

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Breakfast Service

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.

C: We gather in the wonder of the mystery
that God has invited us to share in.

We come to wade into the depths of the divine.

We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Open your hearts to the One who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Our hope is that in this time of worship,

we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination.

Come, let us worship the Triune God!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

P: Almighty God, in mercy and love, has given God's Son to become one of us, to die and rise again in glory for us and, for Jesus' sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the ✝ name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life.

C: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth (Verses 1 & 4)



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

C: **Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW 174)



***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Will you Come and Follow Me (Verses 1, 2 & 4)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

(Cont'd)



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God:

Creator of all that has been made; the parent of all creation.

We believe in one God:

Savior of all; the restorer of our broken world.

We believe in one God:

The Spirit of all that lives;

the love that binds all things together in the family of God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Merciful God)

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

+ TABLE +

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

C: So let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy God, the universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God!

Generations bless your faithfulness: Through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, and into the future.

C: We bless you, O God!

We give your thanks for your dear Son, Jesus the Christ: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

C: We thank you, O God!

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for us, this earth, and all of creation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, 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 sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us: on the way, at the table, and to the end, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send us your Holy Spirit. Come among us in our gathering, within this
meal, and among your people. Nourish us with the body and blood of
Christ for your service. Renew the world with your healing, your justice,
and your peace.

Together with all your saints, the earth, and its creatures: all praise and
glory are yours, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen!

P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: have mercy on us.

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P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: grant us peace.

(Please remain in your seats)

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Eternal God,

C: You have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

P: God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you, and guide you in truth and peace. And the blessing of ☩ God our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier of life be with you and remain with you always.

A: Our service is now ended. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

BREAKFAST BLESSING: We Gather (*Sung to “My Bonnie”*)

We gather to ask for your blessing.
 We gather to thank you in prayer
 Please bless all this food we are sharing
 And keep us in your tender care.

Amen. Amen. – Oh keep us in your
 Tender care. (repeat)

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of my granddaughter Rose’s 15th birthday by Debbie Gruhler.

July’s Income: \$ 8,295

July’s Expense: \$ 10,649

Average Attendance: 17

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 8/30

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Colahans – Ushers

Colahans – Counters

Nancy H. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 9/6

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Gary P. - Usher

Crepacks - Counters

Meghan G.- Altar

*****WEEKLY CALENDAR*****

Wed, Sep 2 **7:30pm - AA (Hall)**
Thu, Sep 3 **7:00pm – AA (Hall)**
 8:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Sep 5 **10:00am – AA (Hall)**
 11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Sep 6 **10:15am – Worship Breakfast (Hall)**
 12:30pm – Song of Praise

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Cookie Heaps
RoseMarie D'Aprile
Donna D'Agostino

Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Maureen Colahan
John Turner
Lynn McGrane
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Scott Ferguson
Johnathan Igoe
Sonya Baxter
Stephen Colahan

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

CHURCH PICNIC– Sunday, September 13th after church. Following service, we will enjoy a picnic. Please bring a side dish to feed 8-10 people. Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office.

BOTTLE CAPS - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for October or November to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

There Must Be Another Way

Peter may be the “rock” on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and stumbling block. Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus’ suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one’s life in order to find it.

By tempting Jesus to an easier way than his journey through suffering to resurrection, Peter personifies a temptation common to all generations of Jesus’ disciples: seeking a way to avoid “losing oneself” instead of surrendering all to and with the one we follow. Rather than losing our lives—our selves, possessions, and time—we hold on more tightly, afraid of what will happen to our comfort, success, and identity if we let go. Those things we hold onto then become, like Peter, stumbling blocks along the way of self-giving love.

But while “saving one’s life” sounds sensible, those things also stand in the way of the new life into which Jesus beckons us to follow him. Perhaps Peter’s problem is that he sees only the suffering and death, without grasping the new life that comes through it. In times when we too are tempted by worldly ways of comfort and success, convinced that *surely* God must have an easier way than the way of self-giving love, this gospel reminds us that resurrection and life await on the other side of suffering and death.

This is the way of our God who becomes human in Jesus: emptying himself of power and dignity, losing his very own life for the sake of the world’s life. Seen through the lens of resurrection just ahead on the journey, what other way could there be?



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