

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

YOUTH SUNDAY
February 8, 2026



ELW SETTING 3
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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Without exception, Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes YOU today!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;

We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;

We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;

We welcome all people of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression;

We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;

We welcome all regardless of socio-economic status;

We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;

We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.



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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Mark Hayes

Please stand

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
 the Creator of heaven and earth,
 the Word who spoke life into being,
 the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Mighty God, lover of justice,
C **you call us to life in community,
 but we have served our own interests
 at the expense of our neighbors.
 We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
 We say the right words,
 but our hearts are far from you.
 Turn us to seek your face.
 Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
 that we may do justice, love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.**
Amen.

P The former things have passed away,
 and new things God now declares:
 Like a spring of water that never fails,
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
 and forgives your sin in Jesus’ name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

ELW 352

Verses 1, 2, & 3

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-gether,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.
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

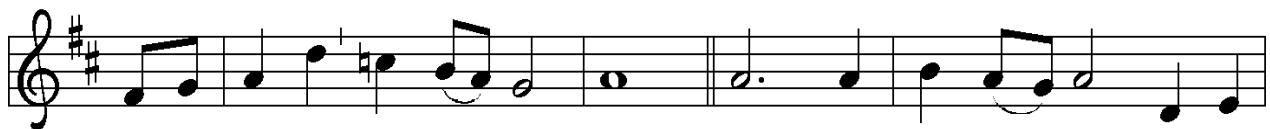


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



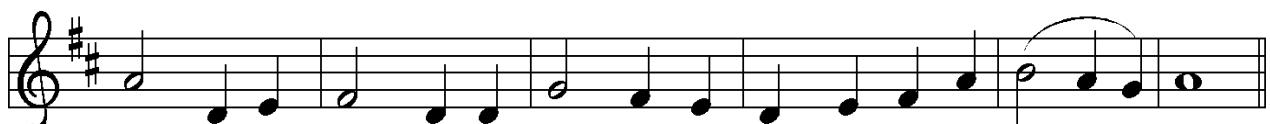
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



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



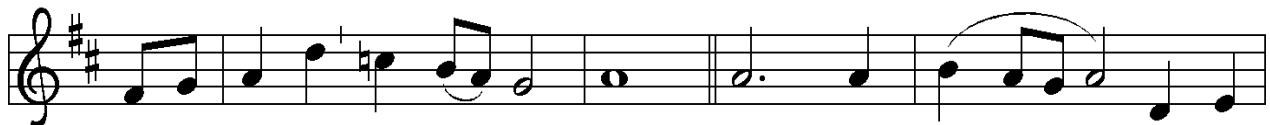
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



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 Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Super Sunday”

LYFE Choir

Well, you've heard of the Packers and you've heard of the Bears!
And all the other teams, but they cannot compare
To the one team that is at the top of the hill
And whether your a Viking or a Buffalo Bill
Oh, when the Super Sabbath comes around
There's only One King wearing the crown.....

“Two, four, six, eight
Time for us to congregate!”
Are you ready for The Gospel?

(Chorus) It's gonna be a Super Sunday!
When Jesus calls you to the mountaintop
It's gonna be a “Kingdom Come” day
And He's pullin' out all the stops!
The organ's playing, disciples praying
Our team is ready to dance in the confetti
Let's take it to the end zone now
Just take my hand, and I'll show you how!
It's gonna be a Super Sunday today.....

I'm ready for the Lambeau Leap!
Take me up to the Prince of Peace
Well, I'm ready.....ready for the Light of Christ!
Baptize me with a bucket of ice!
The higher ground, oh, it feels so nice!

Well, I'm ready....ready for the Light of Christ!
Huddle up! He's waiting for you!
Throwing you a pass to let His Light shine through
Tell all the others to take a knee
'Cause Jesus Christ is our M.V.P.!

