

# ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

***March 17, 2024***

***Vicar Tom Smoot***



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***We extend the warmest welcome*** to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

***Holy Communion is open to all.*** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.

## WELCOMING MUSIC

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & SEEING GOD

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please rise as you are able.*

P: We gather this day as we live each of our days, In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

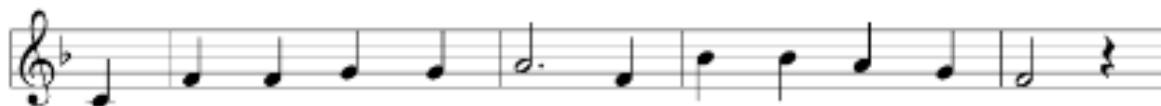
**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen**



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away;  
 a murderer they save,  
 the prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
 that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death, no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

## 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



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

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

Ⓔ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ 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.

Ⓔ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>12</sup>**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10**

A reading from Hebrews

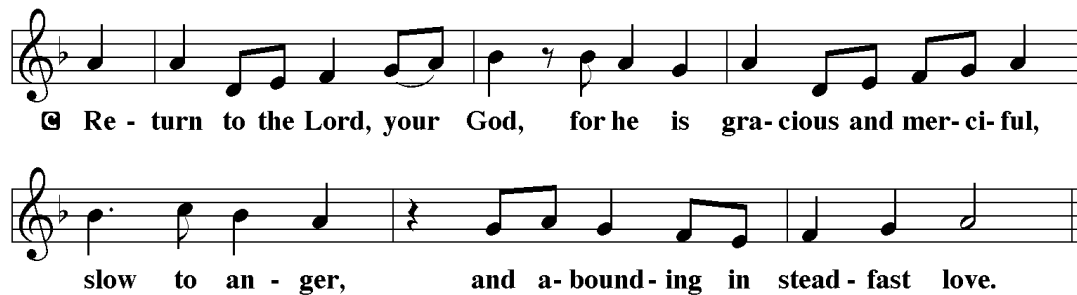
<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please rise as you are able.*



## GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** – Vicar Tom

*Please rise as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Now the Green Blade Rises* (LBW 148)



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

**NICENE CREED**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.



**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation, and remember especially those on our prayer list and those whom we name before you. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

