

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025



ELW SETTING 5

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. 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

“Erhalt uns, Herr”

Johann Walther

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,

C **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.

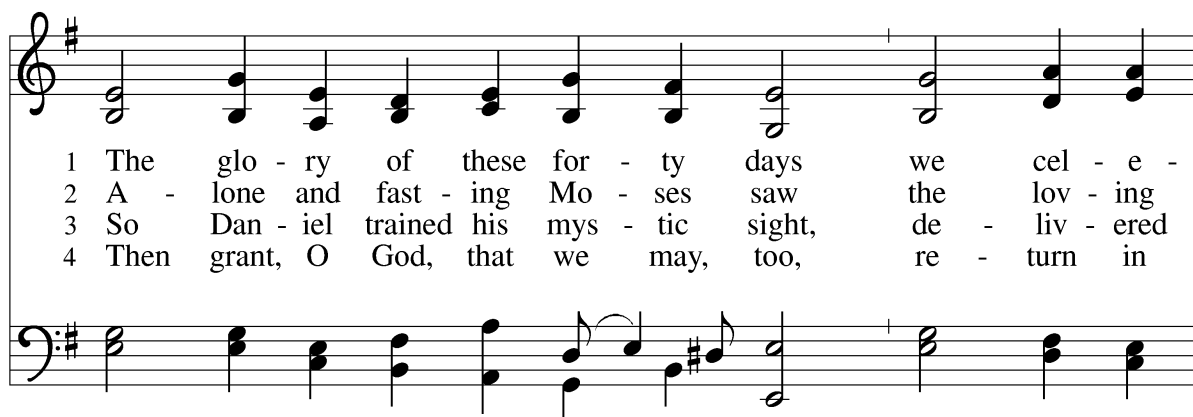
You have a place in God’s house forever.

C **Amen.**

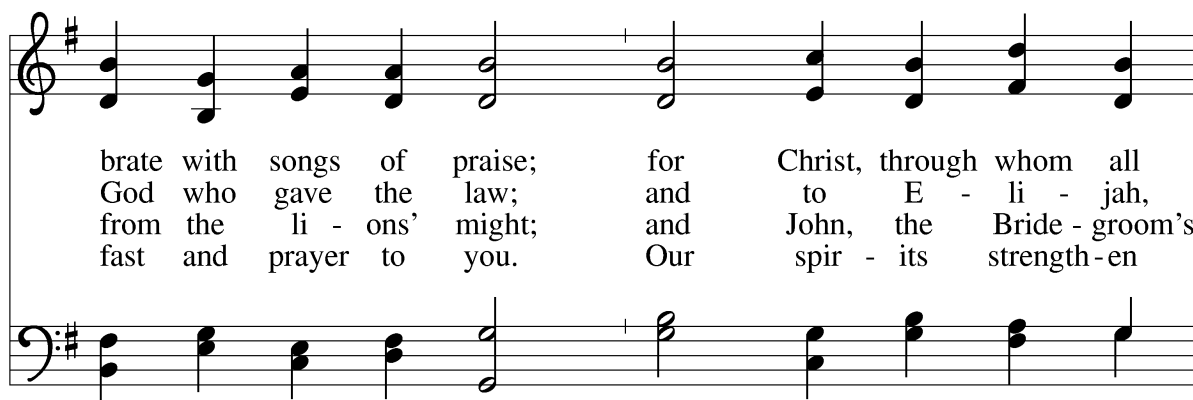
GATHERING HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

