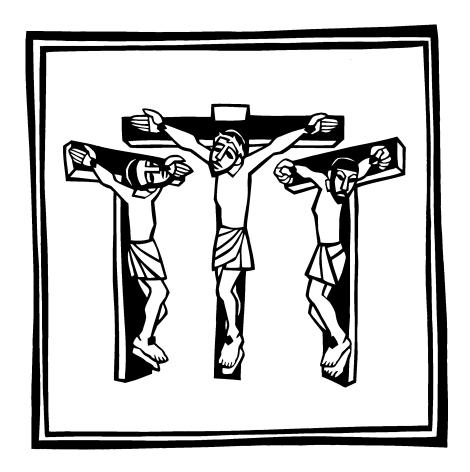
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${\it ELW~SETTING~6}\\ {\it LUTHERAN~CHURCH~OF~THE~HOLY~SPIRIT}$

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" Craig Courtney

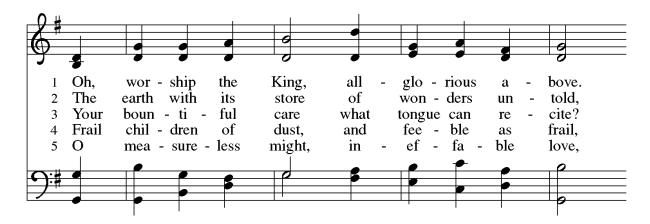
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Faithful God,
- C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
 We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
 We ignore our neighbors.
 We exploit the earth.
 We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.
 Amen.
- P Hear the good news:
 God the Faithful One loves you,
 in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Oh, Worship the King" ELW 842





Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

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





- P O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE





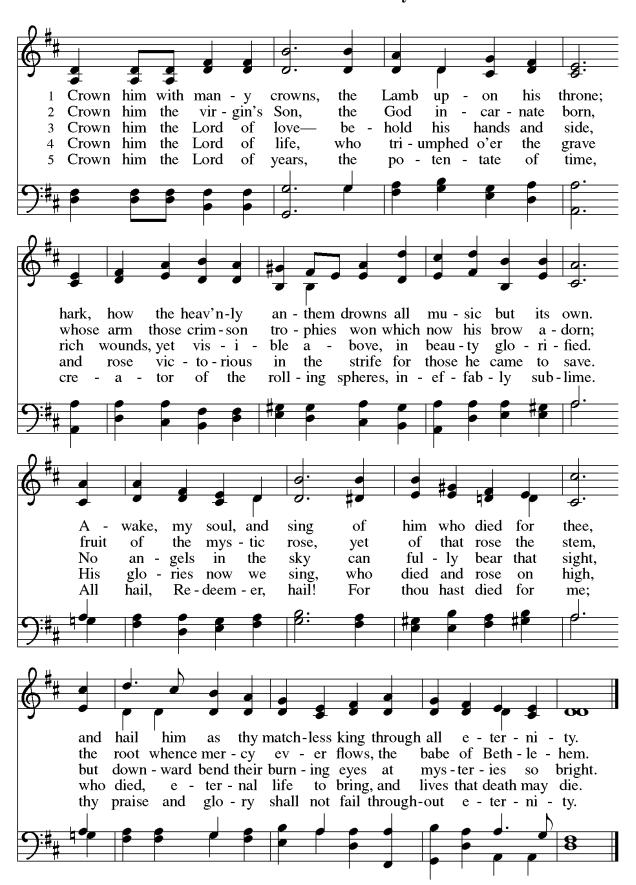
GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
 - ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
- A The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855



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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. 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). Hear us, O God.

- C Your mercy is great.
- We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in A body or spirit, or sick. We especially pray for Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Darlene Neumann, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran (friend of the Wittichs), Jacob Gombar (uncle of Jeanne Nelson), Jean Goodale (friend of Joan Roehl), Laura Hansel (sister of Mary Detjen), Jim Hanzel (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Tobey Lannert (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), Vic Larson (former member), Cierra Mason (granddaughter of Jerry Mason), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), 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 inlaw of Chris Miller), Dana Zingrone (friend of Jeanne Nelson). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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

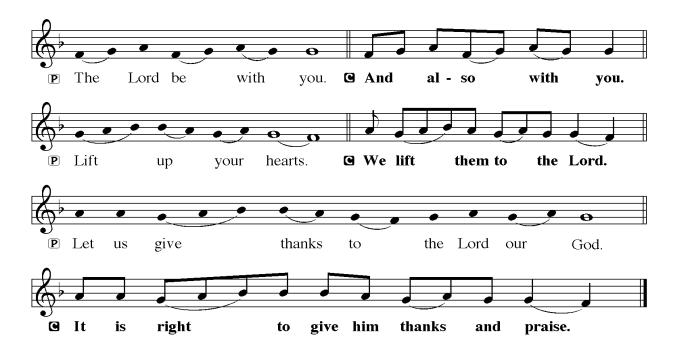
OFFERTORY MUSIC "Oh, Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord" D. Music Adult Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

