



# Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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## May 17, 2026 – Ascension of Our Lord Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister:

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Bart P & Paul T

Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Kathryn Elford

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Suzi Petersen

### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*God is Here*” (ELW 526) vs 1,3,4

### Greeting

**Kyrie & Gloria** - ELW Setting 7, p. 175

### Prayer of the Day

### Children’s Time

**First Reading** Daniel 7:9-10[11-12] 13-14

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. [<sup>11</sup>I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.] <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**Psalm 24:7-10** read responsively

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up,  
O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory?**

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation** - ELW Setting 7, p. 179

**Gospel** Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day** ‘Alleluia! Sing to Jesus’ (ELW 392) vs 1,2,5

## **Statement of Faith** – written by Dan Sire

**I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.**

**I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**I believe that in his life,**

**Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.**

**I believe that in his death,**

**Jesus reveals God’s determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**I believe that in his resurrection,**

**Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever;**

**life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**I believe that God lives among us, within us,**

**and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God moves us to be together**

**in communities of faith, hope, and love.**

**I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith;**

**as one who trusts in the reality of God**

**revealed in Jesus Christ**

**through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Carola U, Darlene & Randy F, Brenda T, Belynda, Ricky, Mackenzie & Perrie K, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

**Offertory** “*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*” (ELW 691) vs 1,3

## **Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving** - spoken

**Holy, Holy** – ELW Setting 7, p.181

**The Lord’s Prayer** – contemporary sung

## **Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion Songs**

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 7, p. 1182

‘*Blessed Assurance*’ (ELW 638)

‘*What Feast of Love*’ (ELW 487)

‘*Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*’ (WOV 750) vs 1,3,4

**Benediction** – ‘*Hope Everlasting*’ Liturgy of the Beloved



**Online Giving**



## Community Life

**Sending Song** 'Crown Him with Many Crowns' (ELW 855) vs 1,4

## Dismissal

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# Vacation Bible School

July 6-10

9 am - Noon

**Ages:** Preschool to Grade 6

**Where:** Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
11223 - 51 Ave, Edmonton

**Register today and Invite your friends!**

Youth/adult volunteers needed  
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