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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

Beauty for Brokenness
Susan K. Smith solo; Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

W&P 17

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

As we gather together as your people.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Fill this place with your love
Enter our lives and take root.

Give us courage and strength for times to come.
And bring joy to our hearts!

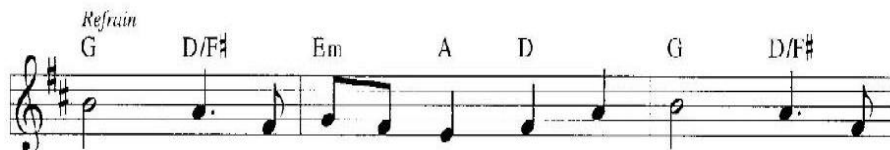
As we quiet our hearts this day,
make us ready to receive your grace and power.
Empower us to proclaim your good news everywhere.



- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land; love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the cit-y of God!

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. Sower of the field,

**You have sown us in this place for a reason. As we gather to worship this day,
may we listen to your Word, sing your praises, and receive your strength.**

By your Holy Spirit lead us as we grow in you. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

Translation: NIV

Hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

“This is what the LORD says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me?
Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I
established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what
will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long
ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock;
I know not one.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Matthew, from the 13th chapter.

Open our hearts to receive your word.

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

Touch that Soothes and Heals (vs. 1-3)

ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter; Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

God of strength and of peace,
we come before you this day with hearts full and hearts heavy,
uplifted by dreams and weighed down by nightmares.
Meet us in this space, and hear us
as we bring before you these things on our hearts.

After each petition:

God our rock, **may it be so.**

Pastor's closing prayer:

Blessed are you, O God our rock, who hears our prayers
and strengthens us for life. **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

Praise and Thanksgiving verses 1 & 4

ELW 689



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Offering Prayer

We pray.

Loving and ever-present God, receive these gifts. We offer our worship, our lives,
our service; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

This is the place God's seeds sown in love across generations have gathered.
Here God's people have taken root and weathered seasons.

It is here we dine with the saints and are encouraged by them
Remembering we never come to this Table alone.

Thanks be to God we receive sustenance at this Table,
As we seek to live lives guided by God's grace and love.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered as one, let us pray 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

This is a family table. It is big enough for all to sit together. It is big enough to hold our similarities and our differences, our arguments and our agreements.
It is a glimpse of what the world would look like when God's kingdom comes and we are truly united as children of God.

Come. Witness. Feast. Celebrate.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Communion Song

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Communion Song

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

Refrain



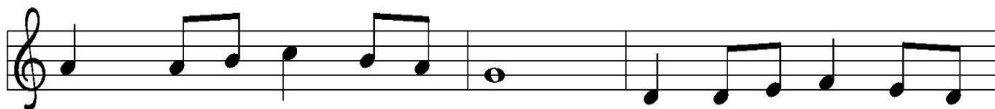
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



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



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 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 the
self for the life of the world.		Come to the one who is
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

Refrain



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.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray.

We thank you for nourishing us with the gift of heaven. It is with these gifts we go forth as beloved children of God, living in hope and confident in God's promises.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

May God our parent, Christ our sibling, and the Spirit who gives us breath bless you and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go forth living in hope and confident in God's promises.

Thanks be to God.

A special thank you to Cindy Cicconi-Ernst for sharing her musical talents with us today.

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.

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

Sending Song

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Sing two times

ACS 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring-ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

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