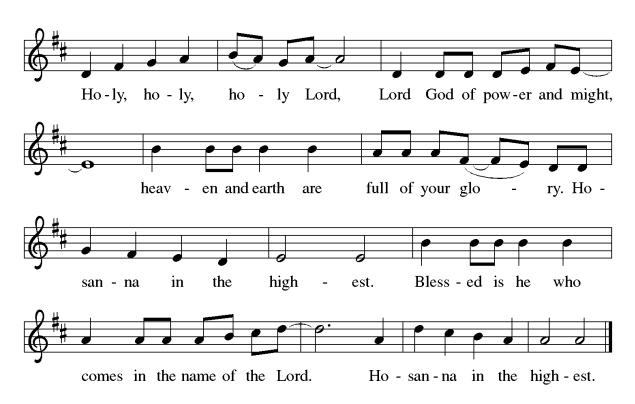
A God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, 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:



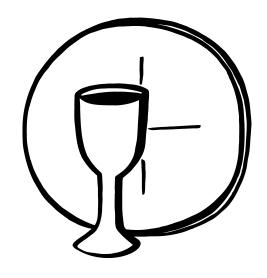
P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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

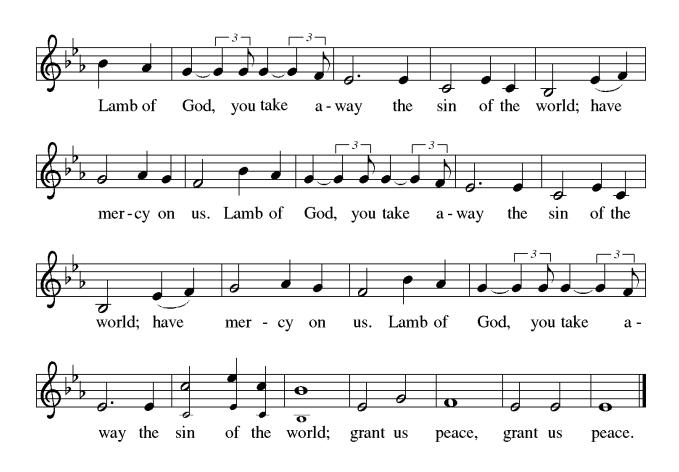
- P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins 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.



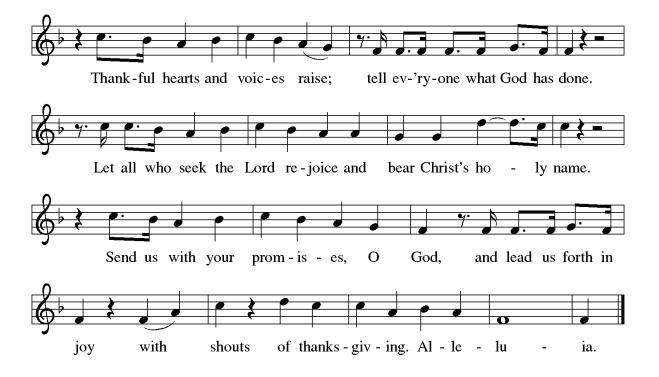
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- P There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.
- C Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
 God the Son save you,
 and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
 The holy Trinity bless you
 and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
 now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

ELW 634



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Michael Burkhardt

Sanctuary flowers are donated by Trudy Bettiker.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE —

Please join your Holy Spirit family at our 9:30 am Thanksgiving Day service.

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION—

This week's donation item: diapers sizes 5 & 6, and deodorant for veterans. Join us in the gift of giving and the miracle of multiplying our efforts to the glory of God. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday. Next week: snack bars (granola bars, raisins, fruit snacks).

<u>HANGING OF THE GREENS</u> — November 30th. After our 9:30 worship service, we will be preparing the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons by putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. This will be a fun event for your whole family to enjoy and participate in. Mark your calendar and join us as we all work together to make our worship space festive and beautiful for the holidays.

<u>DINNER TOGETHER THIS ADVENT SEASON</u>— December 2nd.

All are welcome to join as we come together for our dinner. We will share a church family meal with Christmas spirit at 6:00 followed by an advent service 7:00-7:30pm. Please rsvp for dinner to Pastor Tim or Jennifer. A free will offering will be collected.

