

# **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

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Wedding at Cana

***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 *red wine*, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find *red 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.

**PRELUDE: O ZION, HASTE - LYNN GRAHAM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

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: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**C: Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Come! For We Invite You* - WOV (Blue) 648**

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

I Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C: Amen

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches <sup>l</sup> to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness <sup>l</sup> to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

A reading from Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment

of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le- lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 2: 1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise- LBW (Green) 90

### NICENE CREED

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed,

**C: 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: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals,

creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially those we name before now, or in the silence of our hearts. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**C: Amen**

## **PASSING THE 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, [hslceldersburqmd.org/give](http://hslceldersburqmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry.*

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: We are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray together. Loving God,

**C:** **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**



## **Hosanna in the highest.**

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

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus,  
so filled with your love for this earth.

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 for the remembrance of me.

P: 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.

P: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:  
The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: Amen, and amen.

**C: Amen, and amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**C: Amen.** *Please be seated.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

**SONG DURING COMMUNION: GOD IS HERE!- LYNN GRAHAM**

*After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The Spirit of the triune God **+** bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the **+**Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING HYMN: We All Are One in Mission, WOV (Blue) 755**

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Sunday (01/12) 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion  
11:00 am – Sunday School  
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11:00 am – Sunday School

**Please contact Vicar Tom** via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

### **Volunteers**

	<b><i>THIS WEEK</i></b>	<b><i>NEXT WEEK</i></b>
Greeters	Linda Larson	Danielle Grimelli
Ushers	Heather Timko Willow Timko	John Foelber Luke Foelber
Acolyte	Peighton Daniels	Willow Timko
Assisting Minister	Lily Kallemyn	Bradley Timko
Communion Assistant	John Foelber	Holly deBenedictis
Lector	Krissy Kallemyn	Peighton Daniels
Altar Care	Holly deBenedictis	Linda Larson