

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025



*ELW SETTING 3*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
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# Welcome to **WORSHIP**

## **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](http://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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QR code to share your info with us.**



## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Cynthia Dobrinski  
Bell Choir

### 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 “All Creatures Worship God Most High” LBW 527**



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
 5. O ev' - ry - one of ten - der heart, For -  
 7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless And



up your voice with us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Oh, — praise Him!  
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness. Oh, — praise Him!



al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
 bear, Praise God and lay on Him your care.  
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One.

*Refrain*



Oh, — gleam: Oh, — praise Him! Oh, — praise Him! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**GREETING**

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

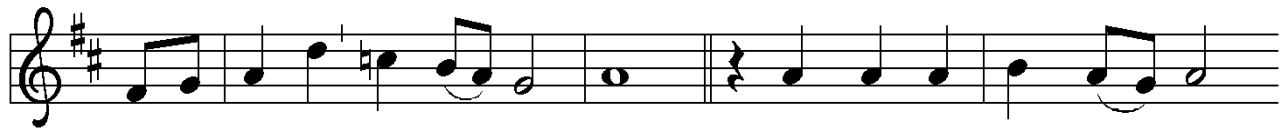
**C** **And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

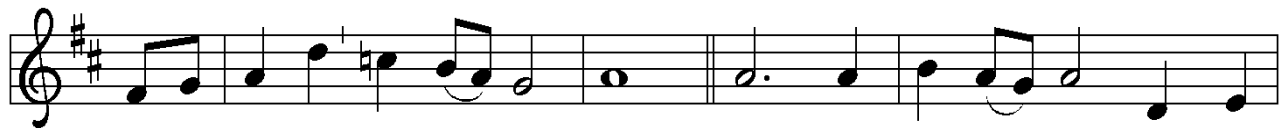


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

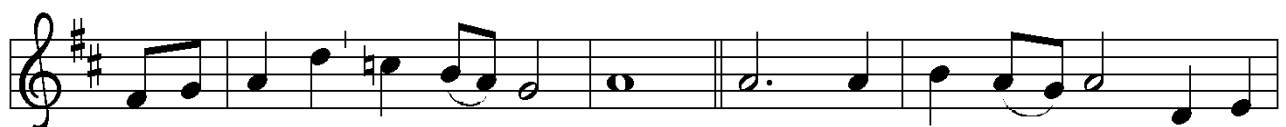


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

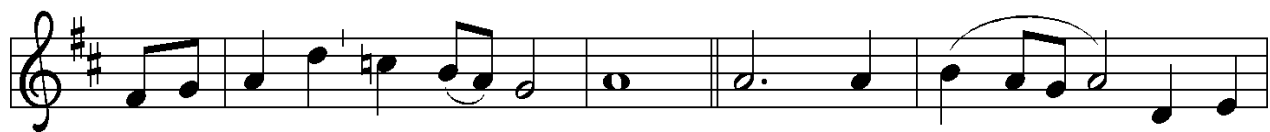


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Joleen Gleasman**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Lord and Commander”**

**LYFE Choir**

When Washington was president two hundred years ago  
He served a higher master than the kings who ruled below  
One hand upon the Bible and one hand raised to the sky  
His king and his commander was our Lord who reigns on high!

When Isaac Newton saw the apple fall down from the tree  
He knew the Laws of Nature were the ones that God decreed  
Copernicus and Linnaeus both saw His great design  
And Shakespeare understood he owed a debt to the Divine.

When Bach and Michelangelo made masterpieces grand  
The tools of their creations were directed by His hand  
The words of Martin Luther and of Martin Luther King  
Were spirited by the inspiration only God can bring!

And what of us, His humble folk, where do we place the crown?  
So many heads of state are being sized up for renown  
With monuments and testaments, no rival has our Lord.....  
Just ask the humble man who said his prayers at Valley Forge!

