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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church



September 21, 2025 - Pentecost 15

Service of Holy Communion and Stewardship of Creation Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Carola Unsworth

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Bart

Council President: Karen Oko Musician: Isaac Cournevea

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell Worship Host: Christopher Schneider

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "Come and Gather" (TOL) ref, vs 1, ref, vs2, ref

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE: 'Glory to God' (TOL)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7 (Inclusive Version)

⁴Listen to this, you who live off of the needy and oppress the poor of the land, you who say, "If only the New Moon were over so we could sell our grain," and, "When Sabbath is over, we will sell our wheat charging higher prices for smaller portions, thus tilting the scales in our favor. That way, we can buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals—and even make a profit on the chaff of the wheat!" — Yhwh swears by the Pride of Jacob, "I will never forget a single thing you have done."

Psalm 113

¹Alleluia! You faithful of Yhwh, give praise, praise the Name of Yhwh!

²Blessed be the Name of Yhwh, from now and for all times!

³From the rising of the sun to its setting, praised be the Name of Yhwh!

⁴You are high over all nations, Yhwh!

Your glory transcends the heavens!

⁵Who is like you, Yhwh, our God? Enthroned so high,

⁶you need to stoop to see the sky and the earth!

⁷You raise the poor from the dust, and lift the needy from the dung heap

8to give them a place at the table with rulers, with the leaders of your people.

⁹You give the childless couple a home filled with the joy of many children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

¹Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a wealthy landowner who, having received reports of a steward mismanaging the property, ²summoned the steward and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it's about to come to an end.' ³The steward thought, 'What will I do next? My employer is going to fire me. I can't dig ditches. I'm ashamed to go begging. ⁴I have it! Here's a way to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I'm let go.' 5 "So the steward called in each of the landowner's debtors. The steward said to the first, 'How much do you owe my employer?' ⁶ The debtor replied, 'A hundred jars of oil.' The steward said, 'Take your invoice, sit down quickly and make it fifty.' ⁷To another the steward said, 'How much do you owe?' The answer came, 'A hundred measures of wheat,' and the steward said, 'Take your invoice and make it eighty.' 8"Upon hearing this, the owner gave this devious worker credit for being enterprising! Why? Because the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. So I tell you: make friends for yourselves through your use of this world's goods, so that when they fail you, you'll be welcomed into an eternal home. ¹⁰If you can trust others in little things, you can also trust them in greater, and anyone unjust in a slight matter will also be unjust in a greater. ¹¹If you can't be trusted with Filthy lucre, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you haven't been trustworthy with someone else's money, who will give you vour own? ¹³ "Subordinates can't have two superiors. Either they'll hate the one and love the other, or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You can't worship both God and Money."

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY 'God of the Fertile Fields' (ACS 1063)

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)

HOLY, HOLY (TOL)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - Spoken

SIMPLE AMEN (TOL)

LORD'S PRAYER -

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

COMUNION SONGS

'Lamb Of God' (TOL)

'O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts' ELW 658

'The King of Love My Shepherd Is' ELW 502 vs 1,2,5,6

'I Come With Joy' ELW 482 vs 1,2,3,5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG 'Let Justice Flow Like Streams' (ELW 717) vs 1,2

DISMISSAL

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