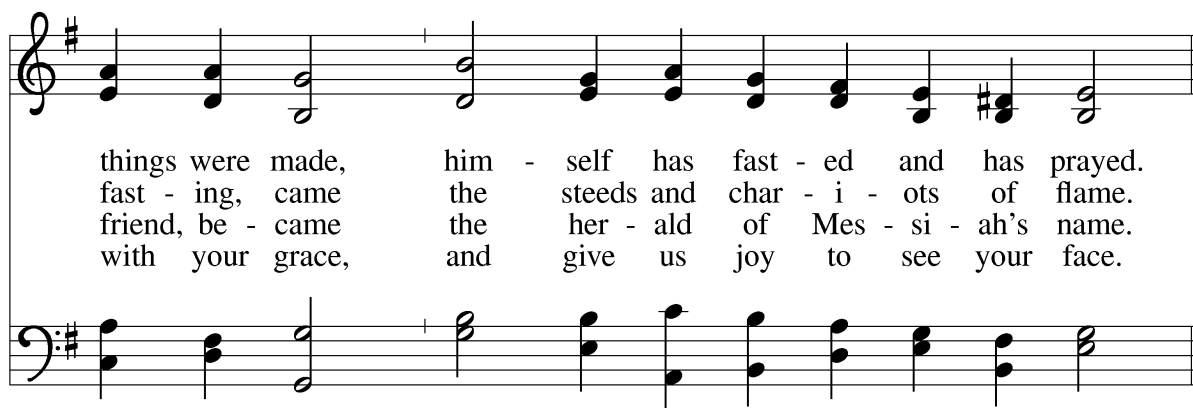
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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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.

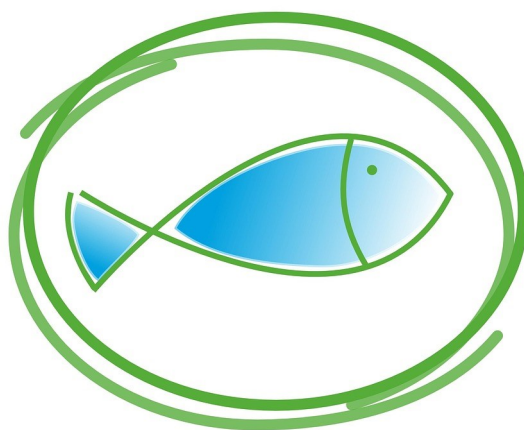
C **And also with you.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

March 9, 2025

Alexander James Weith

Born March 28, 2024
Son of Steven & Emily Weith



P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents We present Alexander for Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents I do.

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Alexander grow in the Christian faith and life?
Parents I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Alexander in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Sponsors I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Alexander and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
C We do.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Alexander, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
Parents & and of the Holy Spirit.
Sponsor **Amen.**

P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin,
and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Alexander with the gift of your
Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of
counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

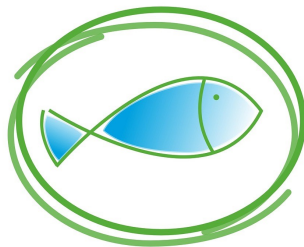
C **Amen.**

P Alexander, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and
Parents & marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Sponsor **Amen.**

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good
works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

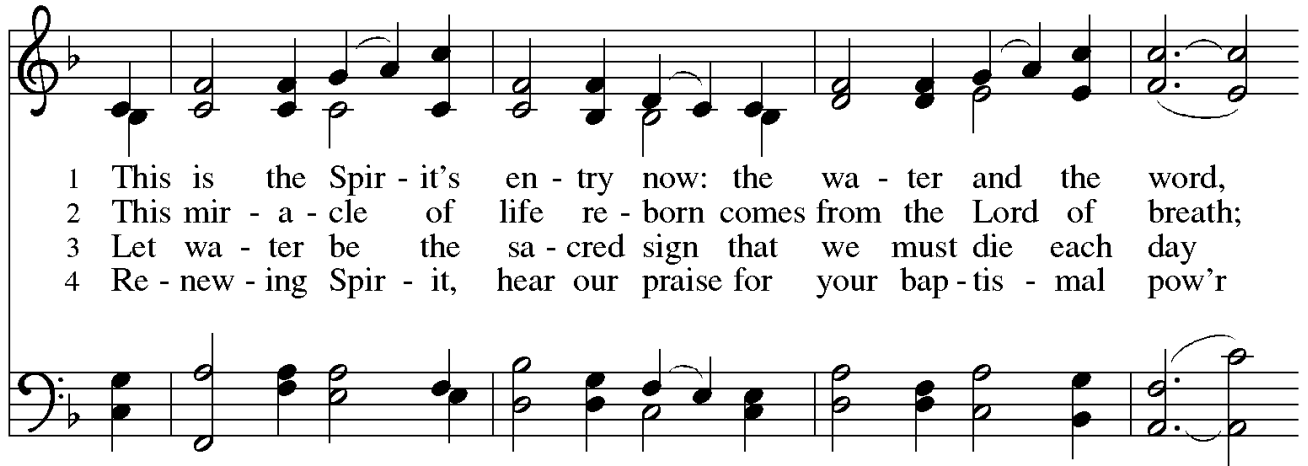
C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we
share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing
God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



