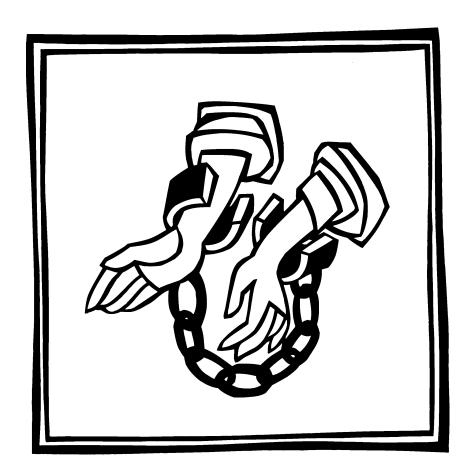
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025



ELW SETTING 3 LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE "Nettleton" Duane Funderburk
Flute: Nancy Fencl

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C Amen.
- P. Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.
- P. Merciful God,
- C. you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

 Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

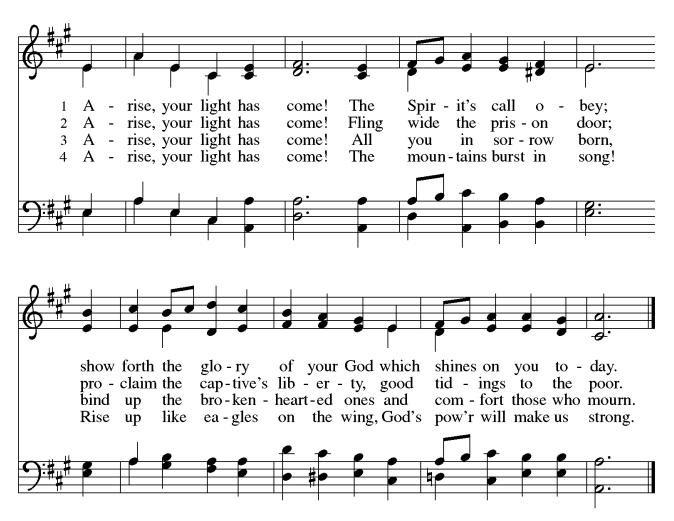
 We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

 Amen.
- P. God proclaims these words of assurance:
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name. You are mine."
 In Christ, you are forgiven.
 In the Spirit, you are made free.
 Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
 live anew as beloved children of God.
- C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light has Come"

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GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

LYFE CHOIR "The Fourth Magi" Bill Vaananen

You've heard of the three great Magi The three kings who followed the star They travelled west upon their quest To view the Christ child from afar.

And when they had seen His glory
The trio would soon understand
They sang His praise, then went separate ways
To spread the news over the land.

The first Magi's name was **Melchior!** He rode back to Persia, his home He shared the story of Jesus's glory Wherever his footsteps would roam.

The second great king was named **Caspar!**To India, soon he returned
From the sea to the river, this Magi delivered
The tale of the Christ who was born!

Beyond the land, through deserts of sand Across the great mountains and seas Upon their camels, the Magi would travel And sing of our Christ's pedigree... The third king was nam-ed **Balthazar!**An Arabian king from the dunes
He crossed the Red Sea, in Africa he
Shared Christ's tale by the light of the moon.

And now the three kings have departed The tale of Christ's birth they did write They struggled and strived, and perhaps gave their lives So that others may know of His light.

But now I have heard of another!
A fourth Magi after the three!
He arrived one day late, his unfortunate fate
But what was his true destiny?
Now who is this fourth great Magi?
And where is he roaming today?
No sight and no sound, no trace has been found
Of the new king who wandered astray.

We search for Christ at points in our lives And wait for His light to appear We follow the kings, and together we sing Enlightening all who would hear...

And so I will end my searching
For the answer is plain to see
Across space and time, and when stars align
I see the fourth Magi....is me.

Words and music by Bill Vaananen 2025

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 Haas/J. Kohrs

The choir/cantor sings the refrain first. The congregation joins in the second time and then sings the refrain as indicated.



