# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025



# ELW SETTING 5 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**

# "Herzlich tut mich verlangen"

J.S. Bach

As we prepare for worship please use the time of the prelude for self meditation and prayer.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection

- P Compassionate One,
- You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
  We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
  We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.
  We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
  We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
  Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
  Amen.

# P Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

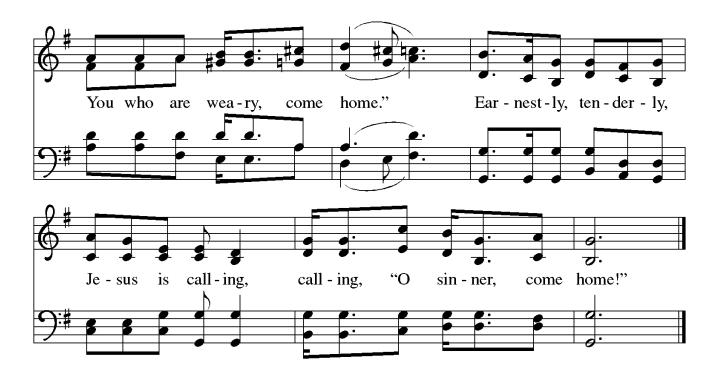
In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

## C Amen.

# GATHERING HYMN "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" ELW 608





# **GREETING**

- P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

# FIRST READING JOSHUA 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

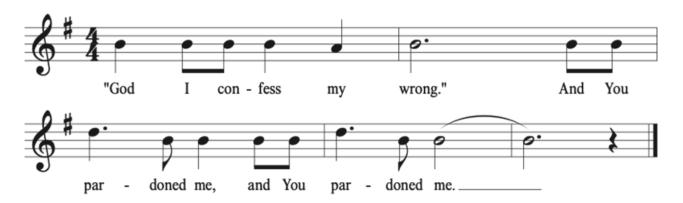
PSALM 32

Haas
Cantor: Jonathan Gideon

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

#### **REFRAIN**

### L REFRAIN



## C REFRAIN

L Happy the pardoned, whose sin is canceled,In whom God finds no evil, no deceit.While I hid my sin, my bones grew weak from endless groaning from endless groaning.

## C REFRAIN

Day and night, under the weight of Your hand,
My strength withered, as in a summer drought.
Then I stopped hiding my sin and spoke out,
"God, I confess my wrong, God, I confess my wrong."

#### C REFRAIN

You my shelter, You save me from ruin.You encircle me with songs of freedom.Rejoice in the Lord. Be glad and sing, you faithful and just

### C REFRAIN

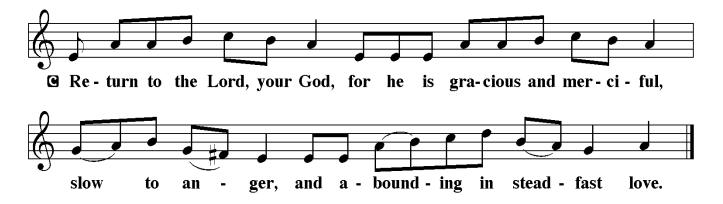
#### **SECOND READING**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. The word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



## GOSPEL

- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- P The Holy Gospel according to Second Corinthians, the fifth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
  - <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he

had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

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#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Our Father, We Have Wandered" **ELW 606** 1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan dered and hid - den from your face; 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do, ing, both Lord of all the liv ban - ished stored, and re in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er of grace. cy trust to you. ev - er - car - ing Lord, dwell - ing, we But now, in ex - ile rise with fear and shame, haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring, In grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease. dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call as, our name. glad-ness there to with calf and robe greet us and ring. Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

#### Please Stand

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- A God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. 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), Dylan Glenner, and Hannah Best (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. We especially pray for Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Dorothea Lehtinen, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Kathy Roderer, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Emily Becker (friends of the Bettickers), Don Bever (friend of Carol Bertrand), Laura Hansel (sister of Mary Detjen), Jim Hanzel, Kevin Quinn (uncles of Patrick Cantagallo), Dana Imlah (Mary Lou Gilleam's daughter), 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), Jacob

Rosenkranz (friend of the Prosk family), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

- C receive our prayer.
- A God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. We especially pray for the family and friends of Todd Luedtke (friend of Darlene and Larry Neumann). God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
- 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** 

"Fantasy on Hyfrydol"

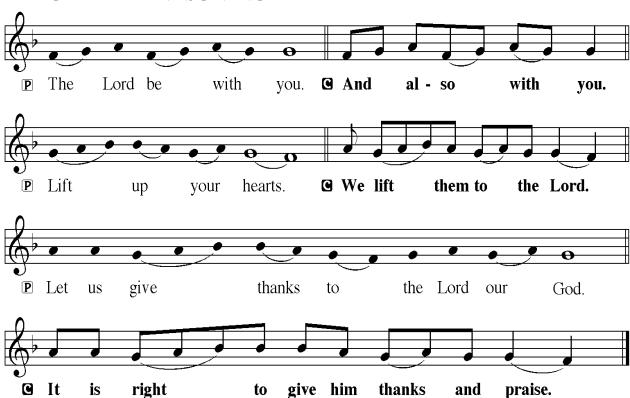
Hal Hopson Bell Choir Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