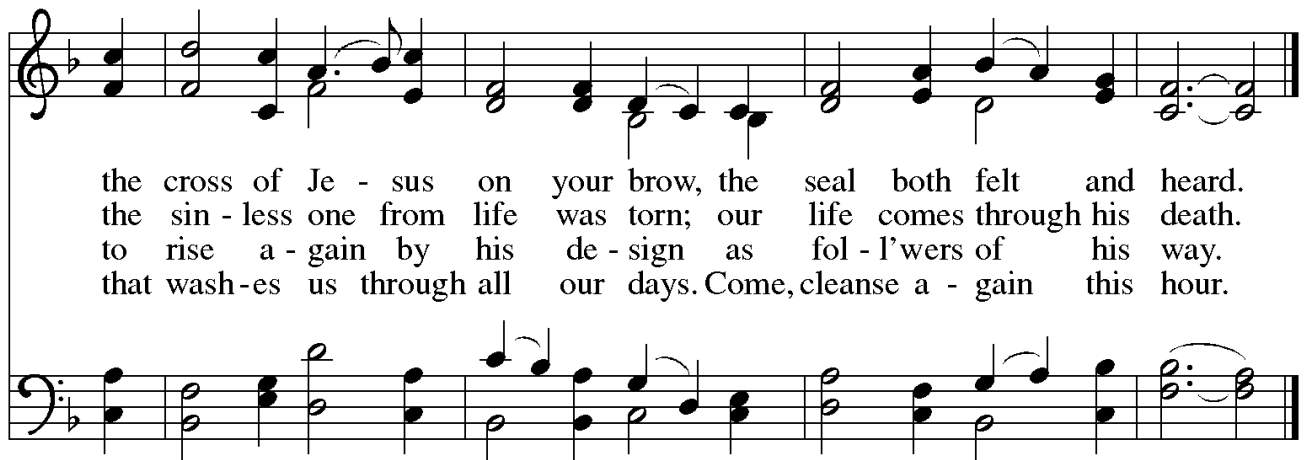
BAPTISMAL HYMN

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

ELW 448



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91

Marty Haugen

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

Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray. _____

REFRAIN

L *REFRAIN*

C **REFRAIN**

L You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
Who abide in the shadow of our God.

Say to the Lord: “My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust.”

C **REFRAIN**

L No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
For God’s angels stand close by your side,
Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

C **REFRAIN**

L Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God’s love,
Lifted high those who trust in God’s name.

Call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.

God will bring you salvation and joy.

C **REFRAIN**

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SECOND READING**Romans 10:8B-13**^{8b} “The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

☪ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL VERSE**GOSPEL****Luke 4:1-13****P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their



glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When We Are Tested”

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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 Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. 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, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. 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, Barb Janowiak** (friends of Joan Roehl), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Jim Hanzel, Kevin Quinn** (uncles of Patrick Cantagallo), **Dana Imlah** (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), **Beth Kroeger** (cousin of Chris Miller), **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), **Andrew Wyrwicz** (father of Jason Wyrwicz). God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. We pray for the family and friends of **Beth Kroeger** (cousin of Chris Miller). Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. 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

“A Lenten Walk”

Hal Hopson

Adult Choir

Flute: Nancy Fencil

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.

