

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jul 28, 2024***

***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
And Nursery School
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We welcome and thank Dr. Nelson Rivera-Garcia
for sharing the good news with us today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through

Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

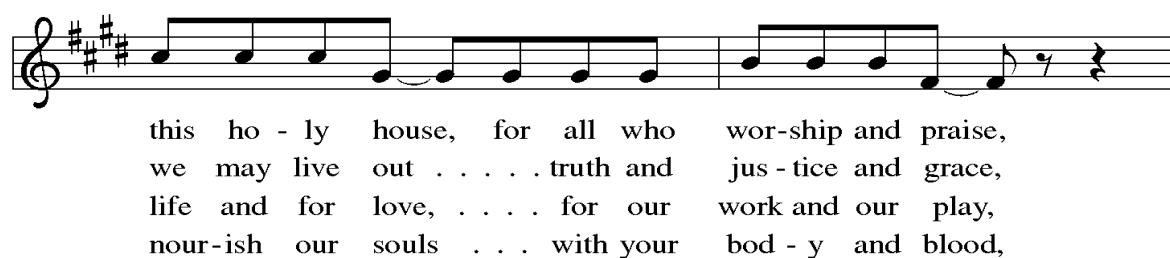
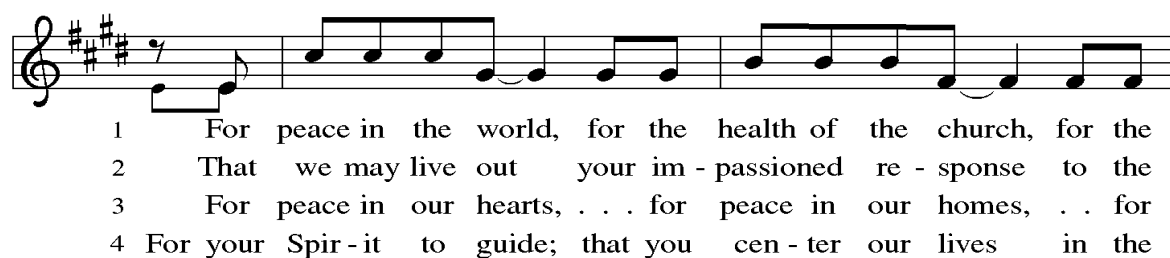
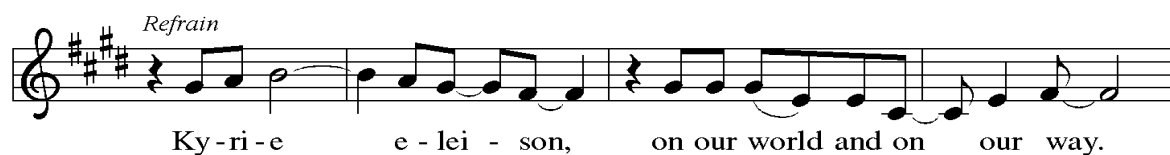
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.
Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**
¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**
**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your
works.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**John 6:1-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they

wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Nelson Rivera-Garcia

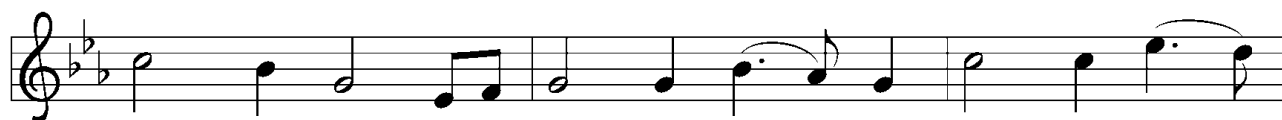
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

(Please stand as you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED

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

**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.

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.

(Please be seated)

+ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD +

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: In your mercy.)

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

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.

OFFERTORY

ELW 588

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.