(Chorus) It's gonna be a Super Sunday
When Jesus calls you to the mountaintop
It's gonna be a kingdom come day
And He's pullin' out all the stops.
The sun has risen, the cold has parted
It's time to finish what the Lord has started
Let take it to the final goal
To the Promised Land where I free my soul!
It's gonna be a Super Sunday today!

"Down! Set! Hut-one, two, three!
The Immaculate Reception? It's comin' to me!"
Go deep! It's coming to you!
Throw a Hail Mary to the rendezvous
Jesus says "I'm the Light of the World"
A Super Savior calling every boy and girl!

(Chorus) It's gonna be a Super Sunday
When we reach that place of destiny
And I know we're gonna get there one day
With our Savior leading you and me
It's the meeting place where the starting eleven
Can carry the Light up from Earth to Heaven
Let's not wait for a football game
To follow the Light in Jesus' name!
It's gonna be a Super Sunday
It's gonna be a Super Sunday
It's gonna be a Super Sunday today.....
It's gonna be a Super Sunday today!
"It's Good!"

Words & music by Bill Vaananen 2016

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:1-9A

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the
ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God
on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do
not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your
workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked
fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the
head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break
every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor
into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide
yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall
spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of
the LORD shall be your rear guard.

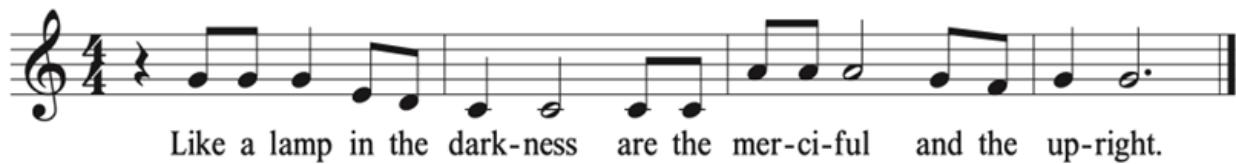
^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and
he will say, “Here I am.”
The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112

KOGUT

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



Like a lamp in the dark-ness are the mer-ci-ful and the up-right.

A **REFRAIN**

C **REFRAIN**

A The just are lights in darkness for good people;
They are gracious, merciful and righteous.
Blessed woman, blessed man, who fear the Lord and cherish God's commandments.

C **REFRAIN**

A The just will never waver; they will be remembered forever.
No fear they feel though evil news there be;
Their heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

C **REFRAIN**

A With steadfast hearts they will not fear.
Open handed they give to the poor.
Their justice stands firm forever; their heads will be raised in glory.

C **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.] The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

P [Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Strong Word”

ELW 511

Verses 1, 4, & 5



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing break-eth



dark-ness, at thy
dark-ness, dark as
righ-teous; bright with
bright with



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Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia with-out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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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.

Please be Seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. 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), **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Darlene Neumann, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencls), **Jacob Gombar** (uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Tobey Lannert** (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), **Vic Larson** (former member), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Gary Ringham** (friend of Nila and Arnie Bilstad), **Kari, Sydney, and**

Luke Stocks (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Jim Wahlund** (brother in-law of Chris Miller), **Dana Zingrone** (friend of Jeanne Nelson). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ.

Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love.

Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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

“Watchman’s Song ”

