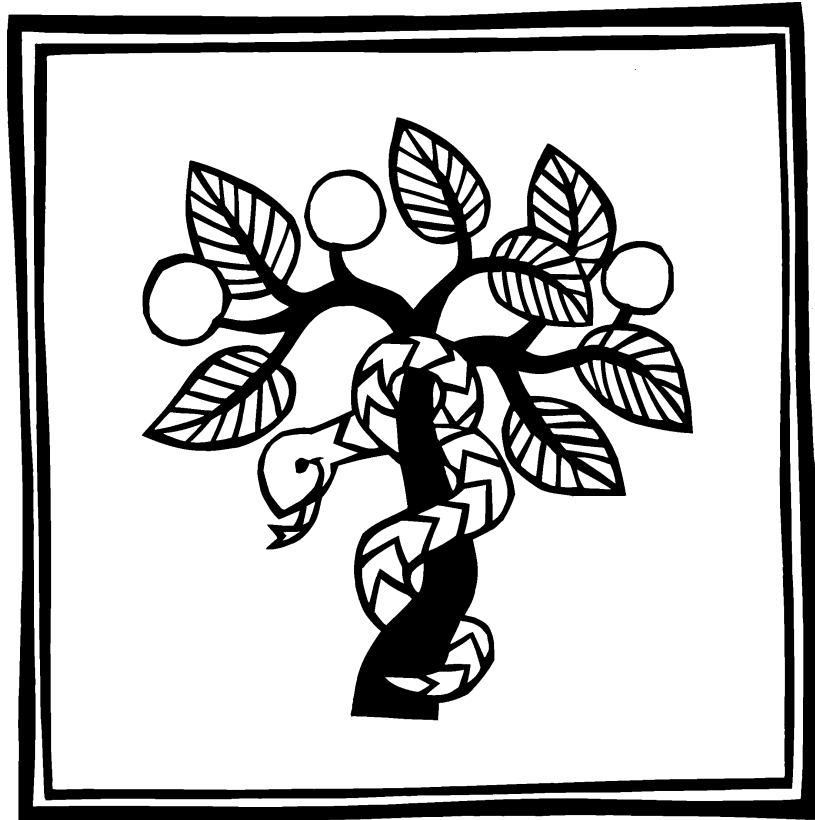


# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 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](http://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      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”    Johann Nikolaus Hanff**

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 disdaining 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

## "A Mighty Fortress"

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Verses 1, 3, & 4

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.      The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed.      You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.      Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap-ons of the Spir - it.      Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe!      With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he!      Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!      His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,      though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight.      On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.      He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!      One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day.      The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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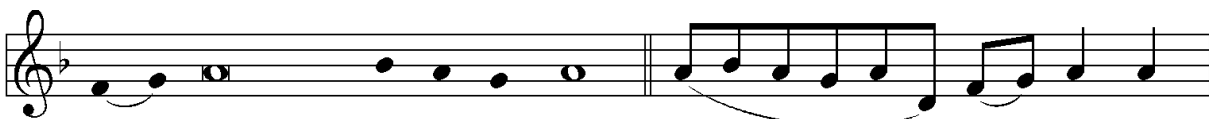
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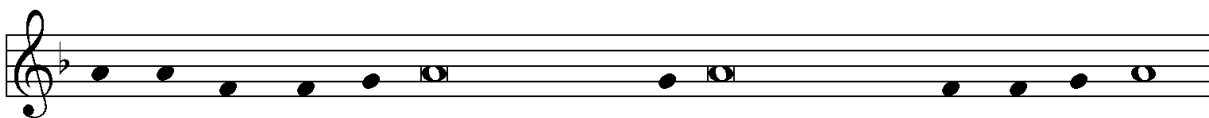
**P** The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