George Washington was president two hundred years ago  
Abe Lincoln's better angels were inspired by God, we know  
One hand upon the Bible and one hand raised to the sky  
Their king and their commander was our Lord who reigns on high!  
Our Lord who reigns on high.....

*Words and music by Bill  
Vaananen 2025*



**SPECIAL MUSIC****“God is There”****LYFE Choir**

Hold onto your hat, and zip up your coat  
We're climbing up like a mountain goat!  
To where God abides - up there on the mountainside  
And His arms are open wide.

You've read the Good Book - and your faith is strong!  
When you need a lift - you know He'll help you along!  
And whether win or lose - one thing you won't confuse:  
Is that God is there for you.

The Lord God is there. Always, everywhere!  
His omnipresence fills the sky!  
The Lord you will know - above and below!  
The Lord is there - for you.

As His light brings new hope to all humanity  
At the coldest and darkest time of year  
The world is preparing for Him far and wide  
And now God's holiness is here!

The Lord God is there. Always, everywhere!  
His omnipresence fills the sky!  
The Lord you will know - above and below!  
The Lord is there - for you.  
God is There!

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**FIRST READING****Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

<sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ” <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Joleen Gleasman**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Build a Longer Table”**

**ACS 1062**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

*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 Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. 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). God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. We especially pray for **Katie Bally, Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan,**

**Gordy Duprey, 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), **Don Bever** (friend of Carol Bertrand), **Jean Goodale, Chris Roberg** (friends of Joan Roehl), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Jim Hanzel** (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), **Dana Imlah** (Mary Lou Gilleam's daughter), **Barb Janowiak** (friend of Joan Roehl), **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). Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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**

