

Remember that ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15



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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church



Bible Sunday + Pentecost 19 + October 19, 2025

October 19, 2025 – Pentecost 19 & Bible Sunday Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell
Assisting Minister: Kaitlyn Alcontin
Ministers: Every member
Ushers: Bart P & Margie N

Council President: Karen Oko
Musician: Jared Samborski
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell
Worship Host: Belynda Kelleher

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “*Come and Gather*” (TOL) ref, vs 2, ref, vs 3, ref

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

SONG: ‘*I Love to Tell the Story*’ (ELW 661)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31 (Inclusive Bible)

²²In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. ²³After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, ²⁴and he was completely alone. And there, someone wrestled with Jacob until the first light of dawn. ²⁵Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled. ²⁶Then Jacob’s contender said, “Let me go, for day is breaking.” Jacob answered, “I will not let you go until you bless me.” ²⁷“What is your name?” the other asked. “Jacob,” he answered. ²⁸The other said, “Your name will no longer be called ‘Jacob,’ or ‘Heel-Grabber,’ but ‘Israel’—‘Overcomer of God’—because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked “Now tell me your name, I beg you.” The other said, “Why do you ask me my name?”—and blessed Jacob there. ³⁰Jacob named the place Peniel—“Face of God”—“because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared.” ³¹At sunrise, Jacob left Peniel, limping along from the injured

hip. ³²That is why, to this day, the Israelites do not eat the sciatic muscle that is on an animal's hip socket, because Jacob's hip socket was struck at the sciatic muscle.

Psalm 121 (Inclusive Bible)

¹I lift my eyes to the mountains—
from where will my help come?

**²My help comes from Yhwh,
who made heaven and earth!**

³Yhwh won't let our footsteps slip:
our Guardian never sleeps.

**⁴The Guardian of Israel
will never slumber, never sleep!**

⁵Yhwh is our Guardian;
Yhwh is our shade: with God by our side,

**⁶the sun cannot overpower us by day,
nor the moon at night.**

⁷Yhwh guards us from harm, guards our lives.

**⁸Yhwh guards our leaving and our coming back,
now and forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 (Inclusive Bible)

¹⁴You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. ¹⁵Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, the source of wisdom which through faith in Christ Jesus leads to salvation. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired of God, and is useful for teaching—for reprimanding, correcting, and training in justice—¹⁷so that the people of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of the appearance and reign of Christ, I charge you ²to preach the word; to be prepared in season and out of season; to correct, reprimand and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time is coming when people won't put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers who say what their fickle ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations; endure hardship, perform your work as an evangelist and fulfill your ministry.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 (Inclusive Bible)

¹Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart:

²"Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. ³A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' ⁴For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, 'I care little for God or people, ⁵but this woman won't leave me alone. I'd better give her the

protection she seeks, or she'll keep coming and wear me out!"⁶ Jesus said, "Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. ⁷Won't God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, God will give them swift justice. "But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?"

VIDEO – BIBLE PROJECT

SONG OF THE DAY '*Beauty for Brokenness*' (W&P 17) vs 1,2,5

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: Clarence M, Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, Carl C, David J, Brenda T, Ken S, healing for a mom to be and for a safe delivery, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERTORY "Come Let Us Bring" (TOL) vs 3

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (TOL)



Online Giving



PREFACE OPENING (TOL

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST II (TOL)

HOLY, HOLY (TOL)

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;

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)

‘This is Christ’s Body’ (ACS 967)

‘Go to the World’ (ACS 991)

‘For the Wholeness of the Earth’ (ACS 1067)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG *‘May the God of Hope Go with Us’ (ACS 984)* sing 2x

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