# KYRIE



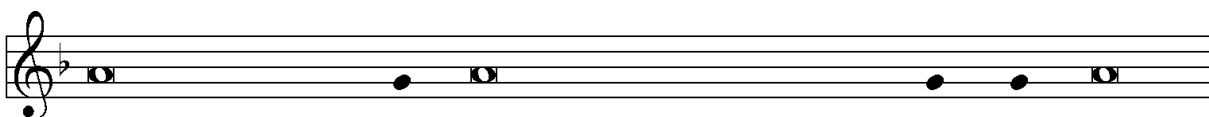
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



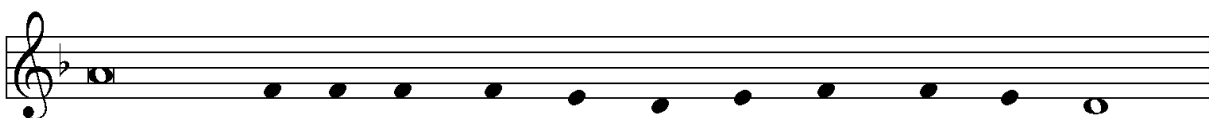
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



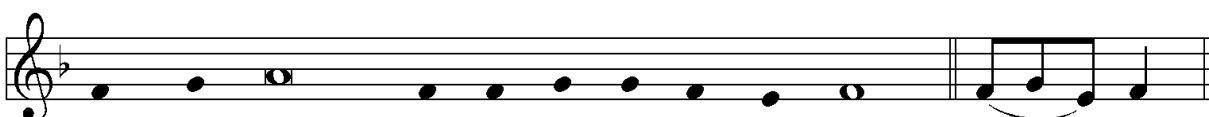
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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** Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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**  
**Linstrom**

**Pastor Tim**

## **FIRST READING**

## **GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 32

Haas

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

## REFRAIN

"God I con - fess my wrong." And You  
 par - doned me, and You par - doned me.

A *REFRAIN*

## C REFRAIN

A Happy the pardoned, whose sin is canceled,  
In whom God finds no evil, no deceit.  
While I hid my sin, my bones grew weak from endless groaning from  
endless groaning.

## C REFRAIN

A: Day and night, under the weight of Your hand,  
My strength withered, as in a summer drought.  
Then I stopped hiding my sin and spoke out,  
“God, I confess my wrong, God, I confess my wrong.”

## C REFRAIN

A     You my shelter, You save me from ruin.  
        You encircle me with songs of freedom.  
        Rejoice in the Lord. Be glad and sing, you faithful and just.

## C REFRAIN

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## SECOND READING

## ROMANS 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 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

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

P <sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**Pastor Tim Linstrom**

*Please Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “When We Are Tested”

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

*Please Stand*

### **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 God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. 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 God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Darlene Neumann, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David, Jacob Gombar** (cousin and uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencels), **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).

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. 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 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Raymond Haan Adult Choir

*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.

