

A Day
of
Real-life
Stories
of Faith
in
Action



Christ the King & Faith Story + Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10 AM



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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

November 23, 2025 – Christ the King Service of the Word & Faith Story Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell
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Council President: Karen Oko
Musician: Jared Samborski
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell
Worship Host: Kathryn Elford

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*” (ELW 634) vs 1,2,5,6

GREETING

KYRIE & GLORY TO GOD - ELW Service of the Word p.213

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME

PSALM 46 read responsively (Inclusive Bible)

¹God is our refuge and our strength,
who from of old has helped us in our distress.

²**Therefore 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.

⁴**There’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.

⁶**Though 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 Colossians 1:11-20 (Inclusive Bible)

¹¹And by the might of God’s glory you’ll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. ¹²Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! ¹³God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God’s Only Begotten. ¹⁴And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers— all things were created through Christ and for Christ. ¹⁷Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. ¹⁸The church is the body; Christ is its head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. ¹⁹God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, ²⁰and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ— everything in heaven and everything on earth— when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW Service of the Word p.216

GOSPEL: Luke 1:68-79 (Inclusive Bible)

⁶⁸“Blessed are you, the Most High God of Israel— for you have visited and redeemed your people. ⁶⁹You have raised up a mighty savior for us of the house of David, ⁷⁰as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones, the prophets of ancient times: ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes. ⁷²You have shown mercy to our ancestors by remembering the holy Covenant you made with them, ⁷³the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham, ⁷⁴granting that we, delivered from the hands of our enemies, might serve you without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and justice, in your presence all our days. ⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you’ll go before Our God to prepare the way for the Promised One, ⁷⁷giving the people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring the Rising Sun to visit us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

SHARING OF FAITH STORIES

SONG OF THE DAY ‘Holy God, Holy and Glorious’ (ELW 637)

ADVENT CREED: Written by Rev. Dave Hopwood and amended for use at HSLC

**We believe in God our Holy parent, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence,
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone to pray,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
whose silence overpowered their words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, Carl C, Pr. Richard R and family as they grieve the loss of Dana, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERTORY “*Seek Ye First*” (WOV 783) vs 1,3

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit
Earth-Maker,
Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**



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sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG ‘*Beautiful Savor* (ELW 838) vs 1,3,4

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