Grieg/Sparke

French Horn: Allison Wittich; Piano: Kelly Wittich

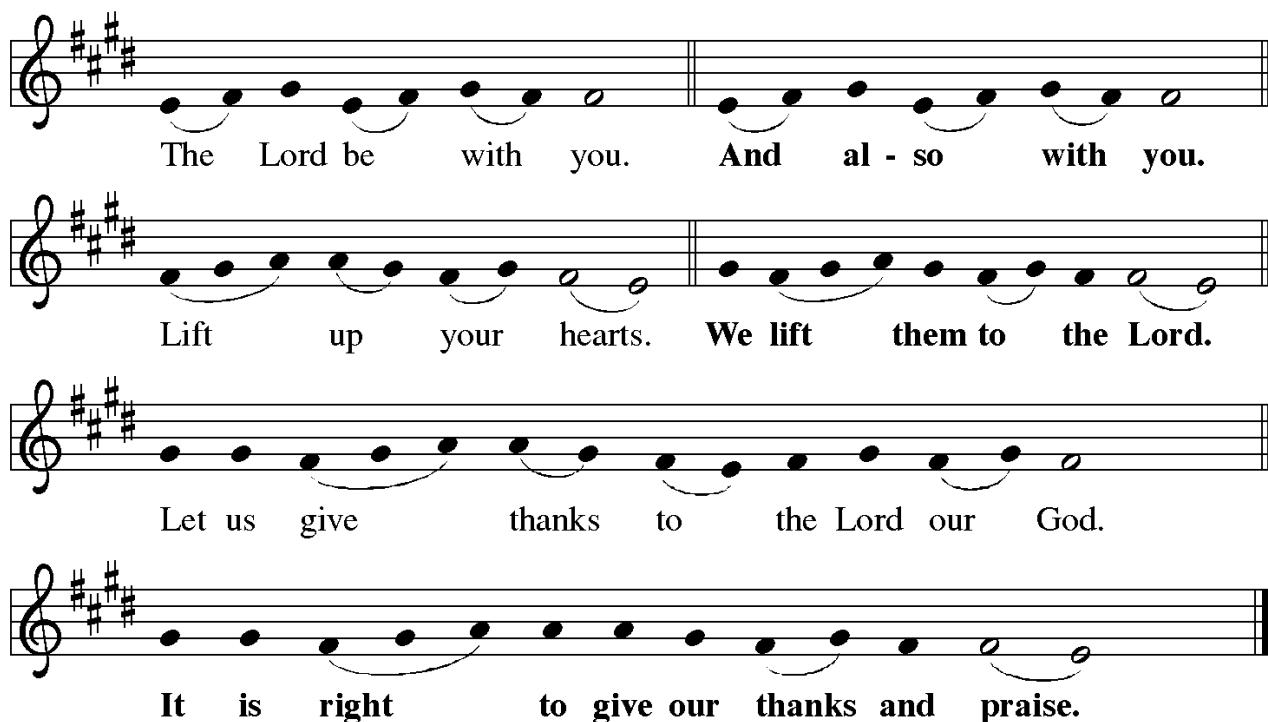
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



