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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

8th Sunday after  
Pentecost

August 3, 2025



## Service of Holy Communion

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Rita Roste  
Assisting Minister: Kaitlyn Alcontin  
Ministers: Every member

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Isaac Courneyea  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water – the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God for water.

#### **We praise you, O God, for water**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories – a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy. We praise you, O God for water.

#### **We praise you, O God, for water**

We remember the waters of Jesus – baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet. We praise you, O God for water.

#### **We praise you, O God, for water**

We praise you, O God, for this font, for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness and enlivened us in the Spirit. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

#### **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

### GREETING

**KYRIE** – ELW Setting 8 p. 184

## GATHERING SONG – *‘Making Their Way’* ACS 979

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CHILDREN’S TIME -

**PSALM 49: 1-12** – read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, everyone! Listen, all who live on the earth—

**<sup>2</sup>both women and men, rich and poor alike!**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth will speak wisdom, and my heart will utter knowledge.

**<sup>4</sup>I’ll sing you a riddle, and with my harp I’ll explain its meaning:**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in times of danger,

or when I’m surrounded by those who lie and deceive?

**<sup>6</sup>They trust only in their money, and boast of nothing but their great wealth.**

<sup>7</sup>Yet even they cannot redeem another person—

no one can pay God the ransom for someone else,

**<sup>8</sup>because the payment for a life is too great. What they can pay will never be enough**

<sup>9</sup>to keep them from the grave, to let them live forever.

**<sup>10</sup>They see that even the wise die, as do the foolish and stupid.**

**They all perish and leave their riches to others.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves will be their homes forever; there they’ll live from one generation to the next, even though they once had lands of their own.

**<sup>12</sup>Their prosperity cannot keep them from death; they’ll die just like any animal.**

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>1</sup>Since you’ve been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God’s right hand. <sup>2</sup>Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things of earth. <sup>3</sup>After all, you died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>But when Christ—who is your life—is revealed, you too will be revealed with Christ in glory. <sup>5</sup>So put to death everything in you that belongs to your old nature: promiscuity, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as idolatry. <sup>6</sup>These are the sins which provoke God’s wrath. <sup>7</sup>Your own conduct was once like this, when these things were your very life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must rid yourselves of them all: anger, rage, malice, slander and abusive language. <sup>9</sup>Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds <sup>10</sup>and put on a new self, one that grows in knowledge as it is formed anew in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>And in that image, there is no Greek or Hebrew; no Jew or Gentile; no barbarian or Scythian; no slave or citizen. There is only Christ, who is all in all.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – ELW Setting 8, p.188

### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance.” <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?” <sup>15</sup>Then he told the crowd, “Avoid greed in all its forms. Your life isn’t made more secure by what you own— even when you have more than you need.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus then told them a parable in these

words: “There was a rich farmer who had a good harvest. <sup>17</sup>‘What will I do?’ the farmer mused. ‘I have no place to store my harvest. <sup>18</sup>I know! I’ll pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and goods will go there. <sup>19</sup>Then I’ll say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for many years to come. Relax! Eat, drink and be merry!’ <sup>20</sup>“But God said to the farmer, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. To whom will all your accumulated wealth go?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is the way it works with people who accumulate riches for themselves, but are not rich in God.”

**SERMON** – Pastor Darryl Roste

**SONG OF THE DAY** – ‘*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*’ WOV 783

**CREED** – from Iona Community

**We believe in a God**

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all  
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace  
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness  
and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful  
so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** – ‘*We Are an Offering*’ ELW 692

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** – ELW Setting 8, p.190

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER** - spoken

Loving God, through the Spirit’s revelation,  
may Your true nature be honored everywhere.  
May Your reign of love come.



**Online Giving**



**May desire of Your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us in the power of the Spirit  
Give us the bread we need for each day.**

**Forgive us.**

**Enable us to forgive others.**

**Keep us from all anxiety and fear.**

**For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **COMUNION SONGS**

*'Lamb of God' ELW Setting 8, p.191*

*'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' ELW 773*

*'Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me' ELW 767*

*'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' ELW 742*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BLESSING**

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### **SENDING SONG 'Hope Everlasting' LotB**

**Oh, where do we go from here?**

**Whom do we follow, which path do we take?**

**We'll follow wherever You lead.**

**We'll follow Your heart's desire,**

**And seek to be Your peace for a world in need.**

**Now, may the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, by faith,**

**And may your hope everlasting, by the power of the Spirit, abound!**

### **DISMISSAL**



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