

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 20, 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**      Irlandaise from Suite for Jazz Flute and Piano  
Megan McCormick, flute

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## Welcome and Announcements

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Gathering Dialog (*Psalms 52*)

We come into God's presence,  
**like green olive trees in the house of God.**  
We drink deep from the waters of life,  
**like young trees in the courtyard of the Lord.**  
We ripen in the light of God,  
**like the fruit of God's vineyard.**  
Come! Let us worship.

## Gathering 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!**

### **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.

**God of mystery, as we come together this day, free our minds from distraction.  
Help us to let go of the errors and worries of the past week, and let us hold at bay  
the concerns and to-do lists of the week to come. May your Holy Spirit bring us  
fully into your presence, so that we may sit at your feet and listen.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

**Reading** Genesis 18:1-10a

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him.

When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

Translation: NRSV-UE

Our hearts are famished.

**We are hungry for God’s Word**

The Good News from Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

May the words we have heard take root in our hearts.

**May the wisdom they teach take root in our lives.**

The assembly is seated.

## Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

We rise in body or spirit.

## Word in Song

## Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



*Refrain*  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal-le-lu-jah!  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

With all creation, we join our voice  
to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*After each petition:*

Lord, hear our prayer.

**We know you are listening.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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.*

## Verse 1



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,  
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
 will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
 Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
 and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing.

May the offering we return to you this day reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they show our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*



## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to the One who makes you welcome in every moment.

**We lift them to the Lord our God who is our host at this meal.**

People of God,

offer your praise and thanks to the One who comes bringing new life to us.

**The sad songs of our lives become melodies of praise  
for the One who makes us whole.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

Send your Holy Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and upon those who will receive these gifts. May the bread which is broken make us one with each other; may the cup which is shared be the healing we need. Then, when we are nourished by your grace, send us forth to be your servants:

setting aside our worries to welcome the weak and left behind;

letting go of our grudges, so we may receive the grace the stranger brings to us;

releasing our fears and doubts so we may embrace your constant love.

Then when all time comes to an end, and we are brought together at your table, we will sing our praises forever.

**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, come to make us your people,  
even as we pray as Jesus has 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

God's meal is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Distribution of communion

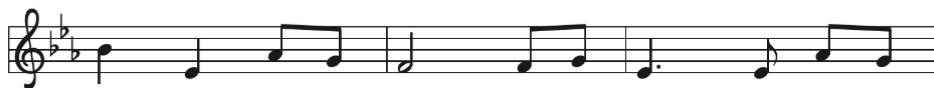
### Communion Song

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



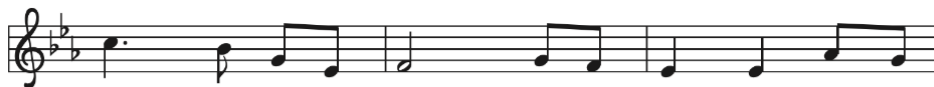
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**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.**

*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 tell of your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen**

## **SENDING**

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

### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen**



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
 2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
 3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
 Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
 Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
 Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
 Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
 Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
 sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

## Dismissal

Though we may leave God's house,  
**we do not leave God's presence.**  
 Like green olive trees in the house of God,  
**we will plant our roots in the soil of holy love.**  
 Heeding the joy of God's call in our lives,  
**we go to share God's love for all.**

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