

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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God's Work. Our Hands
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025
8:45 am and 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.

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

If We Are the Body

Hall

Shannon Diaz, solo; Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Affirmation of Baptismal Vocation

Siblings in Christ, both our work and our rest are in God.
Will you try to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening,
at work and at play, all the days of your life?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

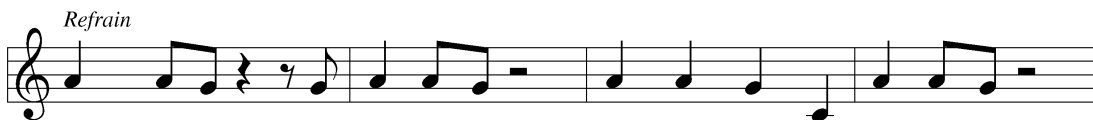
Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit
you have knit us your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name.
Give us courage, patience, and vision;
and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness
to the world and of service to others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



- 1 Let me be your hands, Lord Je - sus, help-ing those who come my way.
- 2 Let me be your voice, Lord Je - sus, tell-ing peo - ple of your love.
- 3 Let me be your ears, Lord Je - sus, hear-ing those who cry for help.



Let me be your feet, Lord Je - sus, run-ning er-rands ev-'ry day.
Let me share your work, Lord Je - sus, me on earth and you a - bove.
Let me share in help - ing oth - ers and not just think of my - self.



Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news of our King.



Let me be your ser-vant, Je - sus, help-ing you in ev-'ry way.

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.

**Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in generous love for a weary and wounded world.
Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love,
that through us your life may be known in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading Isaiah 58:6-12

Translation: CEV

A reading from Isaiah.

I'll tell you what it really means to worship the Lord.

Remove the chains of prisoners who are chained unjustly.

Free those who are abused!

Share your food with everyone who is hungry;

share your home with the poor and homeless.

Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives.

Then your light will shine like the dawning sun, and you will quickly be healed.

Your honesty will protect you as you advance,

and the glory of the Lord will defend you from behind.

When you beg the Lord for help, God will answer, "Here I am!"

Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them or say something cruel.

Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless.

Then your light will shine in the dark;

your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.

The Lord will always guide you

and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert.

God will make you healthy.

You will be like a garden that has plenty of water

or like a stream that never runs dry.

You will rebuild those houses left in ruins for years;

you will be known as a builder and repairer

of city walls and streets.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel – John 15:9-17

Translation: Whirl Story Bible

The Good News from John, the 15th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus knew he wouldn't be able to stay with his disciples forever.
He wanted them to understand how much he loved them.

"God's family is like a vine full of grapes," Jesus said.

The disciples raised their eyebrows. What did love have to do with vines of grapes?

"What happens when a branch is cut from the vine?" Jesus asked.

"The branch can't grow," answered James.

"When a branch is cut from the vine, it can't grow fruit.

But what happens when branches are attached to the vine?"

"They grow lots of grapes!" Peter said.

Jesus nodded. "I am the vine. You are the branches. I love you so you can love others."

Jesus looked at his disciples with love. "You are my friends. I love you so much that I am willing to give up my life for you. That is the greatest love you can have for someone."

The disciples were amazed. Jesus would give up EVERYTHING. For THEM!

"This is my commandment: Love each other like I love YOU," Jesus said.

"Jesus ALWAYS loves us – no matter what," the disciples thought. "

Jesus is willing to give up his LIFE for us. How can we love each other like THAT?"

Jesus smiles at his friends. "Love each other. Be joyful.

Go and grow fruit. Go and love others so they know God's love.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Message

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

God's Work, Our Hands

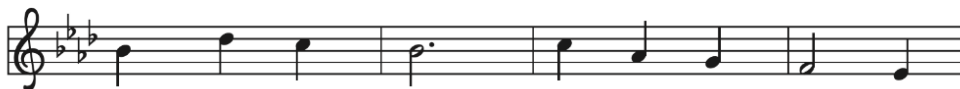
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Blessing and Sending for Mission

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

Serving today, and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

Bless the cards we make and personal care kits we assemble for the Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, LV Foster Care, Turning Point, Loads of Blessings, and Neighborhood House. May those who receive them be strengthened, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Bless these quilts for New Bethany Ministries, Lehigh Valley Foster Care, Loads of Blessings and Family Promise. May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

The prayer concludes:

May all these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting God at work in and among us,

we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

After each petition:

God, we pray,

open our hands.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God.

We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

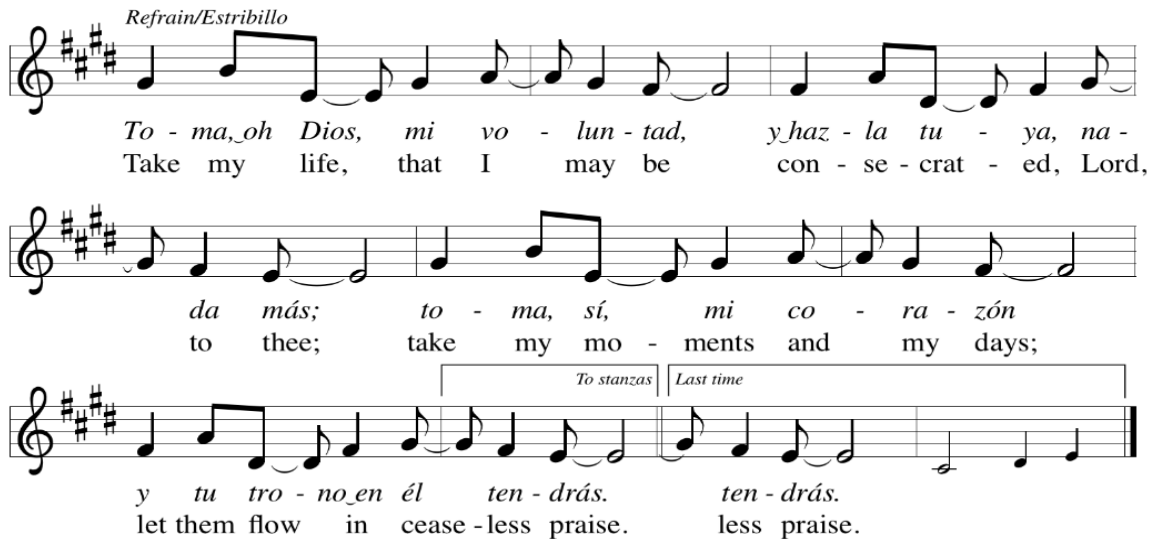
*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Offering Song

Take My Life, that I May Be
Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain

ELW 583

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

To stanzas *Last time*



1 *Que mi vi - da_en - te - ra_es - té*
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da_a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu_a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Offering Prayer

We pray.

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring,
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,
that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world.
Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would betray him, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.

Lord's Prayer

God in community, holy in One, we lift our prayers 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

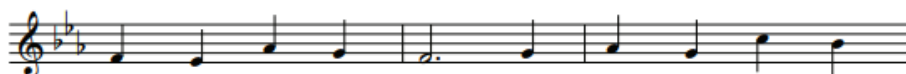
Communion Song

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

HFG 150



1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -
 2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3. No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood, In low - li - ness you died.
 fol - low you And live by your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world.
Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen**

SENDING

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

Blessing

God who sets forth the law of love,
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,
+ bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart
and voice at work in the world.
Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace.
You are God's hands at work in the world!
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Take My Life

arr. Tornquist



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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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