REFRAIN

- A REFRAIN
- C REFRAIN
- A The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.
- C REFRAIN
- A The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever; The decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.
- C REFRAIN
- A The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart, The command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye.
- C REFRAIN
- A They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold, Sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.
- C REFRAIN

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE





GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the forth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.
 - ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
 - ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843



Please Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I 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. I 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
- A As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. We pray for those serving in the military and their

families, especially **Amelia Eastman**, **Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary). God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing A depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. We especially pray for Katie Bally, Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Dorothea Lehtinen, Bill Lynn, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Inge Ohnona, Kathy Roderer, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Emily Becker (friends of the Bettickers), Kathy Dieter (sister of Ruth Ann Grockis), Jean Goodale, Nancy Illo (friends of Joan Roehl), Laura Hansel (sister of Mary Detjen), Jim Hanzel (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Dana Imlah (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), Todd Luedtke (friend of Darlene and Larry Neumann), Linda Lyons (mother of Amy Dohler), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), Katie Workman (friend of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), Bruce Tagge (father of Tim Tagge), Jacob Rosenkranz (friend of the Prosk family), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A swe are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world especially parish nurses, fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members. We pray especially for those who have lost loved ones, or their homes and communities in California, and all those still recovering from natural disasters. God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

- A As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.

- A We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always
- C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Many Gifts, One Spirit" Mary Lynn Lightfoot Adult Choir

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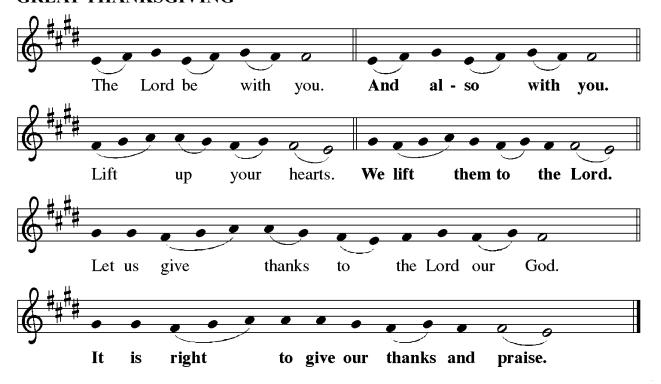
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

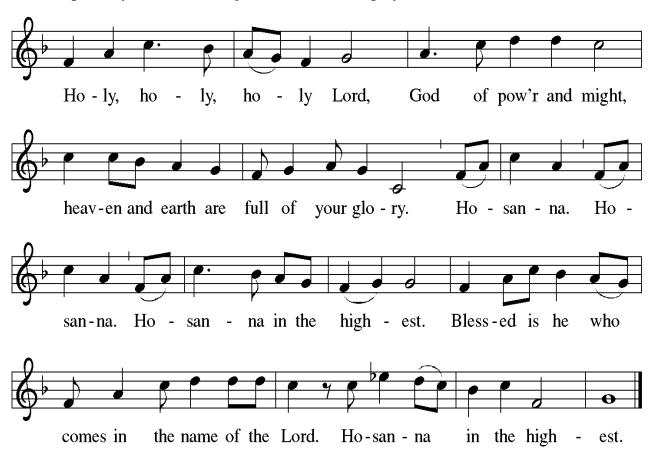
 Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

 Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness and so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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. 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. Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

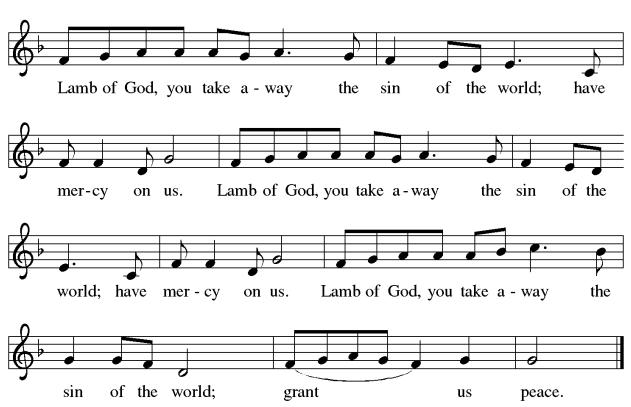
- P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord.

 Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.
- C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.
 Amen.



Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- C Amen.





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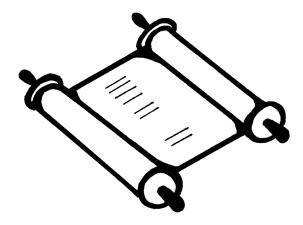
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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Buxtehude

Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Wittich's in honor of Allison's birthday.



SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENTS —



A significant component of our stewardship to our congregation includes the countless opportunities to share our gifts with each other and contribute to the life of our church in ways other than financial.

The Congregational Council has reviewed and updated the numerous opportunities available to support Holy Spirit's ministries. We ask each of you to consider how you see your time and skills supporting our ministries, uplifting our community, and sharing God's love in practical ways. And then please complete the online google form which can be found on the church website at holyspiritelca.org/timetalent or by scanning the QR code. Printed copies of the form are also available in the church gathering space.



FRENCH WINE & CHEESE PAIRING EVENT – Saturday, February 22 at 7pm. Please join us on February 22nd as The British Wine Butler takes us on a trip around the most famous

wine regions of France! After enjoying a glass of sparkling wine on arrival and a short presentation, we will taste through

America has to offer. Having been on many holidays to France plus numerous wine trips The British Wine Butler is sure to make this a fun and educational evening! Cost is \$40pp. Please note—RSVP is required no later than **Sunday**, **February 9th!!** A link to sign up can be found on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#wine or by scanning the QR Code. A signup sheet is also available on the information desk in the Gathering Space, or you can email Jeanne Nelson at jnelson814@comcast.net.

HOSPITALITY CHART—

The hospitality chart for the year is in the gathering space. There are many available Sundays. Hosting is not very difficult and is very much appreciated by all. If each family hosts at least one Sunday we would have someone for each Sunday of the year. Please sign up to be a hospitality host. If you have any questions contact Kelly Wittich at kellywittich@yahoo.com. If you have any questions contact Kelly Wittich at kellywittich@yahoo.com.

FLOWER CHART—

The flower chart for next year is in the gathering space. Please sign up and remember to write clearly. The contribution for flowers is \$35.00.

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES —

Contribution envelopes are available to be picked up for those who wish to use them. They are on the credenza just inside the church office door. You will see they are not labeled. Members can take any box and once you use them that new envelope number will be updated in our system as assigned to the user.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY —

This class meets every Thursday morning from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Over the course of the year we study various books of the Bible, contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. In February we will begin a new unit on the book of James. Although Luther criticized the book of James for its focus on works, because Luther claimed a person is not justified by works but by faith alone, the book of James is a powerful witness in its practical wisdom of right behavior. As a kind of wisdom literature, James is concerned with morals and ethics, and is committed to an understanding of reality as measured by God. With so many "worldly" views in our conversations today, James can lead us to live humbly and respectfully toward God. Join us for some spirited discernment and joy-filled conversation! We always close our time in prayer.

QUILTERS—

The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP—

Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE —



Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to

enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.

<u>LIVE STREAM</u> —



Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS		
Sunday January 26	9:30 a.m. 10:45 am	Service of Holy Communion Brass
Tuesday January 28	10:15 am 4:15 pm	Quilters LYFE
Wednesday January 29	6:15 pm 7:15 pm	Bells Choir
Thursday January 30	9:30	Prayer Group
Sunday February 2	9:30 a.m. 10:45 am	Service of Holy Communion Brass

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Patrick Cantagallo, and Nancy Fencl

Organist: Karen M. Jirsa **Children's Ministry Director:** Jennifer Williams

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