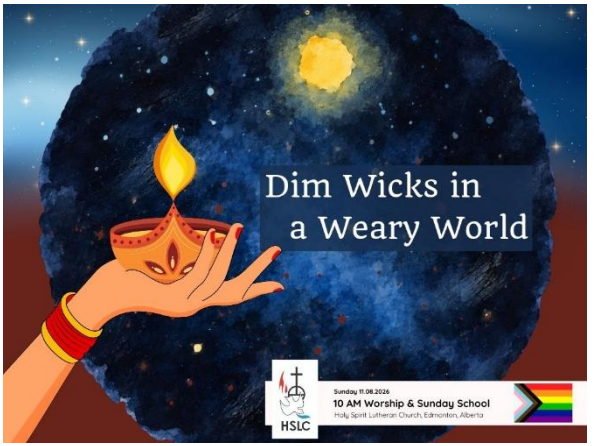
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November 8, 2026 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell
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Ministers: Every member
Ushers: Bart P & Toby S

Council President: Karen Oko
Musician: Kathryn Elford
Video/Live Stream: Anton Chell
Worship Host: Carola Unsworth

Welcome

Gathering Song "*My Lord, What a Morning"* (ELW 438)

Greeting

Kyrie & Song of Praise – All Creation Sings (ACS Setting 12)

Prayer of the Day

Children's Time

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or
went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I
hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even
though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away
from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let
justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70 spoken responsively

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation – *'Come to Alberta'* Canadian Liturgy

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sermon

Song of the Day '*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and burning'* (ACS 949)

Affirmation of Faith

from Universe Sunday, posted on the Web of Creation website. webofcreation.org/SeasonofCreation/universe.html

We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things,
and celebrates all things.
We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.
We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross,
for all human beings and for all creation.
We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation, and filling the universe.
We believe the Spirit renews life,
creation groans in empathy
with a suffering creation,
and waits with us
for the rebirth of creation.

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Pr. Rod A, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Lasantha J, Margaret O, Dwight M & family, Marla W, Julian S, Jackie & Niel S, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory '*Praise and Thanksgiving'* (ELW 679) vs 2

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer Emerging Church movement's retranslation from the Aramaic – Mark Berry

O Breathing Life,
your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.
Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

'Lamb of God' All Creation Sings (ACS Setting 12)
'*Be Thou My Vision'* (ELW 793, WOV 776)
'*As the Grains of Wheat'* (ELW 465, WOV 705)
'*Thy Holy Wings'* (ELW 613, WOV 741)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song '*Blessed Assurance'* (ELW 638, WOV 699)

Dismissal

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