

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 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**

Your Grace is Enough  
Spirit of Praise

Maher

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Gathering Dialog**

People of faith, come and see what God has done!  
**God has guided us and walked with us.**

See how God has protected us.  
**God has brought us to this sacred space.**

Let us give glory to God!  
**Let us sing praises to God!**

*Refrain*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,  
O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;  
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your  
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your  
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be  
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand  
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand

*Refrain*

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
rea - sons for my heart to find.  
years and then for - ev - er - more!

### 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.

**Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your goodness and mercy.**

**Give us the strength to hear your word so that we may extend grace and healing to all your people.**

**Amen**

*Please remain standing to welcome the gospel.*

## WORD

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

**Gospel** Luke 17:11-19

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Janelle Neubauer

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Word in Song**

**Baptized and Set Free**

**ELW 453**



- 1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

*The assembly is seated.*



### Presentation

We enter the Christian community in and through baptism.  
We are human, sin and fall short of all that God hopes we will be  
and all that the world needs us to be.  
God is a forgiving God who draws us into the cleansing baptismal water  
with Christ. With the water and the Word, the Spirit blows into us  
and we become a beloved child of God.

Our baptism is followed by a lifelong journey of being nurtured and formed by  
the Word as taught through our family, affirmed by us, and experienced in  
and through the presence of Christ  
in worship, water, Word, wine, bread, and prayer.  
In our baptism, we are called to the mission of Christ,  
to be disciples in our daily lives for the sake of the world.

Trusting in the grace and love of God, Jillian and Saagar,  
do you desire to have Priya June baptized?  
We do.

Jillian and Saagar, as you present Priya to receive the gift of baptism,  
you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Jillian and Saagar, do you promise to help Priya grow in the Christian  
faith and life?  
We do.

Sam and Madeline, do you promise to nurture Priya in the Christian faith as you  
are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism  
and in communion with the church?  
We do.

People of God, do you promise to support, nurture, teach, pray and welcome Priya in her new life in Christ?  
**We do.**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Jillian and Saagar, I ask you to reject sin, affirm your faith in Christ, and proclaim the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
**We do.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize. People of God, do you believe in God the Father?  
**Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**Yes, 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**Yes, 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**

## **Baptism**

We give you thanks, God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life.

Send your Holy Spirit into this water and on all who are washed in it, that they may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**



Priya June, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

We pray. Sustain Priya June with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

Priya June, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen**

Priya June, child of God, you are clothed in Christ.  
All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Amen**

## **Welcome**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works  
and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God,  
as we bear God's creative and renewing Word to all the world.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Invitation to prayer:*

Renewed in God's everlasting grace,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*After each petition:*

Abiding Spirit,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.*

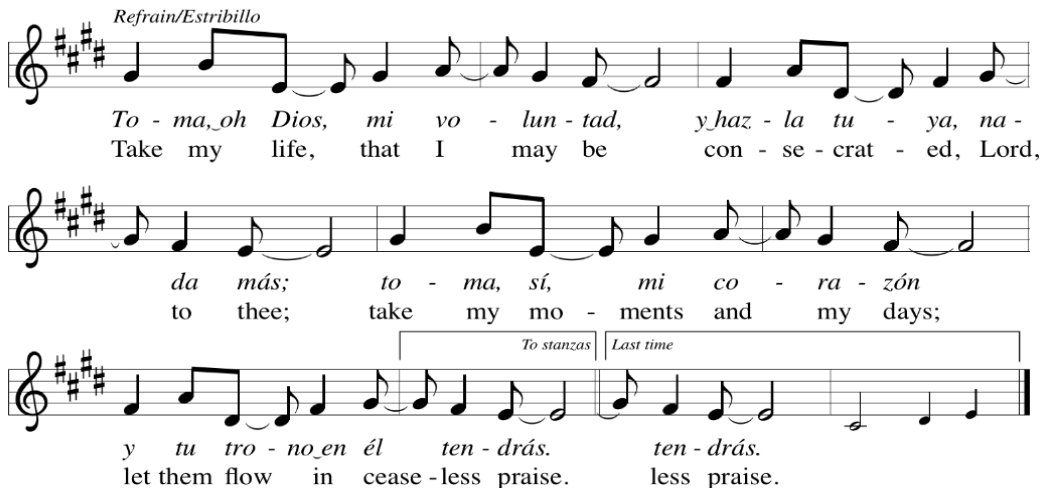
*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the  
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

## **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;

*To stanzas* *Last time*

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



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 guiar 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



*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.

*Refrain/Estrillo*

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

Gracious God, we come to say thank you for all the ways you bring forth life and health and renewal. Bless these gifts, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who does wonders for you.

**We offer our hearts to God, who plants gardens of peace within us.**

Sing praises to the One who leads us to this place.

**We join all creation in singing our thanks to God, our Creator.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Word in Meal**

Loving God, pour out your Spirit on the gifts of the table,  
and on those who gather at your feast.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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*Refrain*

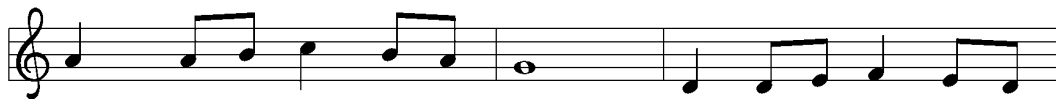
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- |   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  |            |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's   | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will       | pass a - way;    | set your   |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in         | love for you,    | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now        | dwells in you;   | make your  |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de - clare | his death;       | eat this   |



|         |           |            |           |           |             |        |           |         |         |     |
|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|-----|
| thanks, | hun - gry | ones,      | gath - er | round.    | Eat,        | all    | of        | you,    | and     | be  |
| hearts  | on        | the        | food      | that      | en - dures. | Come,  | learn     | the     | true    | and |
| self    | for       | the        | life      | of        | the         | world. | Come      | to      | the     | one |
| home    | in        | the        | life -    | giv - ing | Word.       | Know   | on - ly   | Christ, | Ho - ly |     |
| bread   | and       | be - lieve | Eas - ter | morn;     | trust       | his    | re - turn | and,    | with    |     |



|                  |         |          |             |             |           |      |                       |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|
| sat - is - fied; | in      | Christ's | pres - ence | the         | loaves    | will | a - bound.            |
| liv - ing        | way,    | that     | the         | full - ness | of        | life | may be yours.         |
| food             | for     | you,     | that        | your        | hun - ger | and  | thirst be no more.    |
| One              | of      | God,     | and         | be - lieve  | in        | the  | truth you have heard. |
| ev - 'ry         | breath, | praise   | the         | one         | in        | whom | you are re - born.    |

*Refrain*

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### **Prayer after communion**

We pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

## **SENDING**

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

### **Blessing**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**





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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;
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Karin Kahler, Director Faith Formation for Children

We welcome the Rev. Janelle Neubauer, Muhlenberg College Chaplain; Director, Religious & Spiritual Life, and thank her for being our guest Preacher today.

## **WORSHIP HELPERS**

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