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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

October 26, 2025 – Reformation & Campus Ministry Sunday **Service of Holy Communion**

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Carola Unsworth

Ministers: Every member Ushers: Rick S & Harry W Council President: Karen Oko Musician: Isaac Cournevea

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell Worship Host: Paul Thomsen

WELCOME

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

SONG: 'The Church of Christ, in Every Age' (ELW 729) vs 1,3,5

GREETING

KYRIE (TOL)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Inclusive Bible)

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, says Yhwh, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says Yhwh. ³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yhwh: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to Yhwh. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says Yhwh, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

Psalm 46 read responsively (Inclusive Bible)

¹God is our refuge and our strength,

who from of old has helped us in our distress.

²Therefore we fear nothing—even if the earth should open up in front of us and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea,

³even if the earth's waters rage and foam and the mountains tumble with its heaving.

⁴There's a river whose streams gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

⁵God is in its midst, it will never fall—

God will help it at daybreak.

⁶Though nations are in turmoil and empires crumble, God's voice resounds, and it melts the earth.

⁷Yhwh Sabaoth is with us—our stronghold is the God of Israel!

⁸Come, see what Yhwh has done—

God makes the earth bounteous!

⁹God has put an end to war, from one end of the earth to the other, breaking bows, splintering spears, and setting chariots on fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted upon the earth."

¹¹Yhwh Sabaoth is with us—our stronghold is the God of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 (Inclusive Bible)

¹⁹Now we know that what the Law says is said to those under the Law. Therefore, let every mouth be silenced, and let all of humankind be open to God's judgment. ²⁰This is because we are not justified in the sight of God by keeping the Law: law only makes us aware of sin. ²¹But now the justice of God has been manifested apart from the Law, even though both Law and prophets bear witness to it; ²²the justice of God works through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. There are no exceptions: ²³everyone has sinned; everyone falls short of the glory of God. ²⁴Yet everyone has also been undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a propitiatory sacrifice, for the atonement of all who have faith in Christ's blood. And God did so to manifest divine justice—because God showed forbearance by remitting sins committed in the past, ²⁶in order to demonstrate divine justice in the present—so that the Most High might be both a just judge and the One who justifies those who believe in Jesus. ²⁷What room is there then for boasting? It is ruled out. In what law do we boast—the law of works? No: only the law of faith. ²⁸We maintain that one is justified by faith—apart from keeping the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (Inclusive Bible)

³¹Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you live according to my teaching, you really are my disciples; ³²then you'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³"We're descendants of Sarah and Abraham," they replied. "Never have we been the slaves of anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You'll be free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "The truth of the matter is, everyone who lives in sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵Now a slave doesn't always remain part of a household; an heir, however, is a member of that house forever. ³⁶So if the heir—the Only Begotten—makes you free, you will be free indeed.

MESSAGE: Pastor Ellie McHan, Lutheran Campus Ministry – Edmonton's Chaplain

SONG OF THE DAY 'Rise, Shine, You People!' (ELW 665)

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: 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, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (TOL)

PREFACE OPENING (TOL

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST II (TOL)

HOLY, HOLY (TOL)

EUCHARISTIC 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)

'The Church's One Foundation' (ELW 654) vs 1,3,5

'God, Whose Almighty Word' (ELW 673)

'Blessed Assurance' (ELW 638)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage' (ELW 509)

DISMISSAL



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