

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



January 29, 2023

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors worshipping with us this day. We request that you sign our friendship book and allow us to invite you to worship with us again.

Holy Communion is open to all believers, and we welcome you to partake with us; please proceed down the center aisle as the ushers direct. Wine is offered in the chalice. You may take an empty individual cup and wine will be poured for you at the altar. You will find grape juice in pre-poured individual cups, if you prefer juice to wine; The Pastor will place bread in your hand.

WELCOMING MUSIC

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Thus says our God:

**"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."**

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (LBW 248)

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.

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.

KYRIE (WOV 12)

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

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

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (This is the Feast WOV 15)



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



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



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



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



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



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



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☐ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A: A reading from Micah the sixth chapter.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the Lord.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.



A: A reading from 1Corinthians the first chapter.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand for the reading of the gospel, as you are able.*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE



SERMON

Reverend Cynthia Baxter



HYMN OF THE DAY Be Thou My Vision (WOV 776)

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence for prayerful meditation and preparation.

A: Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, silently, or out loud, *(Pause to allow prayers to be voiced.)* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you all

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.



OFFERING *The Offering is collected.*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Please stand as you are able*

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, featuring a treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come."



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.



PREFACE

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
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, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: *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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the Holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your Saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the Joy of God! This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

C: **Amen.**

You may be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with German text in a smaller font and English text in a larger font. The score consists of five staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

C: Amen



SENDING HYMN O Master, Let Me Walk With You (LBW 492)

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **We go in the name of Christ.**

A: Our purpose is to love God,

C: **And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

“We all serve as ministers in the mission of the church.”

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Worship Attendance:

January 22 9:30 - 43 Zoom – Facebook Live -
Recorded Service

ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:

THIS WEEK January 29, 2023

Sunday 1/29) 9:30 am– Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 am – Sunday School
Tuesday (1/31) 10:00 am – Prayer Meeting
1:30 pm – Spirituality Group - Contact Pastor for details
6:30 pm – Girl Scouts

NEXT WEEK February 5, 2023

Sunday 2/5) 9:30 am– Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 am – Sunday School
Tuesday (2/7) 10:00 am – Prayer Meeting
1:30 pm – Spirituality Group - Contact Pastor for details
6:30 pm – Girl Scouts

worship
with us



Zoom Link – Updated Link for Sunday, Bible Study, and Prayer Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4107956333?pwd=S3U1ZWVGcXJXWFZQ1pnRHlSV2lSZZ09>

Meeting ID: 410 795 6333

Passcode: 2205

Bible Study



We are reading Exodus in the Sunday Adult class.

Any questions? Ask Pastor! If you can't find her on Sunday morning, call the church office (410) 795-6333 (or email her (hslc.pastor@comcast.net)).



Spirituality Group – Looking to draw closer to God & Neighbor? Join us Tuesdays at 11:30. We are starting “The Book of Joy.”

2022 Year-End Giving Statements Sent – via email from Tithe.ly on January 17, 2023.

- Email title is “2022 Giving Receipt from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
- Everyone who gave an offering in 2022 was sent the email
- This year, the new process from Tithely includes your Statement as an attachment to the email! No need to download separately.
- Contributors without an email address on file will receive theirs via US Mail
- Questions or concerns? Contact John Novak, 410-552-1803, johngnovak@comcast.net

Confirmation Class



Classes will be held in the Multipurpose room Sundays at noon.

Class schedule: January: 29th

February: 19, 26

March: 5, 26

April: 23, 30

May: 7



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Larson

Bill Miller

Liliana Willson

Cathy Dodson

Lisa Hollenger

Haley Simon

Christopher Blum

Henry Kallemyn

Ridge Hindman



Wende Peters & Steve Bonsall

Bill & Shaon Miller

Bill & Kathy Dodson

Kim & John Novak



Those in Need of Healing

Adalaide Abshire
Erin Bastian
Carol Bianca
Sharon Blankenship
Laura Blum
Ed Brady
Patti Derr
Shirley Dill
Pastor Patrick Gahagen & Family
Linda & John Gondeck
Chuck Giffis
Peter Hannon
Chuck & Bev Horn
Branch Jones
Patrick McCardell
Nancy Macalese
Nancy Mills
Debra Pickett
Chip Smith

Members at Home

Betty Adams
Emily Celly
Bob & Peggy Miller
Ginny Marriott
Darlene Revis
Wilson Family

The Leaders of Our Church and those Who Support Them

Presiding Bishop Eaton of ELCA
Bishop Gohl – DE-MD Synod
Pastor Ginger
Deacon Joyce Peregoy
Lynn Graham
Joe & Linda Herb
Amelia Bennett

The Ministries of Our Church

Holy Spirit Early Childhood Learning Center
Carroll Lutheran School
The Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant
Carroll Lutheran Village
The Village of Augsburg

Caring for our Country and our World

Political Leaders (Local, State & Federal)
The People of Ukraine
Ending of the Pandemic



Volunteers

Serving Sunday January 29, 2023, 930 am

Assisting Minister	Holly deBenedictis
Communion Assistant	Holly deBenedictis
Lector	Holly deBenedictis
Acolyte	Lily
Usher	Bill Miller
Greeter	Sharon Miller
Altar Care	Holly deBenedictis
Teller	Nancy Bowman

Serving Sunday February 5, 2023, 930 am

Assisting Minister	TBA
Communion Assistant	TBA
Lector	TBA
Acolyte	Lily
Usher	TBA
Greeter	TBA
Altar Care	TBA
Teller	Nancy Bowman

Multipurpose Room Roof

Our multipurpose room roof shingles were replaced in June. The cost was \$20,500.00!

Fortunately, we had the funds to go forward with the new roof but spending the \$20,500 significantly depleted our finances. We are grateful for the \$7,410 we have received so far but are still hoping to replace the entire \$20,500.

Donation envelopes are available in the narthex (next to the posterboard model of the multipurpose room).

Each 'roofing shingle' on the posterboard model represents \$50. 'Shingles' will be colored in as donations are received.

You can also make donations online via [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly); just note your donation be directed to the Multipurpose Room Roof.