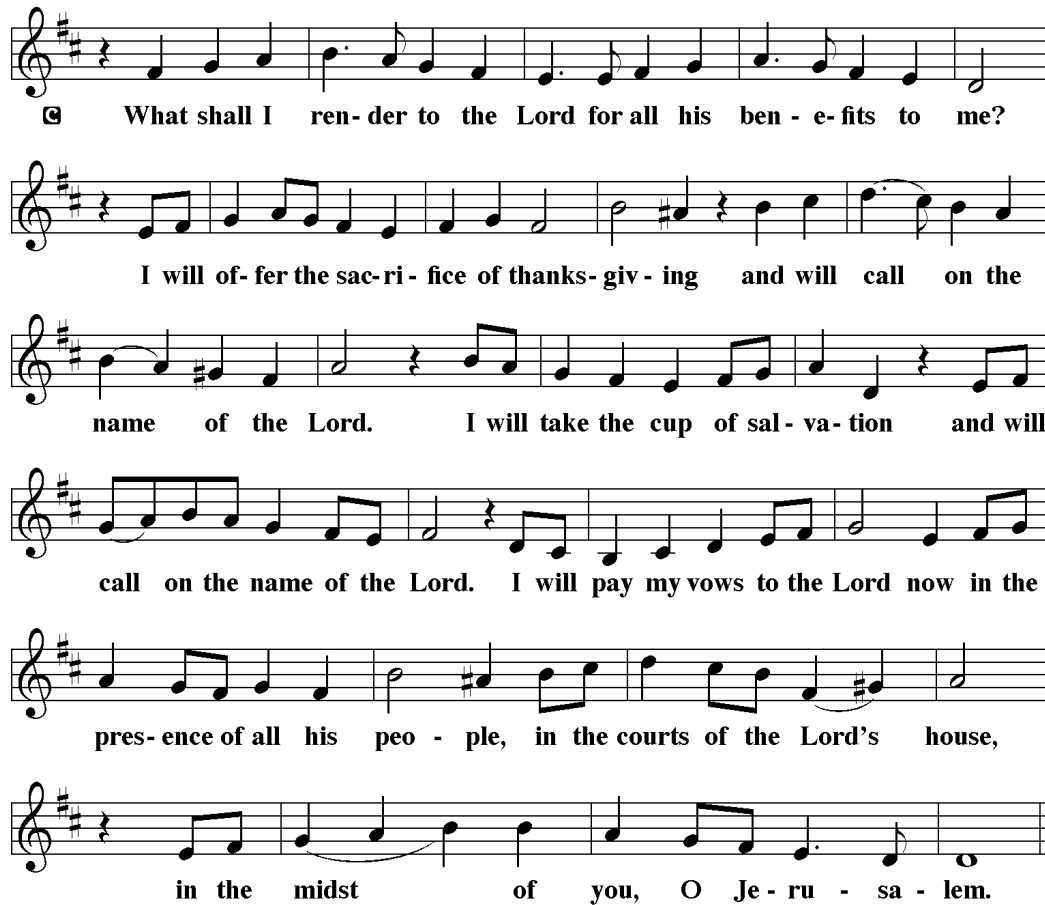
**C. And also with you!**

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

## **OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, [hslceldersburgmd.org/give](https://hslceldersburgmd.org/give). This Lenten season, we're also collecting non-perishable food for local food pantries; we invite you to participate in caring for our neighbors with food donations. We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in this shared ministry.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.  
Merciful God,

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,'. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

**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.

## 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:' The second staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

**C** Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

**C** Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

**C** in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life, God of the universe: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he returns.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, trusting the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in hope.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

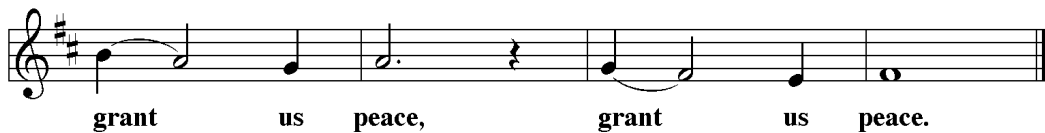
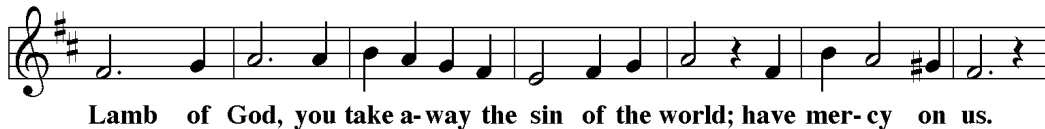
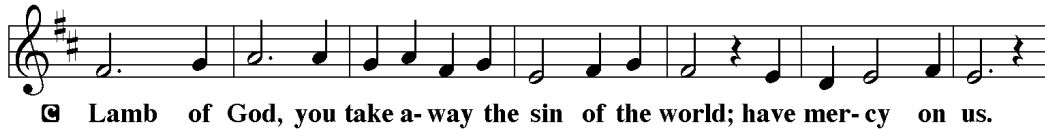
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the Joy of God! This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. All are invited and welcomed, without exception.

C: **Amen.**

*You may be seated as the ushers invite you forward.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

A: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE

*Please rise as you are able.*

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace from now, and until Life Everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared 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: Let us pray. God of abundance,

**C: with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue becoming a new creation through the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

#### BLESSING

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created to continually struggle against sin and be made new by our God of hope. May our God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope, and our God of peace, the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (LBW 259)***



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

**SENDING: TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS**

**A:** Go in peace! Share the good news in word and deed.

**C:** **In word and deed, thanks be to God!**

**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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Attendance Last Week: 33 + 5 online

### **ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Thursday (3/14) 7:00 pm – Scriptures & Snacks

Sunday (3/17) 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am – Sunday School

Thursday (3/21) 7:00 pm – Scriptures & Snacks

Sunday (3/24) 9:30 am – PALM SUNDAY Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am – Sunday School

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<b><u>Volunteers</u></b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
Greeters	Cara Krol Abby Palmer	Heather Timko
Ushers	Mitch Kallemyn	Rob Timko Rick Podobnik
Acolyte	Lily Kallemyn	Willow Timko
Assisting Minister/Communion Assistant	Krissy Kallemyn	Laura Blum
Lector	Wende Peters	Laura Novak
Altar Care		Lorraine Markosky