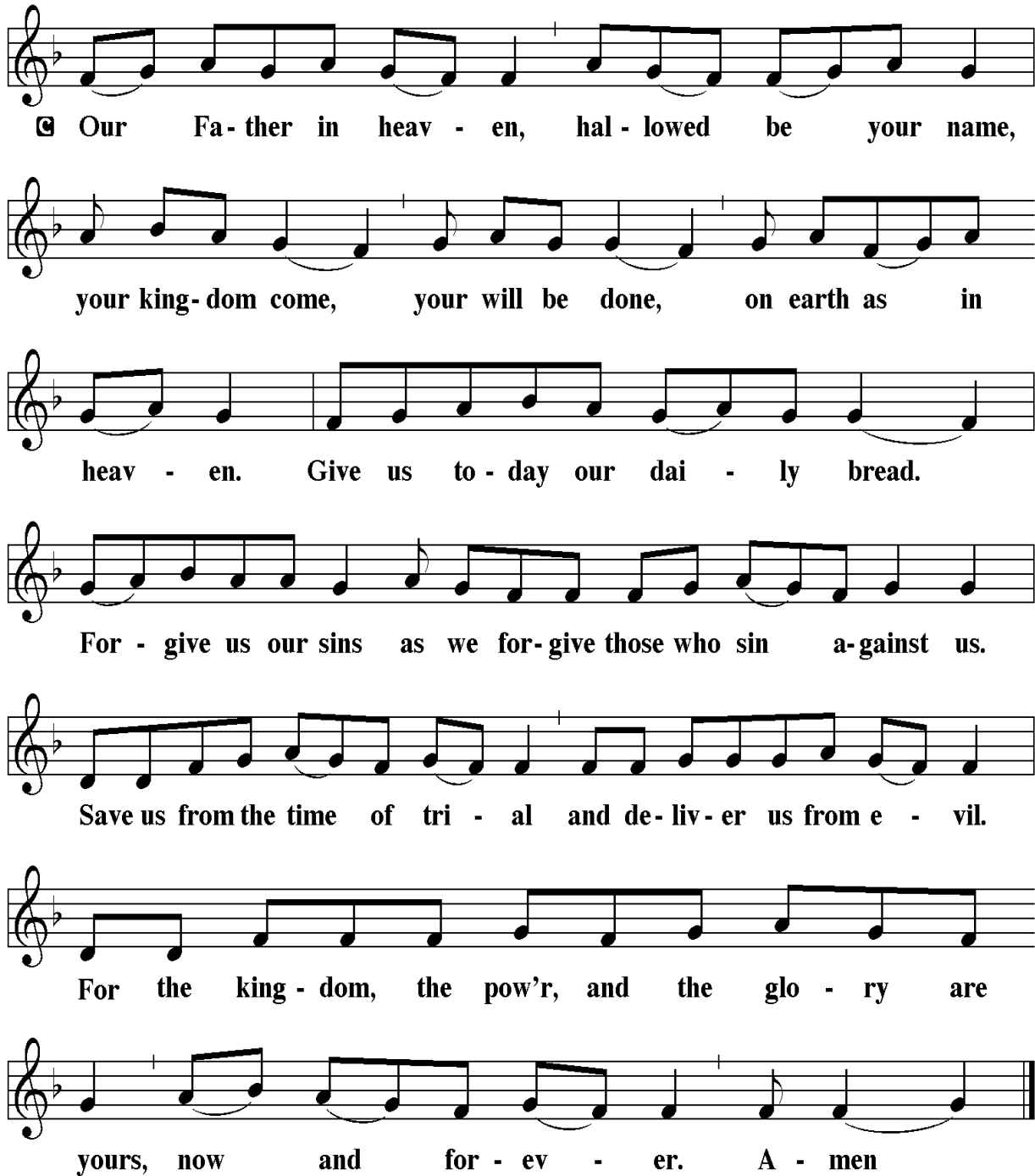
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C** 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

**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.



### **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

## "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**Fugue in C Major**

**GF Handel**

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Sanctuary flowers are donated by the Wyrwicz in honor of Annabel's ninth birthday.

### **BLOOD DRIVE —**

**TODAY Sunday, February 22, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

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



### **CORNER 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](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org/rsvp). Contact Mary Lou Gilliam with any questions. ([mlwimgil@gmail.com](mailto:mlwimgil@gmail.com))

### **COOL FOOD PANTRY —**

During the month of February the donation item is cereal and soap of any kind .

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED —**

We have many Sundays with no teachers and would love your help! High schoolers are welcome as assistants. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions or would like to teach or assist.

Jennifer.Williamslchschildren@gmail.com

### **THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY —**

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. 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.



### **QUILTERS** —

The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

### **PRAYER GROUP** —

Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.



### **ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE** —

Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



### **LIVE STREAM** —

Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit](http://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 and Easter**

~ **Passion/Palm Sunday, March 24 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, March 28 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, March 29 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, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. —**

~ **Easter Morning Worship March 31 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. —**

Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.

~ **Easter Breakfast—**

A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast after service on Easter morning.

You are invited to join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

<b>Sunday February 22</b>	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Brass Choir
	8—12:30 pm	Blood Drive
<b>Tuesday February 24</b>	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	4:30 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday February 26</b>	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
<b>Sunday March 1</b>	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Brass Choir

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