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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

## October 12, 2025 – Thanksgiving Sunday

### Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell  
Assisting Minister: Belynda Kelleher  
Ministers: Every member  
Ushers: Paul T & Thompson N

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Kathryn Elford  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell  
Worship Host: Sara Dorow

#### WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG** “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*” (ELW 693) vs 1,2,4

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

#### GREETING

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### CHILDREN’S TIME

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Once you have entered the land that Yhwh, your God, is giving to you as your inheritance, and you have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup>take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that Yhwh, your God, is giving to you, and put them in a basket. Take them to the place which Yhwh, your God, will choose as a dwelling place for God’s Name <sup>3</sup>and say to the priest in office at that time, “This day I declare to Yhwh, our God, that I have come to the land Yhwh swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>The priest will then receive the basket from you and will set it in front of the altar of Yhwh. <sup>5</sup>Then you will declare before Yhwh, “My ancestor was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. There they became a nation great, strong and numerous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to Yhwh, the God of our ancestors, who heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>Yhwh brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>Yhwh gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, I have brought now the first fruits of the products of the soil that you,

O God, have given me.” Then you must set them before Yhwh, and bow down before Yhwh.  
<sup>11</sup>Then you all, along with the Levites, and the foreigner that live among you, will feast on all the good things that Yhwh, your God, has given to you and your household.

**Psalms 100 (Inclusive Bible)**

<sup>1</sup>Acclaim Yhwh with joy, all the earth!

**<sup>2</sup>Serve Yhwh with gladness!**

**Enter into God’s presence with a joyful song!**

<sup>3</sup>Know that Yhwh is God!

Yhwh made us, and we belong to the Creator;

we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

**<sup>4</sup>Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to God! Bless God’s Name!**

<sup>5</sup>For Yhwh is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9 (Inclusive Bible)**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. <sup>6</sup>Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. <sup>7</sup>Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup>Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)**

**GOSPEL: John 6:25-35 (Inclusive Bible)**

<sup>25</sup>When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “The truth of the matter is, you’re not looking for me because you’ve seen signs, but because you’ve eaten your fill of the bread. <sup>27</sup>You shouldn’t be working for perishable food, but for life-giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of Abba God.” <sup>28</sup>At this they said, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus replied, “This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they asked Jesus, “What sign are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, ‘God gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” <sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, “The truth of the matter is, Moses hasn’t given you bread from heaven; yet my Abba gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>“Teacher,” they said, “give us this bread from now on.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus explained to them, “I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

## SERMON

**SONG OF THE DAY** ‘*Praise and Thanksgiving*’ (ELW 689) vs 1,2,4

**CREED: We Believe** by Dorothy McRae-McMahan, Uniting Church in Australia

We believe in God the Creator,

who reminds us, in the drawing of every new day, that new life is possible.

We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe

where the whole of life is called to live in harmony of care.

This we believe.

**This we believe.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, who prayed in mountains of peace,

and brought us the Word in mustard seeds of faith and fig trees of blessing,

whose footsteps touched the earth in love and who invites us to follow.

This we believe.

**This we believe.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom often lies embedded in ancient peoples.

They trod lightly across deserts and lived gently among plants and creatures.

They reached respectfully for the mystery, which is God-with-us,

the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

This we believe.

**This we believe.**

We believe in the everlasting hope,

the great calling of the people of God, the church,

for the transforming of all things, which is possible in God.

This we believe.

**This we believe. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

## PEACE

## HSLC CHOIR

**OFFERTORY** “*For the Fruit of all Creation*” (ELW 679) vs 3

## OFFERING PRAYER

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** - Spoken

**LORD’S PRAYER** – by Francis Macnab in “The Historical Jesus Goes to Church”

**Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;**

**Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.**

**Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us;**



**Online Giving**



**Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.  
May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety.  
Overlook our many stupidities,  
and help us to release everyone from their stupidities.  
May we all know that we are accepted.  
Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best,  
always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence.  
And we celebrate the gifts you have given us –  
the rich kingdom of life's possibilities, the power to do good and the triumphs of  
good and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything.  
You are life's richness. You are life's power.  
You are life's ultimate meaning –Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **COMUNION SONGS**

*'Lamb of God' (TOL)*  
*'Thank You, Lord' (ACS 1092)*  
*'Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand' (ACS 1024)*  
*'God of the Fertile Fields' (ACS 1063)*

### **BLESSING**

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**SENDING SONG** *'Now Thank We All Our God'* (ELW 840) vs 1,3

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