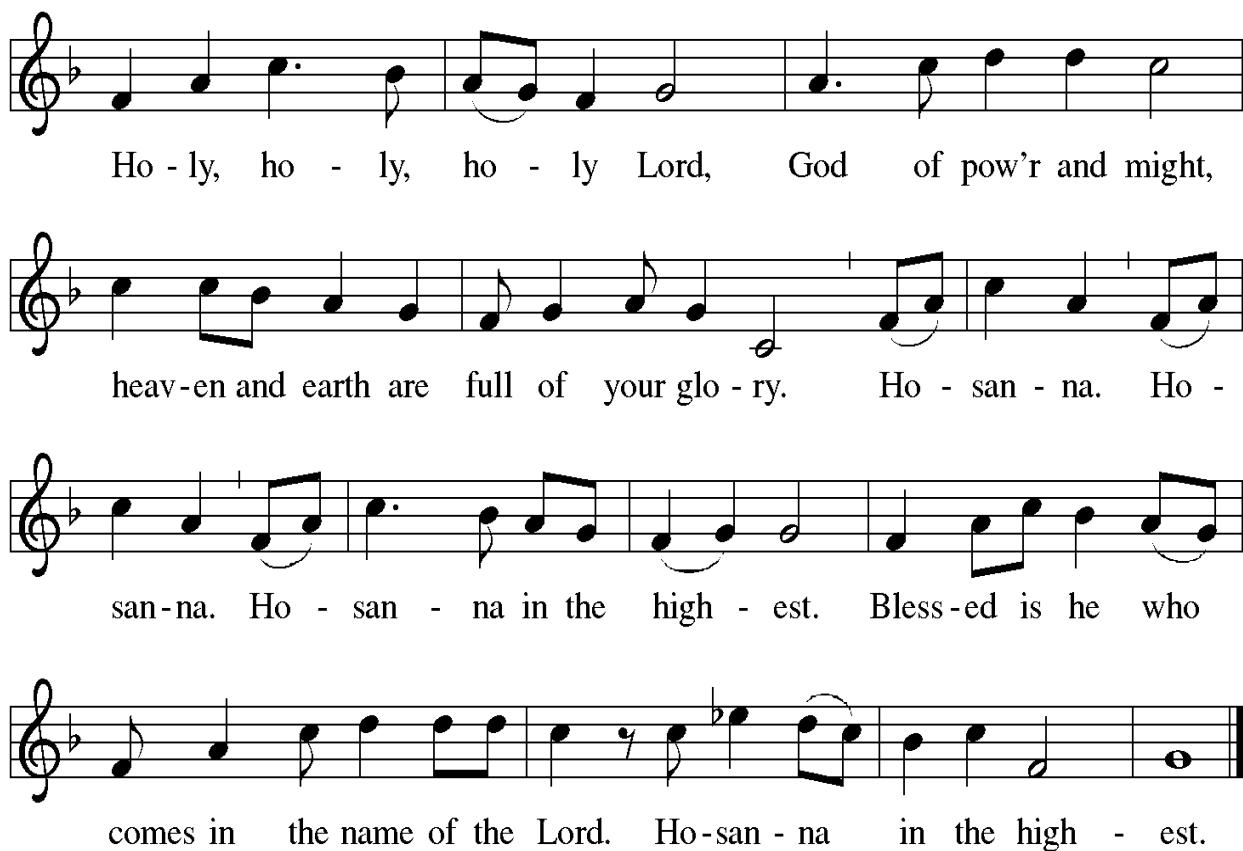
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

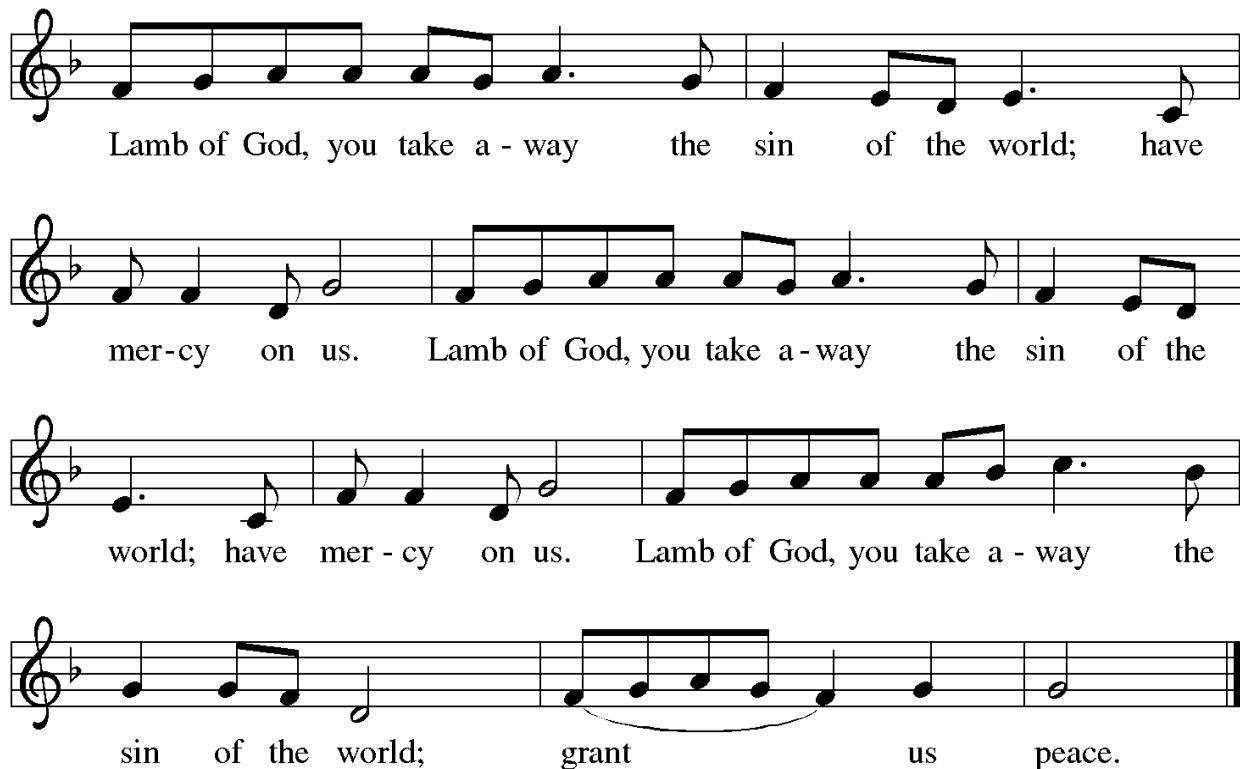
C **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

