

# ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

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***We extend the warmest welcome*** to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; *we are so glad you are here!* If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

***Holy Communion is open to all.*** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and *red wine*, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find *red grape juice*, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms, and the minister will pray with and bless you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another.

*(We pause for reflection)*

P: Loving God,

**C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, to open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, we are ☩ forgiven, and freed to live as New Creations.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* – LBW (Green) – 415.**

## God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and on earth peace to people, to people of good will. (repeat)**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

<sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 146

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which

he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - WOV (BLUE) - 612**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church of Christ in Every Age* – LBW (Green) – 433.

*Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

### The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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### Apostle's Creed

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,**

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for people in any need (*especially*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also, with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

## **OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways to give. The ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, [hslceldersburgmd.org/give](https://hslceldersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to*

*God for all offerings of time, talent, and treasure, all of which make it possible to serve God, by serving our neighbors, here in Eldersburg.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**C: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray together,**

**C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.**

**You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.**

**You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.**

**P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:**

**Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,**

**shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

**Do this for the remembrance of me.**



P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses  
us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the  
language of our hearts:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see  
that the Lord is good.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us. Lamb  
of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

## **SONG DURING COMMUNION**

*After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from  
now and until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created  
and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good  
courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing.  
Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone  
and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, be of good heart!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

A: Our purpose is to love God,

**C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

## ***“We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church.”***

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### **ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Sunday (9/28) 9:00am God’s Work, Our Hands service Sunday (All ages)

Sunday (9/28) 11:00am – Sunday Morning Worship w/Communion

Sunday (10/5) 9:30am Sunday School (All ages)

Sunday (10/5) 11:00am – Sunday Morning Worship w/Communion

Sunday (10/5) 2PM- Blessing of the Pets at Shepard of the Glen!

Bring your animals!

**Please contact Vicar Tom** via email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

### **Volunteers**

	<b><i>THIS WEEK (09-28-2025)</i></b>	<b><i>NEXT WEEK (10-5-2025)</i></b>
Greeters	Kim N. Willow T.	TBD
Ushers	Brad T. Henry K.	
Acolyte	Maryann F.	
Assisting Minister	Krissy K.	
Communion Assistant	Krissy K.	
Lector	Lily K.	
Altar Care	Holly deB.	