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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

November 30, 2025 – Advent 1 Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Marlene Gold

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Toby Schneider & Paul Thomsen

Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Jared Samborski

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Carola Unsworth

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*” (ELW 247)

GREETING

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE – ELW Setting 10 p.203, 204

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ‘*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*’ vs 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalms 122 read responsively

¹ I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW Setting 10 p.205

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ‘Blessed Be the God of Israel’ (ELW 250)

CREED: from the Iona Community

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God’s new community of hope. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R & family, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, Carl C, Brendan S, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERTORY “*We Are Waiting for Jesus*” (ACS 905) vs 1

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY – ELW Setting 10 p.207

LORD’S PRAYER – traditional spoken

**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

COMMUNION SONGS

‘Lamb of God – ELW Setting 10 p.208

‘Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn’ (ELW 242)

‘We Come to the Hungry Feast’ (ELW 479, WOV 766)

‘Soon and Very Soon’ (ELW 437, WOV 744)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG “*Sing Out Earth and Skies*” (WP 126) vs 1,3

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MIDWEEK SERVICES - stay for coffee & treats after worship

November 26	Ascension - 7 pm	8405 83 rd St NW
December 3	Trinity - 7 pm	10014 81 st Ave NW
December 10	Holy Spirit - 7 pm	11223 51 st Ave NW
December 17	Mt. Olivet - 7 pm	205 Fir St Sherwood Park

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25	Trinity - 11 am	10014 81 st Ave NW
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