

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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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

Rejoicing

Handel

Bryan Gerhab & Bill Leiby, trumpet duet

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit.

Thanksgiving at the Font

We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.

We praise you for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.

**We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, the flood of endless mercy,
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.**

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need,
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.

**By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.**

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation,
Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

ELW 504, arr. Forrest

Verse 1 – Choir, Verse 2 – Congregation

Verse 3 – Choir, Verse 4 – Congregation



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

ELW Setting 4

Refrain
Assisting minister

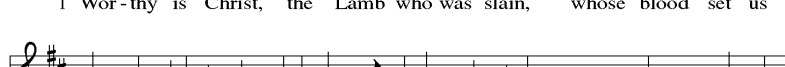


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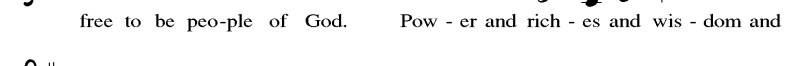
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

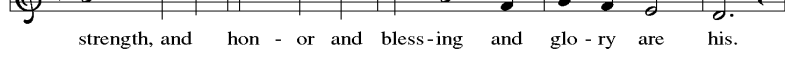


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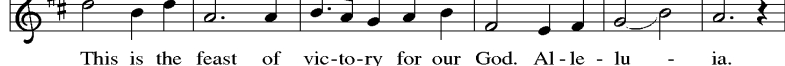


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

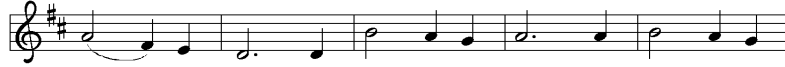
Refrain



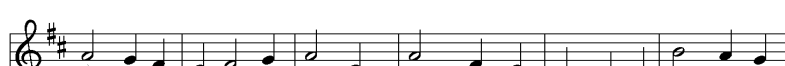
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

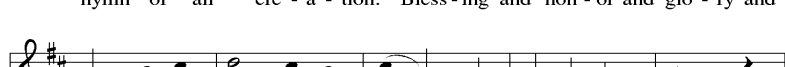


hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

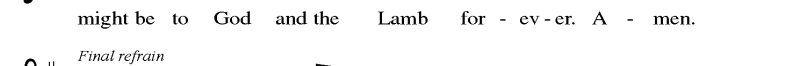


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

We pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

A reading from Romans.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 4

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham
and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you,
everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.
The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever.
So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people,
one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents the confirmands.

A: I present, Hailey, Emilee, Evalyn, August, Ryan, Lyla, and Lyla who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

We pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the confirmands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you acknowledge there is evil in this world
which tries to overcome God's good work?

Confirmands: Yes, there is evil.

Do you try to resist this evil and hope to do God's work?

Confirmands: Yes, I try to let good overcome evil.

Do you strive to follow Christ's teachings of loving and serving others?

Confirmands: Yes, I hope to love my neighbors as myself.

The minister addresses the whole assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

**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?

**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.**

Affirmation of Baptism in the Presence of the Assembly

*Parents, grandparents and godparents may join the confirmands at the altar.
The presiding minister addresses the confirmands.*

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you hope to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Signing with the Cross

You have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of the gospel, the sign given to you in baptism, on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

A parent or godparent traces a cross on the confirmands forehead and hands, as it is named.

Receive the + cross on your forehead, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.
Learn to know and to follow Christ.

Receive the + cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

The minister and others may lay hands on the head of the confirmand.

Stir up in [NAME] 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**

Welcome

The confirmands face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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:
Come Holy Spirit,
re-form and renew us.

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 Musical Offering, 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.*

Musical Offering

God Is Our Refuge and Strength
Spirit Voices
Bryan Gerhab & Bill Leiby, trumpet

Pote

Offering Prayer

We pray.
Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

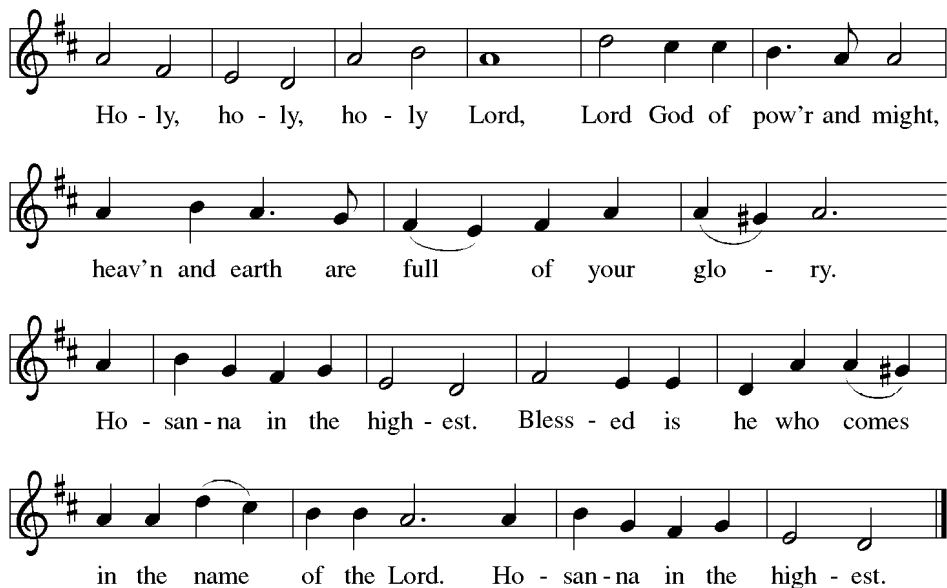
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With those whose hearts are broken,
and those who long for your days of peace,
we sing our thanksgiving to you:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are our strength, God of holiness, and Jesus Christ is your Son, our Savior.
When our lives are filled with despair, he is our Hope;
when we are lost and cannot find our way, he is our Help;
when the world closes its doors and heart to us, he is our Refuge;
when sin and death hunger for us, he is our Redeemer,
present with us in this life and in the one to come.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this Table,
and upon the gathered people who seek to be your faithful people.
The bread symbolizes that Life, though given, which can reshape our brokenness into
the peace which a warring world needs, the hope which can bring healing to others.
The cup which is filled with your grace can strengthen us to be new people,
who go forth to speak truth to power, who bring freedom to all the oppressed.

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

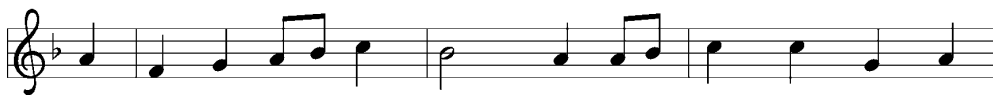
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Please 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

Sending Hymn *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Sinfonia

Bach

Our thanks to our trumpeters today, Bryan Gerhab and Bill Leiby,
for their participation in our service.



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



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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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