(Cont’d)



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of pow'r and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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.*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please stand as you are able)

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, **✠** be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**



*SENDING HYMN

ELW 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jun's Income: \$12,102

Average Attendance: 26

Jun's Expense: \$10,810

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Betty Jones by Denise and Pete Kanz.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve this week 7/28 Scheduled to serve next week 8/4***Meghan G. – Assisting Minister**Alan S. – Assisting Minister**Gary P. - Usher**Gary P. - Usher**Downey/Deemer – Counters**Devine/Pysher - Counters**Nancy H.- Altar**Nancy H.- Altar********WEEKLY CALENDAR*********Wed, Jul 31****Homeless Meal****7:30pm – AA (Hall)****Thu, Aug 1****7:00pm – AA (Hall)****7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)****Sat, Aug 3****10:00am – AA (Hall)****11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)****Sun, Aug 4****10:15am–Worship****12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)*********PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*********Healing:***Mike Longo**Jackie Bernduer White**Rob Hahn**Jackie Dewitt**Lisa McDonough**Maureen Colahan**Hugh Mullarkey**Ann Ferguson**Jean Brown**Pete Kanz**Betty Lake**Ed Shoup**Anne Rainsford**Jean Cilurso**Judy McGrane**Phyllis Horton**Michael Long**Lou Vallies**Scott Smith**Geralyn Gerakaris**Bonnie Wood**Kathy Shoup**Lois Saunders**James Lynch**Cliff Kellett**Kelly Conaghan**Trudy McDougall**Anthony Kells**Lynn McGrane**Baby Olivia Heatherby**Danielle Greeno*

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

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline and Debra Ulmer.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

HOMELESS MEAL – Wednesday, July 31st. Contact Gary or Nancy if you are able to help prepare the meal.

ALTAR HELP NEEDED – Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Can you cover one or two weeks during September? Any help is greatly appreciated.

BOTTLE CAPS - Do you drink bottled water? If so, please bring the caps to church to help the veterans at the V.A hospital get prosthetics. There is a box on the table in front of the office.

On behalf of those will benefit from your support, Thank you

YARD SALE COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Don't forget to save items for our Yard Sale in September. As you do your spring cleaning, you can clean out your drawers, closets, attic, and basement of things you are no longer using. They can be sold at the yard sale, and the money received will help the church carry out its mission and ministry. Anything and just about everything will be accepted as long as it is in decent, usable condition. That means books, toys, linens, and household items, including small (working) appliances and furniture. Clothing will not be accepted. Anything that is not sold will be donated to the Good Will. Look for a date closer to September to bring in your items.



Backpack School Supply Collection 2024

Collection Ends August 11, 2024

It's time for the Backpack School Supply Collection. We hope to again be able to supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 397 backpacks were filled by 17 faith communities in Delaware County.

Here are 3 ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assembly the backpacks. **Link to Amazon Wishlist:** <https://rb.gy/c4fgnq>.

You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033.

Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is again serving as Treasurer of this effort.

As in past years you can do the shopping and drop off the supplies at your congregation.

(See insert for list of items and more info)



OUR STAFF

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson

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Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Rollin' in the Dough—and Fishes

In recent years many books have been printed that focus on baking vast assortments of breads—from rye to pumpernickel, French to Italian. Today, however, we encounter a bread that points to both a deeper longing, physically and spiritually, and an even more fulfilling outcome than the tastiest assortment of baked bread. This abundance of bread satisfies hunger, transforms lives, and ushers in a new vision of the holy in community. Recognizing the power of action, John calls to mind the ways prophets fed and nourished the people, and then he multiplies this in the person and action of Jesus. Jesus uses earthly gifts to provide for the gathered community—the gospel's vision of Jesus' life and God's abundance in creation. Second Kings and John allow our congregations to wonder with the faithful servants and disciples how God will provide. We are invited into a conversation that might start by reflecting on a sentence written by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back." The scriptures today open a door for us to think about how individuals and communities are nourished and sustained by God, and also imagine how we become vessels of the holy who are now opened to the call of service. How might ordinary gifts (and ordinary people) become the ways God's love and mercy are multiplied in sustenance for neighbor, community, and world? Through our questions, our acts of giving, and our proclamation of the works of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to experience what it means to be rooted in God's sustaining love and to proclaim this God who invites us into the unimaginable vision of abundance.