# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025



# ELW SETTING HAUGEN 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

All hymn numbers refer to the "red" ELW hymnal unless otherwise noted

# PRELUDE "Listen, God is Calling" Jon Vieker

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

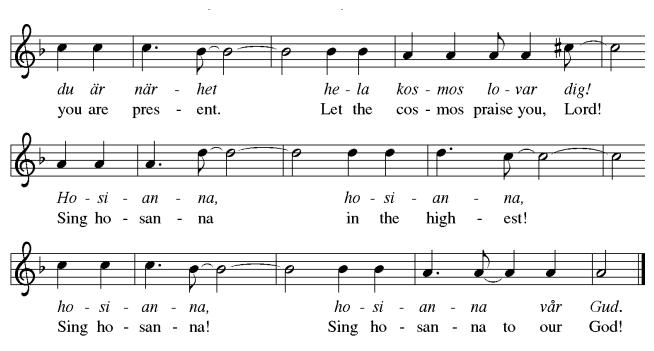
- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Merciful God,
- C you free us to love others,
  but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
  You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
  but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
  You surround us with patience, kindness,
  and generosity,
  but we grow weary in doing what is right.
  In your mercy, forgive us.
  Do not give up on us.
  Heal us, break our bonds,
  and show us the path of life.
  Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

#### C Amen.





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#### **GREETING**

- P From God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
- $\mathbf{C}$ And also with you.

# **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

# C Amen

Please be seated.

#### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

# SPECIAL MUSIC "Blessing In My Backpack" LYFE Choir

The time has come for school supplies
And I'm checking off my list
Got pencils, pens, and crayons
But there's one thing that I've missed
With all those material things
I guess I overlooked
The Lord who walks beside me
And His Bible is my book!

Chorus: I've got a blessing in my backpack

And a smile upon my face!
I know the Lord is with me
And I'm picking up my pace
I'm gonna march right down that hallway
And greet everyone I see
His spirit is singin' in me!

I'm gonna gobble up the goodness When I sit down for my lunch Like Christ and his disciples I'll make music while I munch That peace that dwells inside me I will share with all I know I'll lead by my example With His blessings I will go!

(Repeat Chorus)

(Bridge) The Golden Rule will be my ruler

Ten Commandments I will count When I speak I'll stand like Jesus With his Sermon on the Mount. I'm guided by my teachers And I know they'll lead the way And with that secret in my satchel I'll have spirit every day!

(Repeat Chorus)

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, Α the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

#### **SECOND READING**

#### **Hebrews 12:18-29**

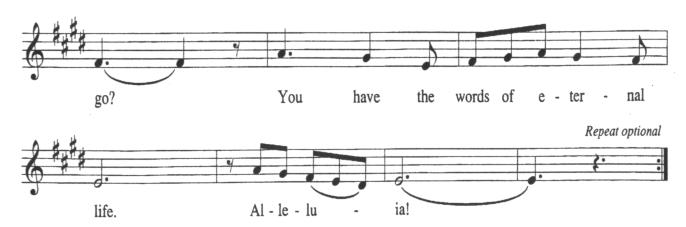
A <sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- <sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> P And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 



#### **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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.
- A You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life.. 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), and **Kimberly Koblas** (daughter of Wendy & Jim). Hear us, God,
- C Your mercy is great.

A You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. We especially pray for Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, 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), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Merle Peiler (former member), 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). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

- A You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A With Bartholomew and all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
- C Amen.

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

(All student in the church are invited to come to place their backpacks in a designated area at the front of the worship space.)

- P Lord you have brought us to the start of a new school year.
- C And so we bring these backpacks and their owners to your altar.
- P Just as you called your disciples Peter, James, and John, you have called each of these children, inviting them to follow you each day of their lives.
- C They carry these backpacks on the journey, filled with the tools they need to learn more about your world and work.
- P Just as you blessed the nets of your followers to be filled with abundant catch.
- C may the contents of these backpacks fill and nourish the minds of these faithful young fishers so they may be an abundant blessing to others.
- P Just as these backpacks will be carried with these students whenever they go to school,
- C go with them as they head to class each day, O God, and be with them in the classroom, the hallways, the cafeteria, and the playground that they may know that they are your fishing followers wherever they go.
- P When these backpacks are opened at the start of each day,
- C open these students intellects to the many things you have to teach them and give them an eye for the

- blessings you have sprinkled across the day which you have made.
- P When these backpacks are closed,
- C help these students to retain the information they have been given in school and apply it to their daily lives, so that they may let it frame their experiences.
- P In all these things, Lord, let these backpacks and those who carry them show the world that each one of these students is your called disciple,
- C called by you to cast out love and your good Word to classmates, teachers, friends, and family.
- P Help theses students to see that they bathed in your love and engulfed in your care,
- C and that you guide and direct them lovingly as they sail through life.
- P Help these students to utilize the many talents and skills with which you have gifted them.
- C And to use them to your glory.
- P In this hope, therefore, I bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of he Holy Spirit. Go in peace, children of God, with your backpacks, and remember that you are Jesus' disciples and that he is with you always.
- C Amen.

