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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

# November 16, 2025 - Pentecost 23 Service of Holy Communion, Peace and Healing

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Margie Nunweiler

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Thompson Nunifu & Rick Schulz

Council President: Karen Oko Musician: Kathryn Elford

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell Worship Host: Arvid Pederson

#### WELCOME

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** – ELW Setting 8 p.97

**GATHERING SONG** "Thy Holy Wings" (ELW 613)

**GREETING** 

KYRIE & GLORIA – ELW p. 213

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>1</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth! The things of the past will not be remembered or come to mind! <sup>18</sup>Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create, because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight! <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or old people who do not live out their days. They die as mere youths who reach but a hundred years, and those who fall short of a hundred will be thought accursed. <sup>21</sup>At last they will live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant. <sup>22</sup>They will not build for another to inhabit; they will not plant for another to eat. For the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy the fruit of their labors. <sup>23</sup>They will not labor in vain or bear children doomed to die; for they and their descendants are a people blessed by God. <sup>24</sup>Even before they call upon me, I will answer; and while they speak, I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side; the lion will eat straw like an ox. Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground; they will not injure or destroy in all my holy mountain," says Yhwh.

**Psalm 98** read responsively (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to Yhwh, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance!

<sup>2</sup>Yhwh has made salvation known and shown divine justice to the nations,

<sup>3</sup>and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise!

<sup>5</sup>Sing praise to Yhwh with the harp, with the harp and melodious singing!

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to Yhwh, Ruler of All.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy

<sup>9</sup>before Yhwh, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its peoples with equity.

## **SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>6</sup>In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we urge you, sisters and brothers, to keep away from anyone who refuses to work and live according to the teachings we passed on to you. <sup>7</sup>You know how you ought to imitate us. We didn't live undisciplined lives when we were among you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we depend on anyone for food. Rather, we worked night and day, laboring to the point of exhaustion so as not to impose on any of you— <sup>9</sup>not that we had no claim on you, but that we might present ourselves as an example for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup>Indeed, when we were with you we used to lay down the rule that anyone who didn't work didn't eat. <sup>11</sup>We hear that some of you are undisciplined, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. <sup>12</sup>We command all such people and urge you strongly in our Savior Jesus Christ, to earn the food you eat by working hard and keeping quiet. <sup>13</sup>My sisters and brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW SOW P.216

## GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>5</sup>Some disciples were speaking of how the Temple was adorned with precious stones and votive offerings. Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>"You see all these things? The day will come when one stone won't be left on top of another—everything will be torn down." <sup>7</sup>They asked, "When will this happen, Rabbi? And what will be the sign that it's about to happen?" 8 Jesus said, "Take care not to be misled. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the One' and 'The time is at hand.' Don't follow them. <sup>9</sup>And don't be perturbed when you hear of wars and insurrections.

These things must happen first, but the end doesn't follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and empire against empire. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, plagues and famines in various places—and in the sky there will be frightening omens and great signs. <sup>12</sup>But before any of this, they'll arrest you and persecute you, bringing you before synagogues and sending you to prison, bringing you to trial before rulers and governors. And it will all be because of my name— <sup>13</sup>this will be your opportunity to give your testimony. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to worry about your defense beforehand, <sup>15</sup>for I'll give you the words, and a wisdom that none of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You'll be betrayed even by your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, and some of you will be put to death. <sup>17</sup>Everyone will hate you because of me, <sup>18</sup>yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. <sup>19</sup>By patient endurance, you'll save your lives.

#### **SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY** 'If You But Trust in God to Guide You' (ELW 769) vs 1,2,4

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Clarence, M, Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, Carl C, David J, Ken S, the family of Billy F who died on Oct 30, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** 'The Spirit Intercedes for Us' ELW 180

**PEACE** 

**OFFERTORY** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God' WOV 783 vs 1,3

**OFFERING PRAYER** 

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - Spoken** 

LORD'S PRAYER – traditional spoken

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & HEALING

#### **COMUNION PRAYER AND HEALING SONGS**

'O God, We Call (ACS 1075) sing 3x

'Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping' (ACS 1050)

'Come, Bring Your Burdens to God' (ACS 1009)

'For the Troubles and the Suffering' (ACS 1051)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**BLESSING** 

**COMMUNITY LIFE** 

**SENDING SONG** 'O Christ the Same' (WOV 778) vs 3

DISMISSAL



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