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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Pentecost 14, September 14, 2025

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell
Assisting Minister: Margie Nunweiler
Ministers: Every member
Ushers: Toby & Thompson

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

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “Come and Gather” (TOL) ref, vs 4, ref, vs5, ref

GREETING

KYRIE: (TOL) simple ending

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14 (Inclusive Version)

⁷Yhwh said to Moses, “Go down, now! These people whom you led out of Egypt have corrupted themselves! ⁸In such a short time, they have turned from the way that I have given them, and made themselves a molten calf. Then they worshipped it and sacrificed to it saying, ‘Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!’ ⁹Yhwh then said to Moses, “I look at these people—how stubborn they are! ¹⁰Now leave me to myself so that my anger may pour out on them, and destroy them! But you I’ll make into a great nation.” ¹¹Then Moses soothed the face of Yhwh, his God. “But why, my God, should you let your wrath pour out on these people whom you delivered from Egypt with great might, with a strong hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘Their God intended to destroy them all along, to kill them in the mountains, to erase them from the earth?’ Turn your back on your rage; reconsider the disaster you intended for your people. ¹³Do not forget Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob, your chosen ones, to whom you promised, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; I will give to you all this land which I have promised— I will give it to your descendants, and they will enjoy its inheritance forever.’ ”

¹⁴So Yhwh relented, and the disaster that threatened the Israelites was forestalled.

Psalm 51:1-10 read responsively

¹O God, have mercy on me!

Because of your love and your great compassion, wipe away my faults;

²wash me clean of my guilt; purify me of my sin.

³For I am aware of my faults, and have my sin constantly in mind.

⁴I sinned against you alone, and did what is evil in your sight.

You are just when you pass sentence on me, blameless when you give judgment.

⁵I was born in sin, conceived in sin—

⁶yet you want truth to live in my innermost being. Teach me your wisdom!

⁷Purify me with hyssop until I am clean; wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow.

⁸Instill some joy and gladness into me; let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.

⁹Turn your face from my sins, and wipe out all my guilt.

¹⁰O God, create in me a clean heart in, put into me a new and steadfast spirit;

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Inclusive Bible Version)

¹From Paul, Apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope, ²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: May grace, mercy and peace be yours from Abba God and from Jesus Christ our Savior. ³I repeat the request I made when I was leaving for Macedonia: stay on at Ephesus, and insist that certain people stop teaching false doctrines ⁴and cease devoting themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These things promote endless speculations rather than God's providential work— which is revealed by faith. ⁵The purpose of this instruction is love from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a sincere faith. ⁶Some people, however, have strayed from these and have turned to empty discussion. ⁷They want to be teachers of the Law, but they don't know what they're asserting so confidently. ⁸We know that the Law is good, but only if it is treated like any law. ⁹Law is not meant for people who are just, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the irreligious and the wicked, for those who kill their parents, for murderers, ¹⁰for men and women who traffic in human flesh, for kidnappers, liars and perjurers. It is for everything else that is contrary to sound teaching— ¹¹that is, whatever conforms to the Good News of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me. ¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Savior, who has strengthened me, given me this work, and judged me faithful. ¹³I used to be a blasphemer, a persecutor, a violent man; but because in my unbelief I didn't know what I was doing, I have been treated mercifully, ¹⁴and the grace of our God has been granted to me in overflowing measure, as was the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Here's a saying that can be trusted and is worthy of your complete acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Of these I myself am the worst. ¹⁶ But I was dealt with mercifully for this reason: so that in me—the worst case of all—Jesus Christ might demonstrate perfect patience; and so that I might become an example to those who would later have faith in Christ and gain everlasting life. ¹⁷To the Ruler of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

¹Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, ²at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!” ³Jesus then addressed this parable to them: ⁴“Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? ⁵And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. ⁶Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ ⁷I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent. ⁸“What householder, who has ten silver pieces and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp and sweep the house in a diligent search until she finds what she had lost? ⁹And when it is found, the householder calls in her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found the silver piece I lost!’ ¹⁰I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner.”

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ‘*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*’ (ELW 857) sing 2x

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who made the sun and the sky,
the stars and the sea, who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human who healed the sick
who talked to children who made friends with sinners.**

**He burned brightly and offended many
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires the scriptures and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice, and a light for our world. 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, 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)



Online Giving



HOLY, HOLY (TOL)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - Spoken

SIMPLE AMEN (TOL)

LORD'S PRAYER - responsive

Our father in heaven,

**remind us constantly that you are parent to all your children,
whoever, or wherever they are or come from.**

Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come,

establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Disturb us into awareness of the needs of others.

Forgive us our sins,

our pride and our prejudices.

As we forgive those who sin against us, Lead us not into temptation,

especially keep our hearts and minds open to see the good in others

Deliver us from evil For the kingdom,

just and true

the power,

gentle and fair,

and the glory,

shot through with the colours of love

are yours for ever and ever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

'Lamb of God' (TOL)

'There is a Balm in Gilead' WOV 737

'As the Grains of Wheat' WOV 705

'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying' WOV 775

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG 'Lord, Dismiss Us' (ELW 545) vs 1,2

DISMISSAL



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