(All students return to their seat with their backpacks.)

#### **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 "How Can I Keep from Singing?" T. Shaw Adult Choir

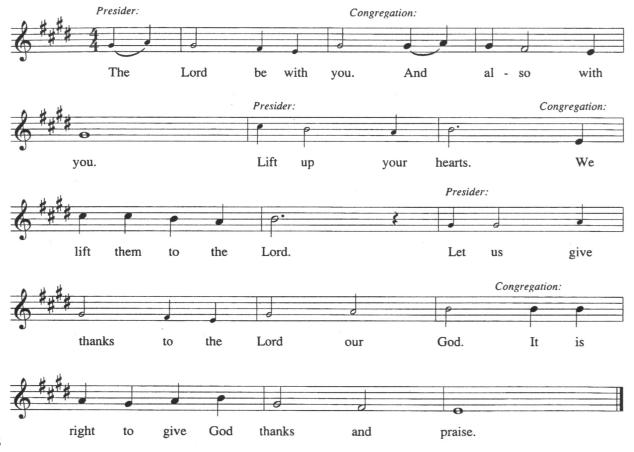
#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

# C Amen

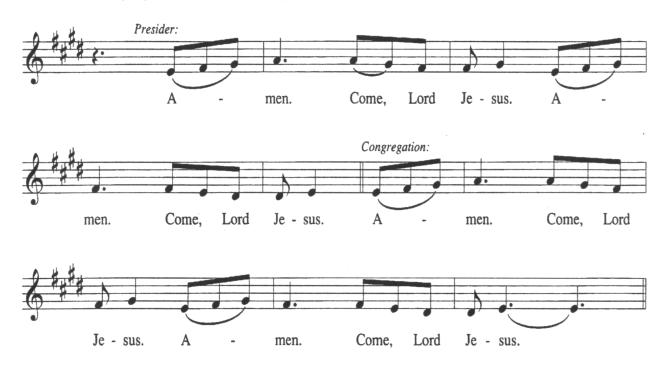
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



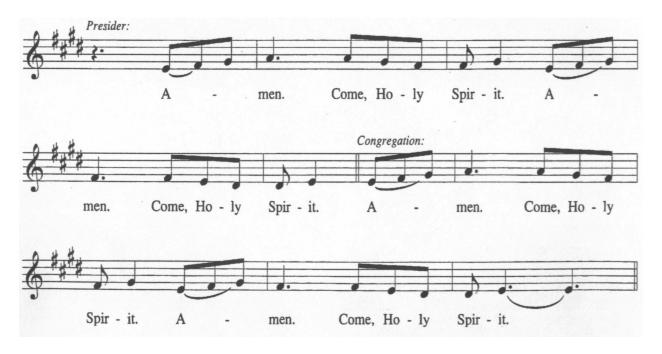
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought 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:



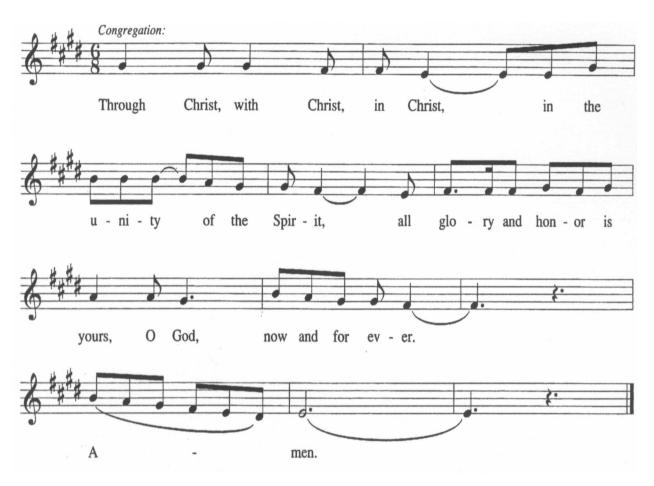
P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace. On the night of his betrayal 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. 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 his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry;



P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.