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.



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

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 - joice 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 Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

“On Eagles Wings”

ELW 787

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-i-ne will bring you no

fear; un-der God’s wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

JS Bach

FELLOWSHIP EVENT — **Friday February 20th**. DIY Wine

Tasting. This year, we will gather around the fireplace at Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm as usual, but this time we will each bring our own favorite wine and a snack to share. If you so choose, be your own sommelier and present the characteristics of your wine that make it your favorite. No true expertise required! Our goal is fun and fellowship in a cozy environment with our Holy Spirit friends. Sign up sheet will be in the gathering space as well as on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#wine.



JAZZ SUNDAY — **Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 a.m.** It promises to be a great morning of music as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord before the beginning of the season of Lent.

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY — Help us celebrate on **Sunday, February 15th**. The kids will create parade props during Sunday School and display them throughout the building in our annual parade. Join us in the church gathering space after service for treats and fun!

ASH WEDNESDAY — **February 18 at 7:30 p.m. "Service of Ashes & Holy Communion"** Joins us as we begin our Lenten journey with the traditional service of ashes. Lent is a time for a probing consideration of our human condition, including sin and its deadly consequences for both individuals and society. It is also time for an equally intense consideration of the new possibilities offered to us in Jesus Christ and their implications for practical living. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this journey, as we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, but also the promise of abundant, everlasting life, as we turn from sin to trust in God. The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of God's claim on us, now and forever.

BLOOD DRIVE — **Sunday, February 22, from 8:30 am - 12:30**

pm Blood transfusion made possible by volunteer blood donors saves the lives of patients every year. Walk in or make an appointment on-line at www.holyspirit-elca.org/#blood.



COOL FOOD PANTRY — During the month of February the donation item is cereal and soap of any kind .

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED — We have many Sundays with no teachers and would love your help! High schoolers are welcome as assistants. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions or would like to teach or assist. Jennifer.Williamslchschildren@gmail.com

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We are currently studying Kelly Fryer's book, *"Reclaiming the 'L' Word: Renewing the Church from its Lutheran Core."* Fryer addresses essential questions about identity and mission within the Lutheran tradition, encouraging the reader to ask the questions: Who are we? What does it mean to be Lutheran today? and Why does it matter? Fryer's approach to our mission is inspirational, engaging, and challenging, so don't miss this new study, and make it a part of your new year! Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and from each other. And we always close our time together 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.



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



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday February 8	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Youth Sunday Brass Choir
Tuesday February 10	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	4:30 pm	Adult Choir (in the sanctuary)
Thursday February 12	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Sunday February 15	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Youth Sunday Bell Choir

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The church youth will be fulfilling the roles of assisting minister, ushers, greeters and deacons this youth Sunday.

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