**“God’s Peace”**

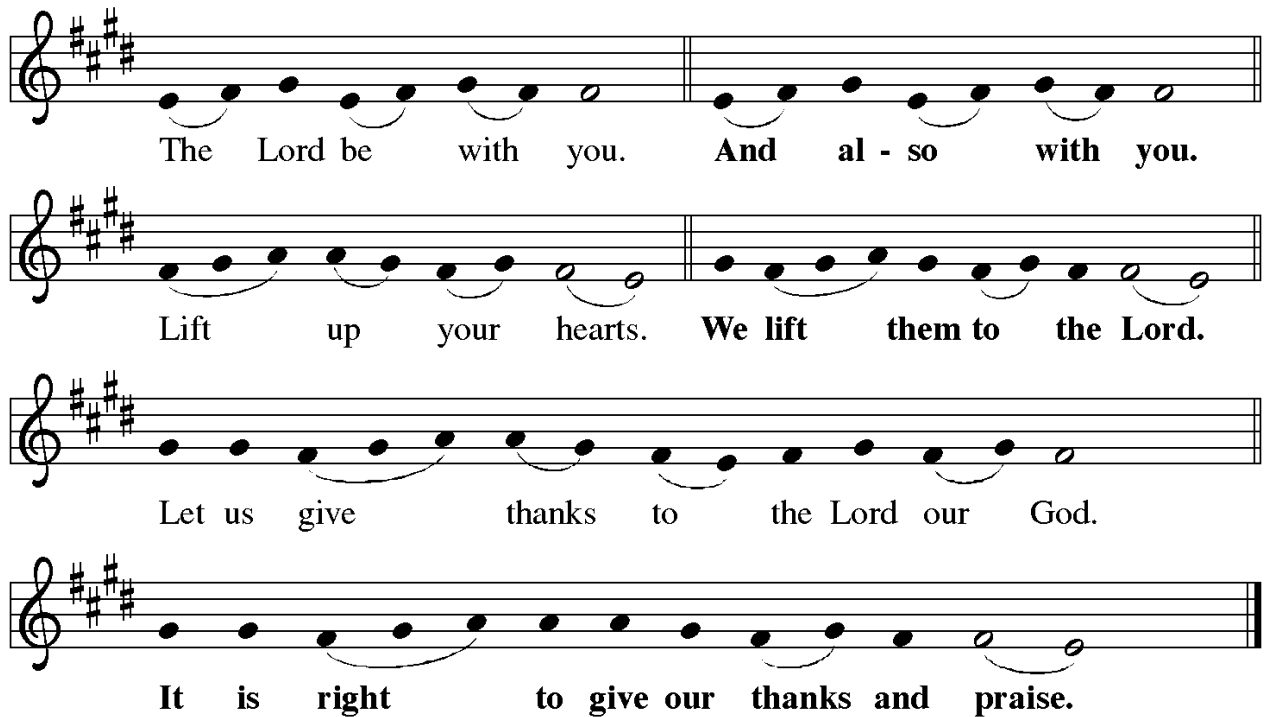
**C.J. Adams  
Adult Choir**

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

**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.

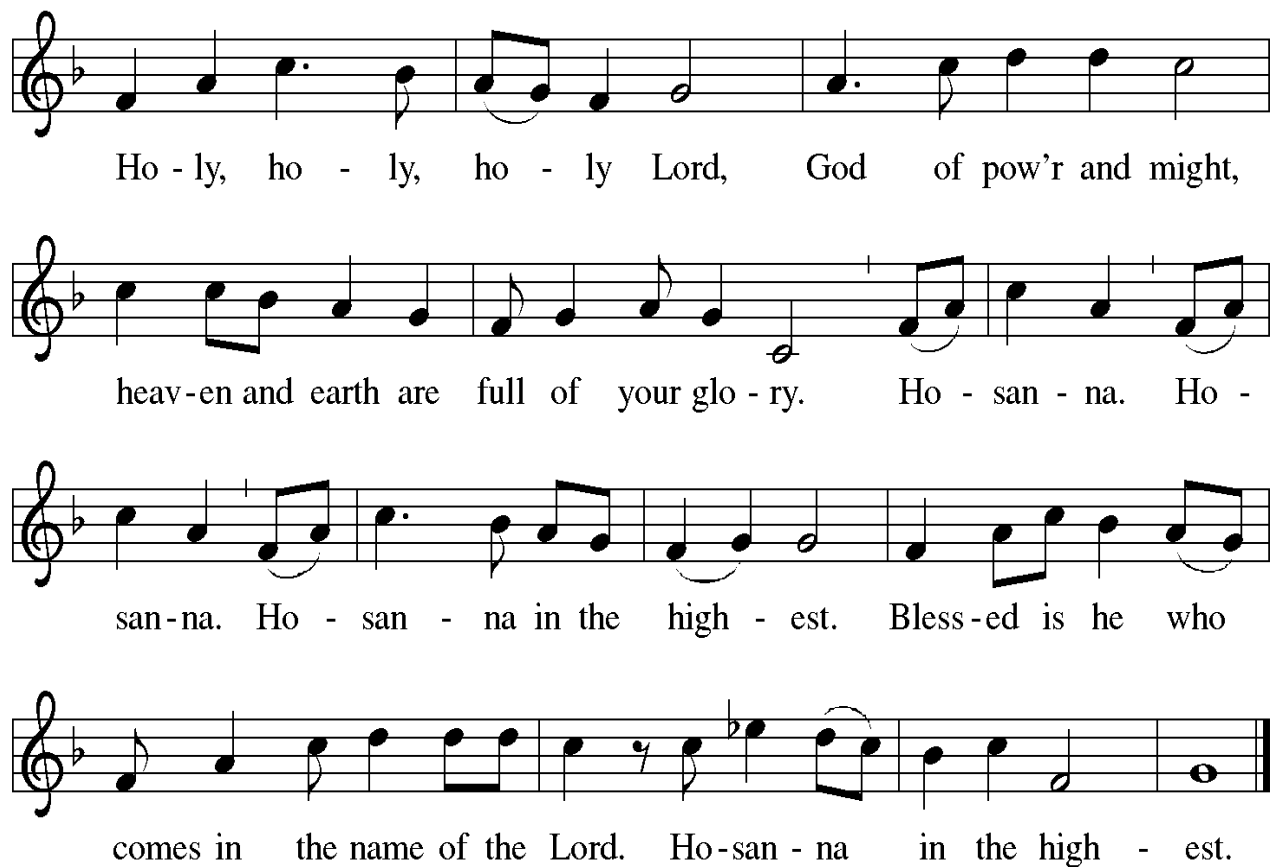
**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