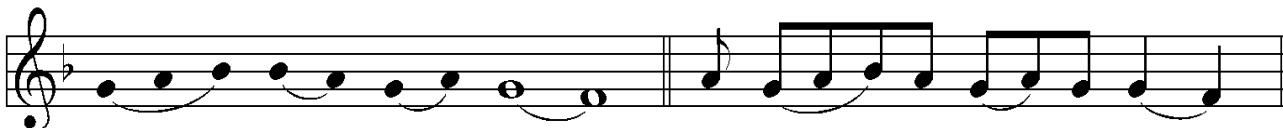
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ

C Amen.


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him 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 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:

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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

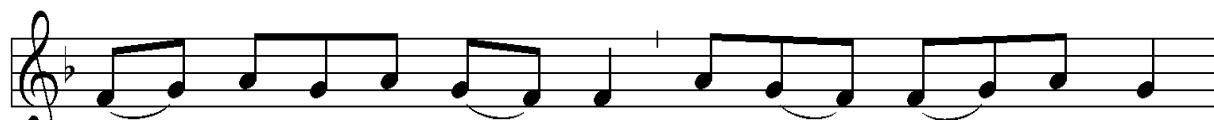
Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

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



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in



heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are



yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

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. A - men

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

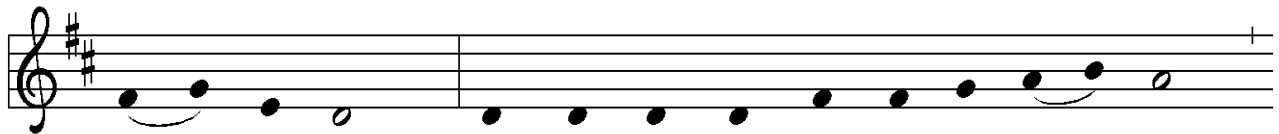
C Amen.

Stand after all have been communed


POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE




Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has



been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion



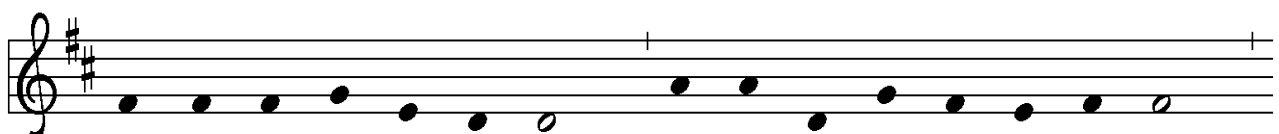
which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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.**



SENDING HYMN

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 320

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Slane”

John Behnke

Sanctuary flowers are donated by Finn Moles in memory of his grandpa Floyd Bryan Moles.

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.

CORNED 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.

DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED —



We are looking for some help setting up and cleaning up for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. And we would like some people to sign up to bring a dessert. Use the QR code to sign up or a sign up sheet is in the gathering space as well as on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer.

SENIOR WORKSHOP: SCAMS & SAFETY —

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Village Church of Lincolnshire. Address: 201 Riverwoods Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. This free workshop is designed to equip seniors with essential tools to recognize and avoid scams while ensuring their safety in an increasingly digital world. We would love for your congregation to join us for this informative event! To register, attendees can scan the QR code or find a link on our church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#register

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 —

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 —

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'll begin 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.



LIVE STREAM —

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.



“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. Within each parable’s plot is woven a unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to enrich your own stories of faith in Jesus as you journey through the season of Lent.

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| March 12 | The Parable of the Sower and the Seed |
| March 19 | The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl |
| March 26 | The Parable of the Good Samaritan |
| April 2 | The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard |
| April 9 | The Parable of the Prodigal Son |

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday March 9	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bells
Monday March 10	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday March 11	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
Wednesday March 12	6:15 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday March 13	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Saturday March 15	6:00 pm	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Sunday March 16	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Brass

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Music Ministers:	Karen M. Jirsa, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo, and Nancy Fencil
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Children's Ministry Director:	Jennifer Williams
Assistant Minister	Mary Lou Gilliam
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