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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

# November 9, 2025 - Pentecost 22 **Service of Holy Communion**

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Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell Worship Host: Belynda Kelleher

# WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG** "Come and Gather" (TOL) ref, vs 4, ref, vs 5, ref

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** 

GREETING

**GLORY TO GOD** (TOL)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

**FIRST READING:** Job 19:23-27a (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>23</sup>If only all this were on paper! What a book it would make! <sup>24</sup>If only my words were engraved forever in granite! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives—my Vindicator, who at the end will stand on the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after I awake, though this body has been destroyed, without my flesh I will see God. <sup>27</sup>I will see God with my own eyes—God, and no other!

**Psalm 17:1-9** read responsively (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Yhwh, I plead for a just cause! Listen to my cry!

Turn your ear to my prayer, for my lips are free from untruth.

<sup>2</sup>Prove my integrity—let your eyes see what is true!

<sup>3</sup>You search my heart; you visit me by night.

You test me and find nothing wrong:

I determined that my mouth wouldn't sin!

<sup>4</sup>And as for my actions, because of the word you spoke to me,

# I was able to avoid a path that leads to violence.

<sup>5</sup>I kept my feet firmly on your road, and my steps never faltered.

<sup>6</sup>Now I am the one calling to you— and you, O God, will answer me.

Turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

<sup>7</sup>Show me your steadfast love—and your great strength.

Save those who take refuge in you from those who hate them.

<sup>8</sup>Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,

<sup>9</sup>and from violent and ruthless attacks—

from my enemies who surround me with deadly intent

## **SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17** (Inclusive Bible)

¹Concerning the coming of Jesus Christ and our being gathered to meet our Savior: we beg you, sisters and brothers, ²don't become easily agitated or disturbed by some prophecy, report or letter falsely attributed to us, which says that the day of our Savior has come. ³Let no one deceive you, in any way. It cannot happen until the Great Falling a way occurs, and the rebel, the Lost One, has appeared. ⁴This is the Enemy, the one who claims to be so much greater than all that people call "God," greater than every object of worship—so much so that it enthrones itself in God's sanctuary and claims to be God. ⁵Surely you remember me telling you these things when I was with you? ¹³But we ought to thank God always for you, sisters and brothers loved by Christ, because God chose you from the beginning—to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by believing in the truth. ¹⁴God called you through our preaching of the Good News, so that you might gain the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. ¹⁵Therefore, sisters and brothers, stand firm. Hold fast to the traditions you received from us, either by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶May our Savior Jesus Christ and our Abba God—who loved us and in mercy gave us eternal consolation and hope— ¹¹console your hearts and strengthen them for every good work and word.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)**

# GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees—the ones who claim there is no resurrection—came forward to pose this question: <sup>28</sup>"Teacher, Moses wrote that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife and no child, the brother should marry the woman now widowed, to raise up children with her. <sup>29</sup>Let's say that there were seven brothers. The first one married and died childless. <sup>30</sup>The second brother then married the woman, <sup>31</sup>then the third, and so on. All seven died without leaving her any children. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman herself died. <sup>33</sup>At the resurrection, who will be her husband? Remember, seven married her." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry each other, <sup>35</sup>but those judged worthy of a place in the age to come and of the resurrection from the dead don't take husbands or wives. <sup>36</sup>They can no longer die, like the angels—they are children of God, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>That the dead rise again was even demonstrated by Moses when, in the passage about the bush, he called the Most High 'the God

of Sarah and Abraham, and the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob.' <sup>38</sup>God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All are alive to God."

#### **SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY** 'Neither Death nor Life (ELW 622) ref, vs 1, ref, vs 2, ref, vs 5, ref

ADVENT CREED: Written by Rev. Dave Hopwood and amended for use at HSLC

We believe in God our Holy parent, creator of heaven and earth.

The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence,

who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.

The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,

and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,

who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,

who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,

who frequently took time alone to pray,

who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,

who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,

whose silence overpowered their words,

who died, then rose again on a quiet morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes, sometimes arriving with obvious power,

sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.

We believe in one God who patiently waits for us, and who longs for us to do the same.

## 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, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

#### **PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** "Come Let Us Bring" (TOL) vs 1

**OFFERING PRAYER** 

**GREAT THANKSGIVING (TOL)** 

PREFACE OPENING (TOL

**SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST II** (TOL)

**HOLY, HOLY (TOL)** 

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - Spoken** 

**LORD'S PRAYER** – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer,



Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### **COMUNION SONGS**

'Lamb of God' (TOL)

'Bind Us Together (WOV 748)

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ' (WOV 754, ELW 674)

'Borning Cry' (WOV 770, ELW 732)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**BLESSING** 

**COMMUNITY LIFE** 

SENDING SONG 'Oh, Sing to the Lord (ELW 822) vs 1,4,5

## **DISMISSAL**

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