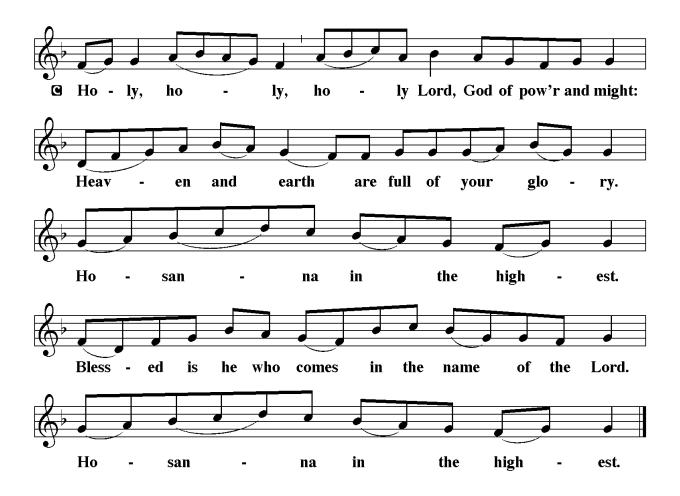
A Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

# C Amen.

### THE 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

- P Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
- C Amen.
- 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.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER



# **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated

# **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# Stand after all have been communed

# **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

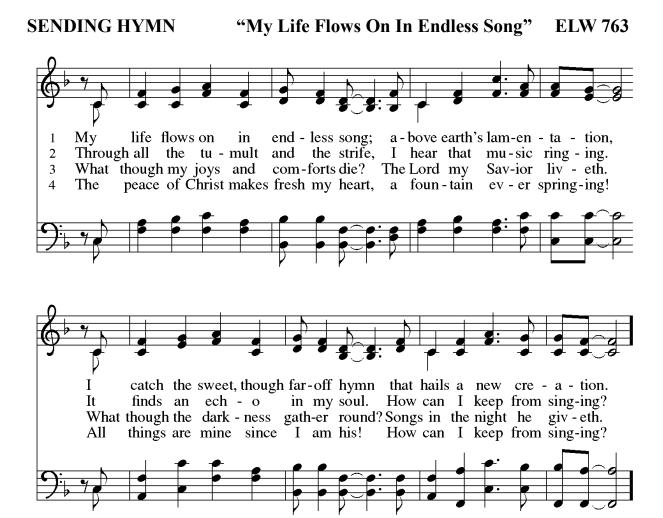
A Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

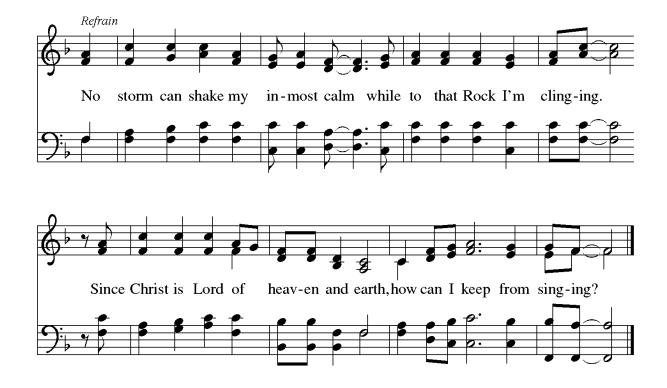
C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.





### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
- C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

"Fugue on the Kyrie"

Couperin



## "THE PARABLES OF LENT"

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for "The Parables of Lent", a special mid-week series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in this series focuses on a biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes.

- April 2 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- April 9 The Parable of the Prodigal Son

SYNOD ASSEMBLY — Holy Spirit will be sending 3 delegates to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly on May 30 and 31 at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. This is our annual meeting where we have elections, approve the budget, and learn of all the meaningful work occurring in our synod. This year will be even more compelling as we will be electing our Bishop. If you are interested in being a delegate for our congregation this year, please see Pastor Tim for more information. We need to register as early as possible to meet the early bird lower cost deadline.

<u>2025 C.O.O.L. PLANT & FLOWERS SALE</u> — Beautify your yard, deck, or balcony with colorful fresh plants and at the same time, support the COOL Food Pantry and Transitional Housing Program! Pick up an order form in the Gathering Space. Return the completed form along with your check made out to COOL, to Terri Pedersen or the church office by Monday, April 1.Plants will arrive on Saturday, May 10 and they can be picked up between 1:30 and 3:30 at Holy Spirit.

<u>EASTER FLOWERS</u> — Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete an order form and return with payment of \$20 per plant to the church office no later than April 13th.



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Your Name		_
Number of Spring F	Flowers @ \$20.00 each	
Given to the glory of	of God:	
☐ in memory of	in honor of	

<u>COOL FOOD PANTRY</u> — Please consider making a donation to support the C.O.O.L. pantry. This month they are in need of cereal and peanut butter.

<u>FLOWER CHART</u>—The flower chart for this year is in the gathering space. Please sign up and remember to write clearly. The contribution for flowers is \$35.00.

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

<u>PRAYER GROUP</u>— 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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Every Thursday morning from 10:15 to 11:30 our weekday Bible Study meets, and everyone is encouraged to attend our spirited conversations. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. During the month of March, we began a new unit studying the book "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas Kempis. This work focuses on the importance of embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ, emphasizing humility, inner reflection, and a life of devotion to God over worldly concerns. It offers profound guidance in developing a personal relationship with Christ, fostering moral integrity, and achieving spiritual enlightenment. Join us as we develop a deeper understanding of our spiritual journey in light of Christ's example. We always close our time together in prayer.

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 March 30	9:30 am 10:45 am	Service of Holy Communion Bells	
Wednesday April 2	6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Midweek Lenten Service Adult Choir	
Thursday April 3	9:30 am	Prayer Group	
Sunday April 6	9:30 am 10:45 am	Service of Holy Communion Brass	

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