- <u>ANGEL TREE</u> One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with children in need. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. These children have come to be called our "angels".
- **Sign Up:** We are asking people to sign up for a child/children through our Signup Genius linked on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/ #tree. If you are unable to do so, you may contact Kari Davenport and she will assign you a child.
- **Drop Off:** Wrapped gifts are due to the church by Sunday, December 14th. You can drop off during office hours or on Sundays during services. If you need help wrapping your gifts, please contact Kari.
- **Appropriate Items:** We strive to provide each child with an age-appropriate toy, an article of warm clothing (like a shirt, pants, sweatsuit etc.) and a new or gently used book. However, if there is ever a time to spoil a child, this is one of those times that it's okay.
- **Labeling Gifts:** Please be sure to properly label all your gifts with the child's name when you return them so that they are delivered to the right child.
- **Target Gift Cards Too:** Lutheran Day Nursery also has some families in need this year. In addition to the gifts for the children, we will also be collecting Target gift cards to be given to these families.

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport, karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

EXPOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Wednesday, December 10th. – All

Experienced People of Spirit are welcome at a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th at 11:30am. The menu will feature Al Edwards' amazing chili! If you'd like to join us, please contact Jeanne Nelson (847-502-6799 or jnelson814@comcast.net). We're asking everyone to bring a chili topping, a side, and/or help with setup or cleanup.

Also, "if you can, bring a can* of non-perishable food"-- for the COOL Pantry. That can*-- can be more -- multiple cans in a box or tray. Upper Lake County has over 78,000 people that have food insecurity, and with vagaries in government food support programs, we need to step up and become part of God's rescue team. So, come enjoy the chili and help your up-county neighbors stabilize their food sources.

ELCA'S GUARDIAN ANGELS PROGRAM —

A representative of the ELCA's Guardian Angels Program has reached out to our congregation to gauge interest in becoming involved in the program. A component of the ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) initiative, the Guardian Angels program provides volunteers who offer a spiritual and physical presence to unaccompanied migrant children and families through their immigration court process. The program is the visible expression of our church's ministry of presence in the lives of women, men and children who are facing the unknown. The program also seeks to build community as church together and church for the sake of the world.

The Guardian Angels volunteers who accompany unaccompanied migrant children and single-parent families through their immigration court process, offer:

- SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT to provide spiritual support for them at court hearings
- PHYSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT to be a visible sign of the church in immigration court
- COURT WATCH to be present in court
- RESOURCE SHARING If requested, to provide information about local resources to assist migrants in their transition to life in the United States and to encourage families to obtain legal counsel.

If you think you'd be interested in participating or have questions, please contact Pastor Tim through the church office, 847-945-1550 or Jeanne Nelson, 847-502-6799.

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED</u> — Have you considered serving on our Church Council? If you would like to find out more, please contact a member of this year's nominating committee: Mike Pedersen (pedersenm785@gmail.com), Jeanne Nelson (jnelson814@comcast.net), Kelly Wittich (kellywittich@yahoo.com), and Ryan Hathaway (rbhathaway@gmail.com). Any Council member would be happy to chat with you.

<u>2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES</u> — If you would like to continue using envelopes or would like to start, just pick up a box from the church office. Numbers have not been assigned so when an envelope is used for the first time be sure to include your name on the outside or on the check. We will update the associated member number and envelope number in our accounting system.

<u>IMPORTANT TAX BENEFIT</u>—

Have you reached that golden IRS age of 70 ½? If so, then you can donate directly to Holy Spirit from your taxable IRA with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

- Currently the maximum annual QCD amount any individual can make in total is \$108,000 (index adjusted annually).
- This direct contribution satisfies any RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) you may be subject to.
- This distribution is not included in your Adjusted Gross Income for the year and thus will not be taxable income.
- This amount will not count against your IRMAA (income related monthly adjustment amount for Medicare).

Just direct your IRA custodian to distribute via direct check to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. You may already have a checkbook for your taxable IRA account for making such charitable contributions written directly to the charity. Remittance information should include the donor name. Questions can be directed to Jackie Murphy at Jmurph2803@gmail.com.

<u>QUILTERS</u> —

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. Our new study is entitled, "Light of the World: a Beginner's Guide to Advent". Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament studies and author, explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus, including the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Maji. Theses stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories and the Old Testament, the role of women in 1st century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation, and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. Don't miss this wonderful study! Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and from each other. 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 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 November 23 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 am Bells

Tuesday November 25 NO Confirmation No LYFE

4:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday November 27 9:30 am Thanksgiving Service

Friday November 28 Church Office Closed

Sunday November 30 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 am Hanging of the Greens

Pick up Advent Wreaths

Pastor:Rev. Timothy C. LinstromOffice Manager:Ciara CrewsChildren's Ministry Director:Jennifer Williams

Choir Director & Organist: Karen Jirsa

Assisting Minister: Nila Bilstad

Ushers:

Greeters: Jerry Mason

Communion Deacons: Michael Pedersen, Kari Davenport

Record: Jeanne Nelson

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