#### 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.

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 The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C Amen.



# **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



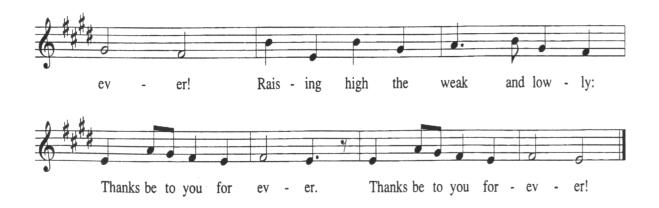
P The body Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Stand after all have been communed.

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

# **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**







# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A Mothering God,
  you gathered us to your table
  and we drank deeply of your grace.
  Send us out by your Spirit
  to love our neighbors as ourselves
  and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

# **BENEDICTION**

- P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN** "The Lord Now Send Us Forth" **ELW 538**



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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Live bythe Spirit.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Sanctuary flowers were donated by Jan and Scott Schwanke in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

**SPIRIT DAY!** — Save Sept. 7th on your calendar for our Fall Programming Start-Up Celebration! We are planning a Picnic Celebration for all! There will be food, games, music, contests and FUN. Please check for sign-up links on the church website and paper copies in the gathering space to assist with the event. We'll need help to make this the best it can be!

# <u>LYFE BEGINS!</u> — Pre-registration due today!!

Lyfe begins this Tuesday August 26. Calling all kids in 2nd-6th grade: Join us for our Tuesday LYFE Program! Our first meeting will take place Tuesday August 26 at 4:15. We'll start with a few intros and ice breakers and then move into music. Everyone needs to pre-register by Sunday Aug 24 so we can prepare for the fun! A link to register can be found on the church website at <a href="https://holyspirt.elca.org/children#lyfe">holyspirt.elca.org/children#lyfe</a>.

<u>RIDING WITH THE SPIRIT</u> — In past years members of Holy Spirit have assisted other members in need of transportation with rides to church and rides to other things like medical appointments. This ministry was entitled "Riding with the Spirit". After a period of inactivity, we now have members who could use a ride to church. If you are interested in helping give someone a ride to church please let Pastor Tim know as we revitalize the "Riding with the Spirit" ministry.

SEASONAL WORSHIP DECOR — Banners and sanctuary decorations can add a lot to our worship experience, and we'd like to explore your interest in developing a team to do that. If you are interested in making our seasonal worship more visible, please sign up in person or online and we'll set up a meeting to determine how to move forward. Thank you for your interest. A sign up sheet is in the gathering space and on the church website at holyspirit-elca.org/#seasonal.

<u>SUNDAY SHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED</u>— We are in need of Sunday School teachers to work with our amazing LCHS kids! Any confirmed member is welcome to help. Materials and lesson plans are provided. This is a great way to get involved with our youth. Please reach out to Jennifer (jenniferwilliamslchschildren@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting her in the classroom.

<u>CALLING ALL GARDENERS</u> — Nancy Fencl and Sandy Ditewig are heading up a new initiative to manage the gardens— by the front door, behind the sanctuary, the front sign, the courtyard and areas in between. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help manage the gardens before the forest takes them back! If you are interested, contact/text Nancy Fencl at njfloot@yahoo.com 847-507-0878.

**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.

<u>THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY</u> — Weekly 10:15-11:30 am. Join us on Thursday mornings for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We are taking a break and will resume bible study class on September 11.

<u>ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE</u> — 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.

<u>LIVE STREAM</u> — 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.



# **HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS**

Sunday August 17 9:30 am Service of Holy Communion

Blessing of the backpacks &

10:30 am Kona Ice

**Thursday August 21** 9:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday August 24 9:30 am Service of Holy Communion

Pastor:Rev. Timothy C. LinstromOffice Manager:Ciara Crews

Children's Ministry Director:

Music Ministers:

Jennifer Williams

Karen Jirsa, Bill Vaananen,

Patrick Cantagallo, and Nancy Fencl

Organist: Karen Jirsa
Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo

**Assisting Minister:** Wayne Giampietro

Ushers: Ron Stocks and Mike Pedersen Greeters: Jerry Mason, Margy & Andrew Eastmond

Communion Deacons: Jackie Murphy, Dorothy Stocks

Live Stream: Scott Schwanke

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