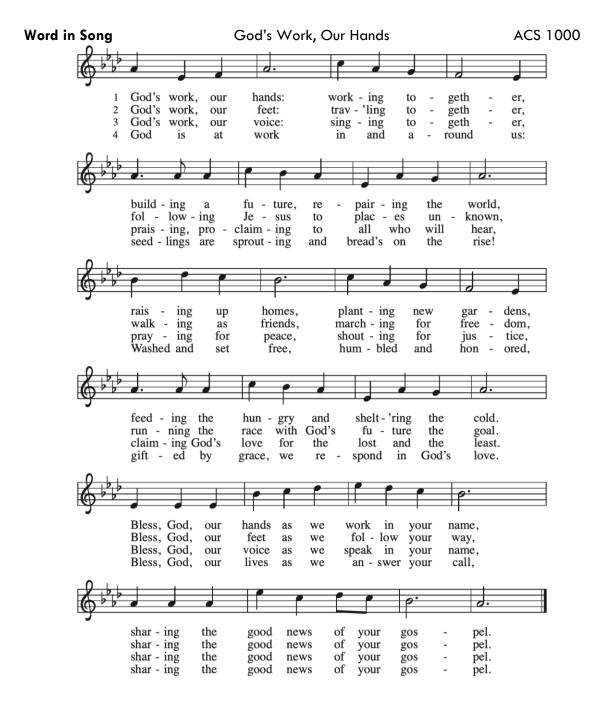
The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the Good News! Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

### Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley



### **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: God of grace, we offer our whole selves in prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

#### Peace

Jesus entrusts us to enter the spaces of our lives, offering peace to those we meet. Let us greet one another with signs of this welcoming peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

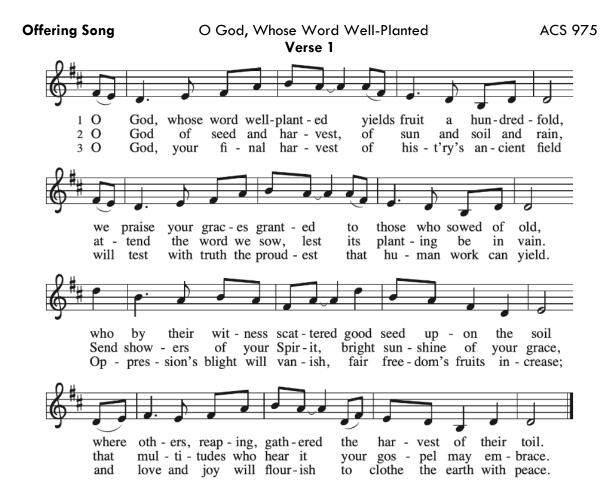
> The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

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 Prayer**

We pray.

Generous God, you share your kingdom with all humanity,

drawing closer to us than our very breath.

May our offering this day support your holy work,

and may all come to know that your kingdom has truly come near.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Children of God lift up your hearts. We lift them to the One who heals us at the table of brokenness.

Give thanks to the Lord our God. We will sing our praises to the One who restores us to life.

#### Words of Institution

#### Word in Meal

As we dance to the table to be filled with hope, we remember all that Jesus has done for us, and all that we have been called to do in his name.

Christ died, bearing our burdens. Christ arose, mocking death's power. Christ will return, for the good of all.

Flow through us, healing Spirit, as we drink of Christ's cup. You never grow weary of feeding us with the Bread of Life, so transform our brokenness by this meal.

And as we turn from the table, send us forth:

to bring healing to the sick,

freedom to the oppressed,

to speak peace and love to the human household.

For we will not keep silent, but praise you forever and ever. **Amen** 

# Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, may we trust always in you, even as we pray as we have been taught, saying:

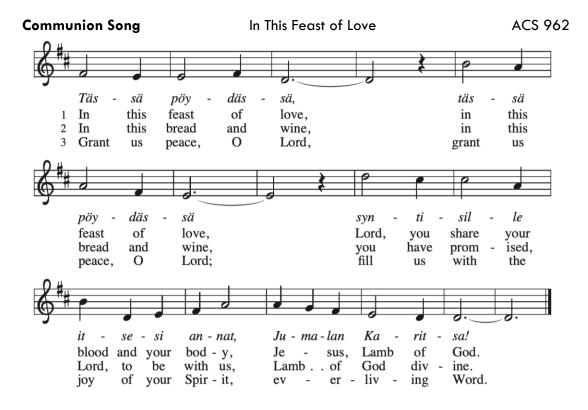
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

### Invitation to the table

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

The assembly is seated.

# **Distribution of communion**



**Communion Song** 

I Will Lift My Eyes

Norman & Ingram

God, my God, I cry out your beloved needs You now. God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in.

I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

God, my God, let mercy sing her melody over me. God right here, all I bring is all of me Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in. I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

'Cause You are and You were and You will be forever The Lover I need to save me.

'Cause You fashioned the earth and You hold it together, God. So hold me now.

I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

God, my God, I cry out your beloved needs You now.

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### 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

Now may the crucified and risen Lord, who cradles you and nourishes all the earth, keep you from every weariness, and raise you up to live in the comfort of the reign of God. **Amen** 

### **Sending Song**



### Dismissal

Go on your way as the hands and feet of Christ in our world. 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);



- 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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