

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026



ELW SETTING 5

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

“Beach Spring”

Timothy Albrecht
Flute: Amy Dohler

Please Stand

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 before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the
Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living
water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your
healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ’s
call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

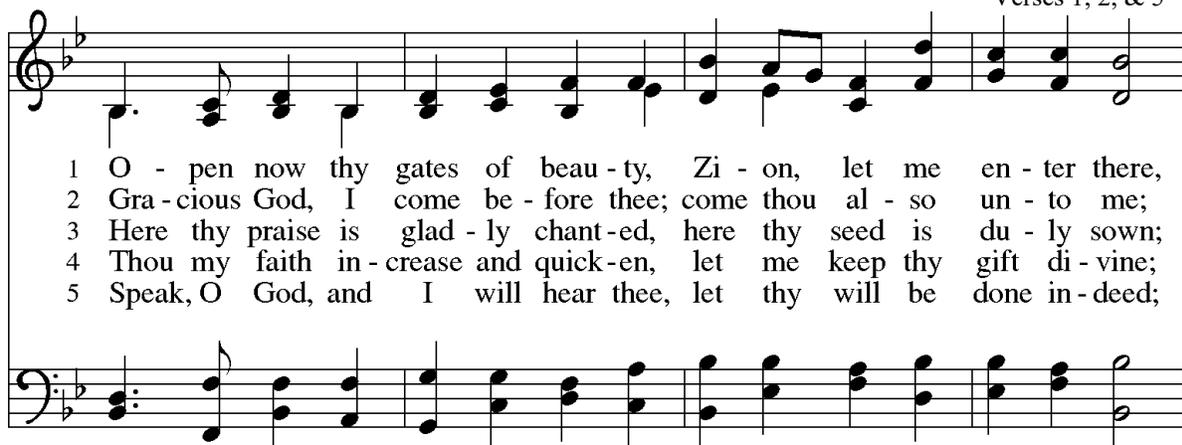
P God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift
of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of
Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ
from the dead dwells in you, pours God’s love into your hearts, and gives you
life and peace.