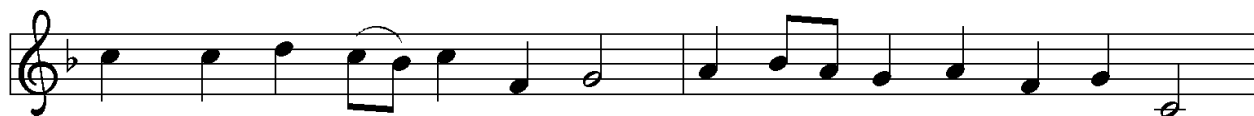
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Stand after all have been communed*

## 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 - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“O Day of Peace”**

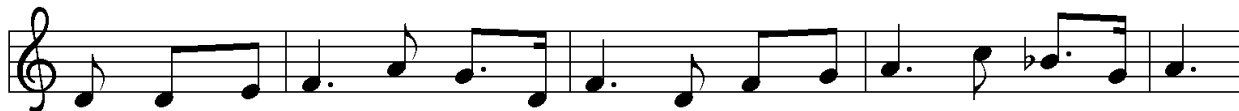
**ELW 711**



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Fantasia in C”**

**J.S. Bach**

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Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Wyrwicz in celebration of Annabel's 8th birthday.

**BLOOD DRIVE** —

**TODAY** Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The blood that flows through our veins is truly life-sustaining. Whether required to treat traumatic injuries or used during elective surgery, blood transfusion made possible by volunteer blood donors saves the lives of patients every year.

**RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTION REMINDER** —

If you are making a direct charitable donation to Holy Spirit please be sure to inform Ciara about the donation. We are not always told who the directed donation is coming from so please let us know the financial institution name, the amount, and what fund you wish to have it applied to. This will ensure we apply the contribution to you.

**CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER** —

Save the date March 15th. Our corned beef dinner is back again with a new twist! Please join us on Saturday, March 15, at 6:00 PM for a St. Patrick's Day dinner for the entire family. Not only will chefs Corey Kalas and Ryan Hathaway serve delicious corned beef with all the fixings, but there will be some new culinary surprises! Invite your friends and neighbors, bring the kids, and be prepared for a fun evening. A free will offering will be taken. Scan the QR code or find a link to RSVP on the church website at [www.holyspirit-elca.org/#rsvp](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org/#rsvp).



**JAZZ SUNDAY** —

Worship at Holy Spirit is blessed with a wide variety of musical styles. One of the special musical emphases we enjoy is a jazz service that draws on the musical talents of many of our church musicians. Joins us on **Sunday, March 2nd at 9:30 a.m.** as the ever popular jazz service returns.

**MARDI GRAS SUNDAY** —

Help us celebrate on **Sunday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** The kids will create parade props during Sunday School and display them throughout the building in our annual parade. Join us in the gathering space after the service for treats and fun!

**COOL FOOD PANTRY**—

Please consider making a donation to support the C.O.O.L. pantry. This month they are in need of cereal and peanut butter.

**FLOWER CHART**—T

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.

**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.

**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.



**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.



**LIVE STREAM** —

Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. [www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256](http://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

<b>Sunday February 23</b>	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bells
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b>	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday February 26</b>	6:15 pm	Bells
	7:15 pm	Choir
<b>Sunday March 2</b>	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
		Jazz Sunday
	11:00 am	Mardi Gras

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