

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026



ELW SETTING 6
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

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. 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. 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. Various updates and additional church information, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org.

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.**



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and saving God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness:
envy, ambition, conflict, boasting, hard hearts, lashing tongues,
dishonor for the poor.**

In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts.

**Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,
the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,
the sheaves of wisdom and justice;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God’s love is healing balm for your wounds. Continue to pray for one another; care for those who are wandering; and seek the good, that you may live.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ELW 363



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547


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.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



2 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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

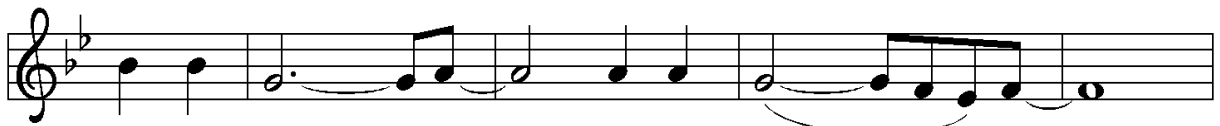


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

Marty Haugen

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

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel - ter;

In your pres - ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

A *REFRAIN*

C **REFRAIN**

A Faithful God, I look to You, You alone my life and fortune,
Never shall I look to other gods,
You shall be my one hope.

C **REFRAIN**

A From of old You are my heritage, You my wisdom and my safety,
Through the night You speak within my heart,
Silently You teach me.

C **REFRAIN**

A So my heart shape song for joy, in Your arms I rest securely,
You will not abandon me to death,
You shall not desert me.

C **REFRAIN**

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- A 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.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

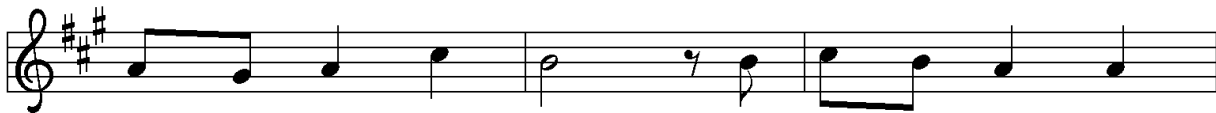
Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight” ELW 635

Verse 1, 2, 3, & 5



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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 Stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

A God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. 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 Your mercy is great.

A Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David, Jacob Gombar** (cousin and

uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencs), **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), **Jean Goodale, Sandy Sturt, and Alex Trachtenberg** (friends of the Roehls). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Cindy Berry

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er 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 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.

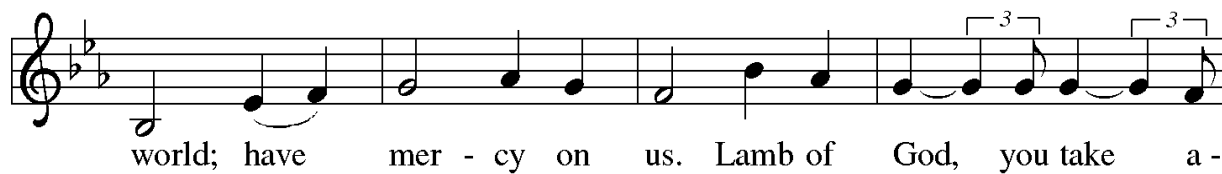
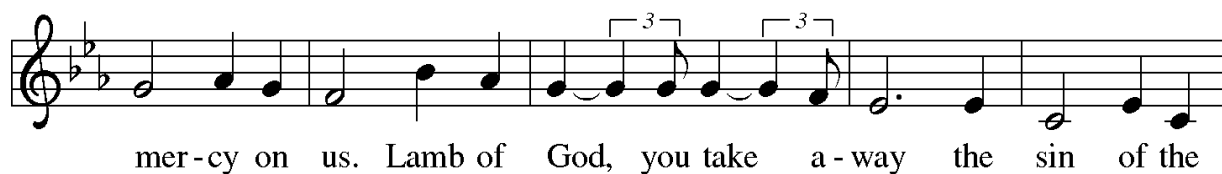
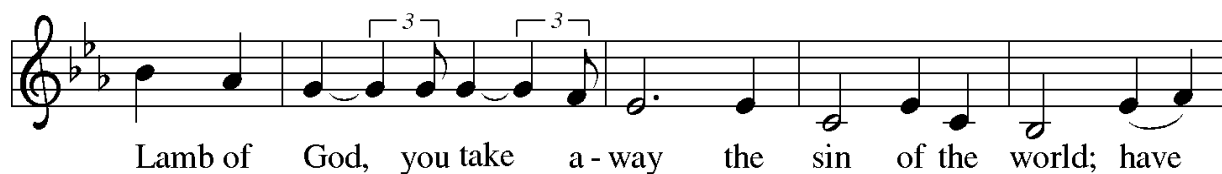
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.
C **Amen.**



COMMUNION CANTICLE



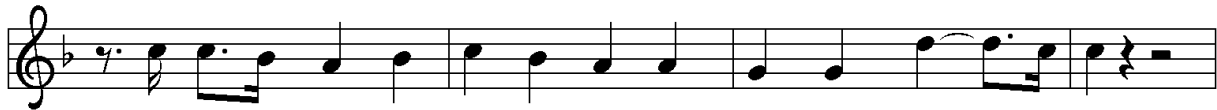
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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



Send us with your prom-is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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Verse 1, 2, 3, & 6

1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav’ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun’s e - clipse is o’er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv’n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

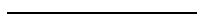
P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Awake My Heart with Gladness”

Flor Peeters



Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Labellartes in honor of Lydias's 9th birthday.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2026 —

Every three years we make a specific appeal to our Building Fund that allows us to meet our mortgage payments and to complete a number of capital improvements to our property and grounds. The mission and ministries of Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit are dependent on the financial support and personal involvement of our dedicated members. This capital campaign theme is "Open Doors, Strong Roots." As we recommit to another three year plan, we will need your help to make this appeal a successful one.

RSVP for the dinner by scanning the QR code to be directed to www.holyspirit-elca.org/rsvp. We are also asking for a few volunteers to help before, during and after the dinner. Sign up slots include set-up and decorations before hand,; servers and bartenders during the dinner; and clean-up afterward. Sign up to help when you RSVP or by going to www.holyspirit-elca.org/help.



COOL FOOD PANTRY —

The April donation item is snack foods and pasta.

WORSHIP RUNS ON VOLUNTEERS (and grace) —

We're looking for friendly faces to serve as Greeters, Ushers, Communion Deacons and Assisting Ministers. Training is provided, schedules are flexible and you'll never be thrown in without support. Whether this is your first time volunteering or you've been here for years, there's a place for you. If you enjoy welcoming others and helping worship run smoothly, this is a simple and meaningful way to serve. **Sign up at:** www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer
Questions? Contact Allison Wyrwicz at 704-491-4446 or email allison.wyrwicz@gmail.com.

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 —

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We are taking a couple of weeks off and will resume meeting on April 16.

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 QR 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 April 12	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday April 14	4:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday April 16	9:30 am	Prayer Group
Sunday April 19	9:30 am 10:45 am	Service of Holy Communion Brass

Pastor: Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom
Office Manager: Ciara Crews
Music Ministers: Karen M. Jirsa, Bill Vaananen,
Organist: Karen M. Jirsa
Children's Ministry Director: Jennifer Williams

Assistant Minister Wayne Giampietro
Ushers Aidan Wyrwicz, Ron Stocks
Greeters Eileen & Tom Weglarz
Communion Deacons Nila Bilstad, Dorothy Stocks
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