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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Interim Pastor Prema Samuel Assisting Minister: Margie Nunweiler

Ministers: Every member Ushers: Dan Loewen

Council President: Karen Oko Musician: Isaac Courneyea

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Eric Davidson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We have gathered to pray

C: Our prayer is woven of silence, scripture, and song

P: The music is simple and easily learned

C: In our singing we are breathing prayer to God, and becoming living intercessions for those whom we pray

GREETING

GATHERING SONG "All Creatures, Worship God Most Hight" ELW 835, vs 1,4,6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME -

READING: Colossians 1:15-19, 27-28 (Inclusive Bible Version)

¹⁵Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers— all things were created through Christ and for Christ. ¹⁷ Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. ¹⁸The church is the body; Christ is its head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. ¹⁹God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, ²⁰and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ— everything in heaven and everything on earth— when Christ made peace by dying on the cross. ²⁷God's will was to make known to them the priceless glory which this mystery brings to the nations—the mystery of Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸This is the Christ we proclaim while we admonish everyone and teach them in the full measure of wisdom, hoping to make everyone complete in our Savior.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – 'The Living Word' (LOTB)

In the Beginning was the Word,

the Living Word of God,

the Light of Life Unending.

You shine in us as ancient starlight,

in our Book of Memories and Future Dreams.

Sing we halle, hallelu!

You are the Word of Life Eternal. Holy Wisdom, found within!

You speak to us and we remember:

I am the Book no one can close, the Story of our time,

before all time, together.

I am the Voice that never falters,

I, the Echo of Beyond.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Living Word.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words. ⁴⁰Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, ⁴²but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY PSALM 15 Sung - 'Bring Forth the Kingdom' WP 22

1. You are salt for the earth,

O people: salt for the kingdom of God.

Share the flavour of life,

O people: life in the kingdom of God.

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace; bring forth the kingdom of justice,

bring forth the city of God!

2. You are a light on the hill,

O people: light for the city of God.

Shine so holy and bright,

O people: shine for the kingdom of God. Refrain

3. You are a seed of the word, O people:

bring forth the kingdom of God.

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

grow in the kingdom of God. Refrain

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:

bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

love is the kingdom of God! Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

We believe that with Christ we will rise

and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

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

OFFERTORY 'Take Oh Take Me as I Am' ELW 814 **OFFERING PRAYER**



[&]quot;Affirmation of Faith" from Universe Sunday, posted on the Web of Creation website. webofcreation.org/SeasonofCreation/universe.html

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LORD'S PRAYER – by Rev. Jim Burklo

Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming.

May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common presence.

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Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us,

we still owe our existence to you.

We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us.

We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair.

Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.

So it is, Amen.

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG 'Guide My Feet' ACS 987, vs 1,2

- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain.
- 2. Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand) while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

DISMISSAL

