

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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The Parable of the Persistent Widow



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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.

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

I Will Lift My Eyes
Susan Smith, solo; Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Norman & Ingram

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Confession

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully,
we fall short of what God intends for us.
Because God has already promised to be merciful,
we dare to tell the truth about our lives.
In humility and trust, we confess our sin.

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us.

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream.
Believe in the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Amen

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



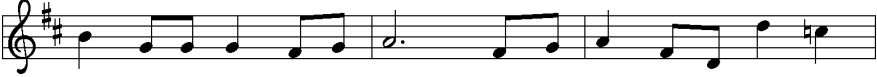
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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.

**Eternal God, you remain constant through all our striving,
and patient with our ceaseless prayers.**

**We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing,
for our own sakes and the sake of the world.**

We pray in the name of Christ.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Genesis.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids,
and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip
socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said,

"I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him,

"What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said,

"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,

for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?"

And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,

"For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from Luke, the 18th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Ask the Complicated Questions

ACS 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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:

God of justice,
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 2, Refrain

ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo

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



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.

Dear God, your promise is written on our hearts, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your known throughout the world.

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 God thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Send your Holy Spirit to us to bless the gifts of your love.

All that we know and believe, we have learned at your knee.

You call us to wholeness, a gift so wonderful that we share it with all who are broken.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus has taught us, 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

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

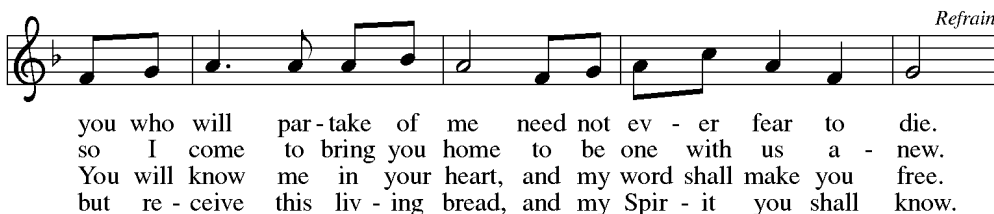
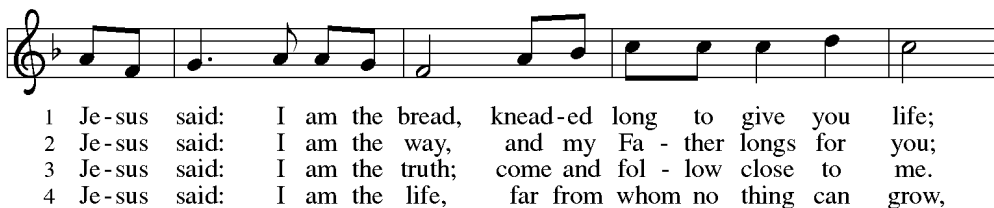
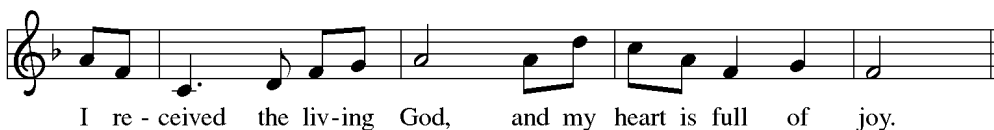
The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

I Received the Living God

ELW 477





1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;

2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude

3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?

4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:

5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.

that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' - n - ly food.

Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?

whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.

to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and made 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

God's love never ceases. May we never fail to share this love with others.
Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit, now and always.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pease 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.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at: Ichsemmaus.org.

Sending Song

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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