C **Amen.**

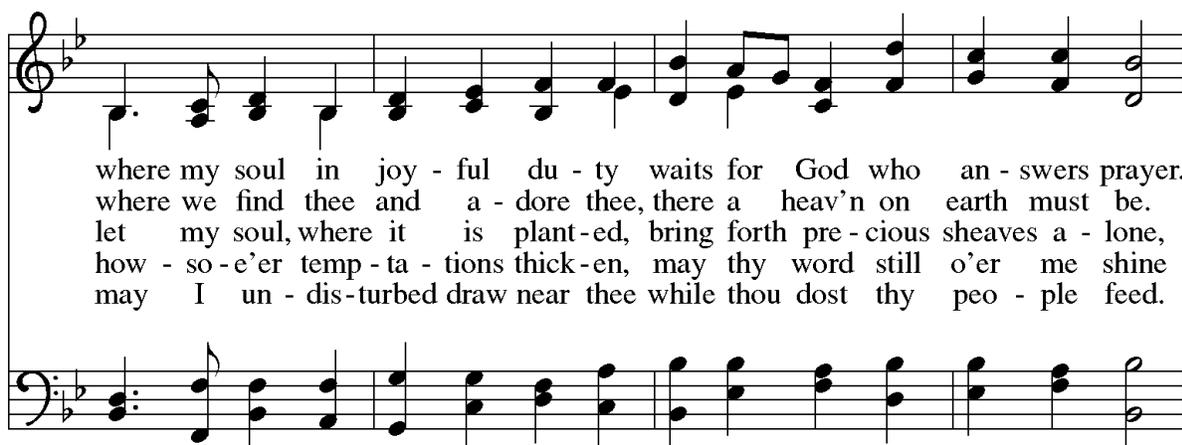
GATHERING HYMN

“Open Now the Gates of Beauty” ELW 533

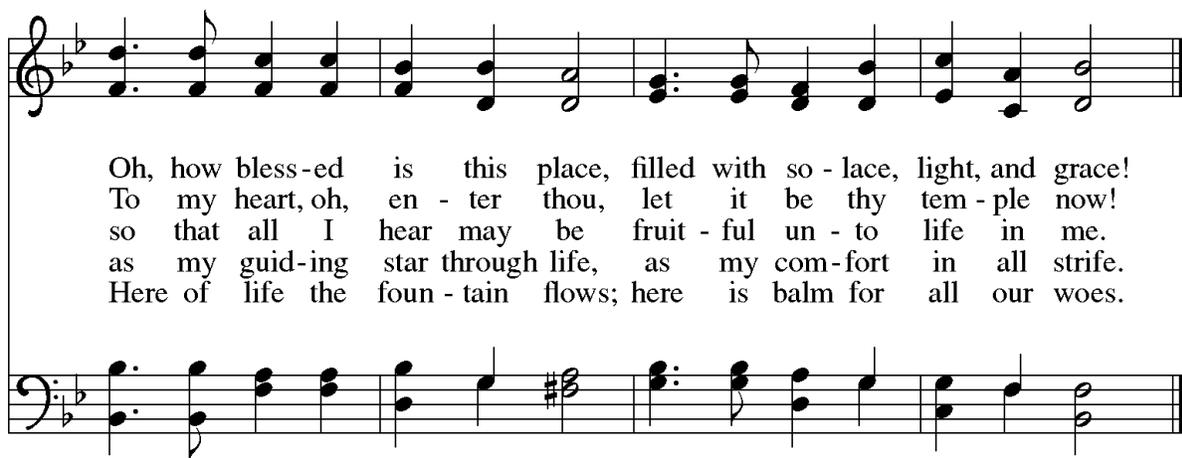
Verses 1, 2, & 5



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



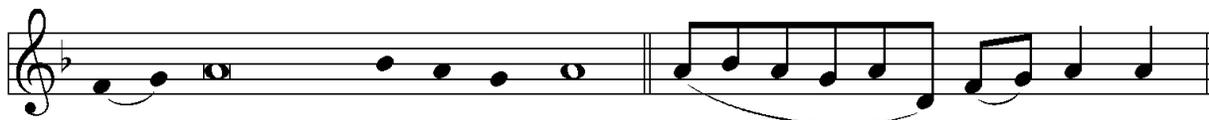
Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

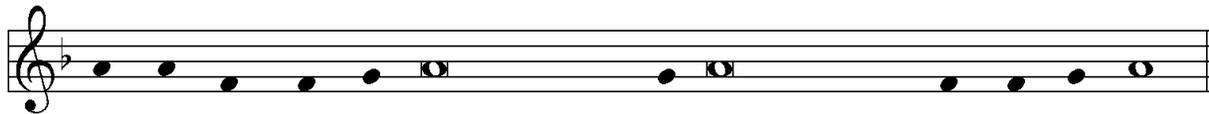
P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



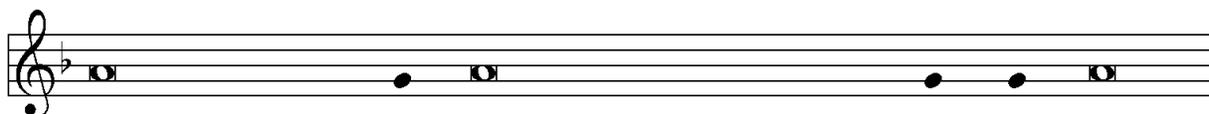
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



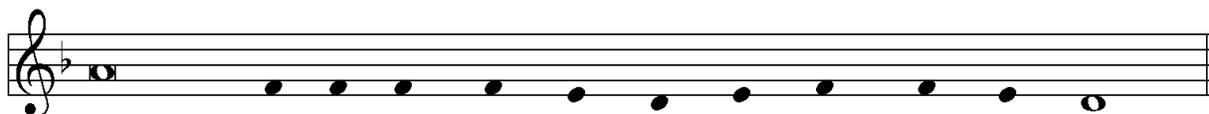
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



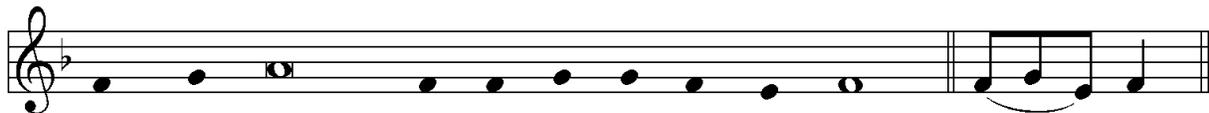
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Four Evangelists"

LYFE Choir

CHORUS: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and John!

We're the Four Evangelists you look upon

Who tell the tale of what came to be

At the start of the first century A.D.

Four versions of the same story

Four interpretations of our Savior's glory

The four great authors of The Passion Play

Read the Gospel, my friend - and hear what we say!

Matthew: I am The Angel, The Wing-ed Man!

And the Prophecy of Christ is part of my plan

I tell of Christ's genealogy

'Cause not many know of His family tree

ALL: **And that's why we're here, why we wrote the book**

We're the "fishers of men", and we'll have you hooked!

The Four Evangelists! Read what we say!

We recorded the Gospel and we'll show you - the Way...

Mark: My name is **Mark**, I'm The Wing-ed Lion!

Wrote my fast-paced Gospel without even tryin'!

I told how Jesus caused the blind to be healed

And the "Secret Messiah" - *who we cannot reveal!*

Luke: My name is **Luke** and you know me well!

I'm The Bull, and the miracles I love to tell

Compassion, you could say, is my middle name

From the cradle to the cross, I will carry...His flame.

(Repeat Chorus)

John: My name is **John**, and above you I fly!
I'm The Eagle of the four - I look down from the sky!
"I am the Way, I am the Truth and the Life!"
With my three Gospel brothers, this I bring to light!

ALL: **And that's why we're here, why we wrote the book**
We're the "fishers of men", and we'll have you hooked!
The Four Evangelists! Read what we say!
We recorded the Gospel and we'll show you - the Way...

