

# ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

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***October 5, 2025***

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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: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives; that which is beautiful and whole, and that which is hurtful and fractured.

*(We pause for reflection)*

P: God of the universe,

**C: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition.**

**We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.**

**Amen.**

P: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of his surpassing grace – in ☩ Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *God is Here!*- WOV (Blue)- 719, Verses 1, 3, and 4.**

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



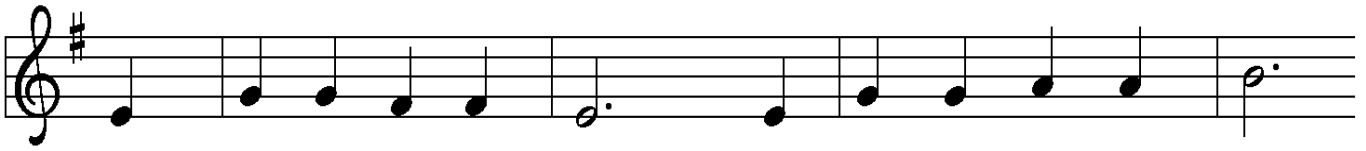
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## 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.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

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

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

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *If You but Trust in God to Guide You – LBW (Green) – 453, Verse 1, 2,*

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

### If You But Trust in God to Guide You

1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your  
2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less  
3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful  
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -

side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your  
serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.  
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

### 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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially those we name before you, or in the silence of our hearts...  
(A brief pause) Help us to trust that you embrace us through relationship with one another. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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; 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.

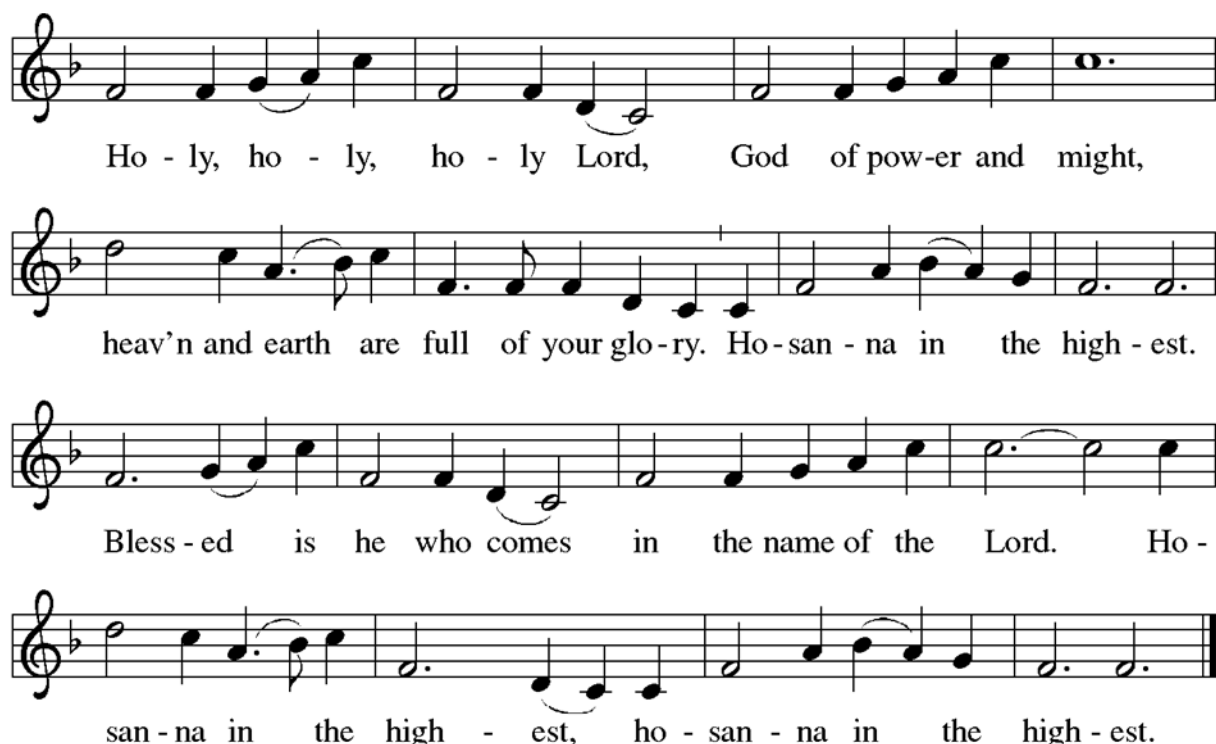
**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



## **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: O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast.  
 Grace our table with your presence.

**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.**

## **SENDING HYMN: Lord, Dismiss us with Your Blessing – LBW (Green) – 259**

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

### 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 (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!

Sunday (10/12) 9:30am - Sunday School (All ages)

Sunday (10/12) 11:00am – Sunday Morning Worship w/Communion

Sunday (10/12) 6:00pm – Confirmation Kick Off and Pizza Social

**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**

	<i><b>THIS WEEK (10-5-2025)</b></i>	<i><b>NEXT WEEK (10-12-2025)</b></i>
Greeters	Heather T.	TBD
Ushers	Cara K. Rob T.	Luke F. Abby P.
Acolyte	Abby P.	Maryann F.
Assisting Minister	Megan F.	Laura B.
Communion Assistant	John F.	Laura B.
Lector	Lisa H.	Cara K.
Altar Care	Lorraine M.	Linda Larson