CHORUS: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and John!
We're the Four Evangelists you look upon
A first-hand account of the history
At the start of the first century A.D.
Four versions of the Jesus story
Four interpretations of our Savior's glory
The four great authors of The Passion Play
Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John!
Read our story - today!

Words and music by Bil Vaananen March 2026

FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

David Haas

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

REFRAIN

If to-day you hear His voice, hard-en not your hearts.

If to-day you hear His voice, hard-en not your hearts.

A *REFRAIN*
C **REFRAIN**

A Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into His presence, giving thanks;
Let us hail Him with a song of praise.

C **REFRAIN**

A O come let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who made us,
For He is our God and we the people who belong to His pasture,
The flock that is led by His hand.

C **REFRAIN**

A O that today you would listen to His voice!
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah
As on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the
test; though they saw my work.”

C **REFRAIN**

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SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL VERSE



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



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

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter.

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

P ⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these

to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" ELW 777

Verses 1, 4, & 6

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please be seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. 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). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. 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). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jesus Refuge of the Weary ”

**J.S.Bach/Bunjes/Jirsa
Adult Choir; Flute: Amy Dohler**

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

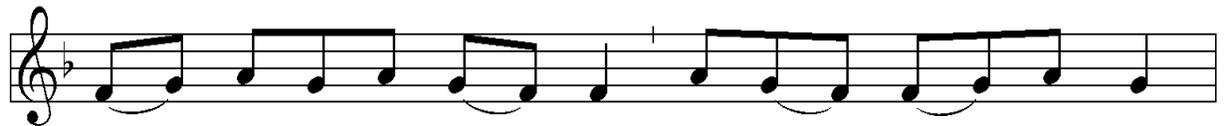
P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

P Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



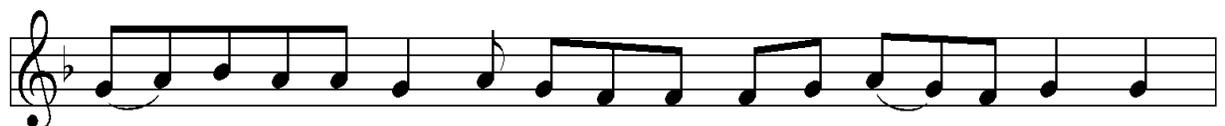
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



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



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



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



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



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



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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Arioso”

JS Bach

Flute: Amy Dohler



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

C **Amen.**

Stand after all have been communed

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

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

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

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

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A God of our salvation,
 we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
 reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
 Through the body and blood of your Son,
 may we become Christ's body in the world,
 bearing witness to your love for all creation,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
 God, who calls all things into existence,
 Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
 and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
 bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

ELW 623

Verses 1, 3, & 4

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

J.S. Bach

Sanctuary flowers are donated by the Driscoll's in honor of Lauren's 18th birthday.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete this order form and return with payment of \$20 per plant to the church office.

Your Name _____

Number of Spring Flowers @ \$20.00 each _____

Given to the glory of God:

in memory of _____ in honor of _____

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER — Friday, March 13.



Attention all corned beef and cabbage lovers! Save the date Friday, March 13, for our annual CB&C event. Ryan Hathaway and Corey Kalas are teaming up in the kitchen once again to create this delicious evening, and Bill Vanaananen is "cooking up" his special brand of musical entertainment. This is a great family event you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars and sign up early!! Please— RSVP via the sign up sheet in the gathering space or online at www.holyspirit-elca.org/rsvp. Contact Mary Lou Gilliam with any questions. (mlwimgil@gmail.com)

SYNOD ASSEMBLY — Our congregation will be sending 3 delegates along with our pastor to the Metro Chicago Synod assembly, June 5th and 6th at the “Q Center” in St. Charles, Illinois. This is the annual meeting where we have elections, approve the budget, and participate in workshops that facilitate the ongoing meaningful work of our church. This year’s assembly will be particularly inspirational as we will be electing a new bishop, to lay a new course for our synod. If you are interested in representing our congregation, please see Pastor Tim for more information. We’d like to get you registered as soon as possible to beat the lower cost early bird deadline. So, step up and join us in the faithful work of the larger church.

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

COOL FOOD PANTRY — During the month of March the donation item is soup and canned meat.

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. For the season of Lent, we'll be studying Amy-Jill Levine's book and study entitled "Entering the Passion: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week". Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life, and sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. In "Entering the Passion", Levine shows how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. You won't want to miss this study during this sacred time of 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.

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 Week & Easter

Passion/Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. —

A Sunday morning that begins with Palms and climaxes in the passion of our Lord. Join the choir processions with palms and praises.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. —

On this night we hear Jesus' command "Do this for the remembrance of me" and respond by gathering as He did with His disciples.

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. —

A service that moves from light to darkness as we reflect on the meaning of Christ's last hours and words, His suffering and death.

Holy Week Children's Event Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. —

Easter Morning Worship April 5 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. —

Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.

Easter Breakfast, April 5 —

You are invited to join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast after service on Easter morning.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday March 8	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Brass Choir
Tuesday March 10	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	4:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	First Communion Class
Thursday March 12	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Friday March 13	6:00 pm	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Sunday March 15	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bell Choir

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