



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Compassionate. Challenging. Inclusive.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church! Our mission is to proclaim and embody the compassionate, challenging, and inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Your age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, doubts and questions are all part of your story as a beloved child of God, and your whole self is welcome and affirmed here.

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We hope you will fill out a Welcome Card from your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it comes around - we'd love to get to know you! You are also welcome to communion today.

Live streaming and recording occur at our 9:30 am service. Those who worship online enjoy seeing people in the sanctuary, so if you are comfortable being on camera, please sit in the chairs to the right of the altar or close to the piano.

The assisted listening system in our sanctuary is compatible with personal hearing aids with the setting "T". Portable receivers and headsets are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. Please return items after the service. Childcare is also available at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services in our nursery. The nursery is designed for children ages 4 and younger – follow the overhead sign in the narthex that directs you to the hallway towards the nursery (on the right).

Sunday School for kids aged 3 through 6th grade occurs during our 9:30 am service, and all are welcome. As Sunday School takes place throughout the building, look in the announcements or ask an usher or staff person where to find your child's class.

This worship bulletin is intended to be used at all three services today. Please leave it on your seat after the 8:00 and 9:30 worship. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Feel free to take home the announcement inserts for your personal use.

As we begin worship, we kindly ask that you please silence your cell phone.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Prelude

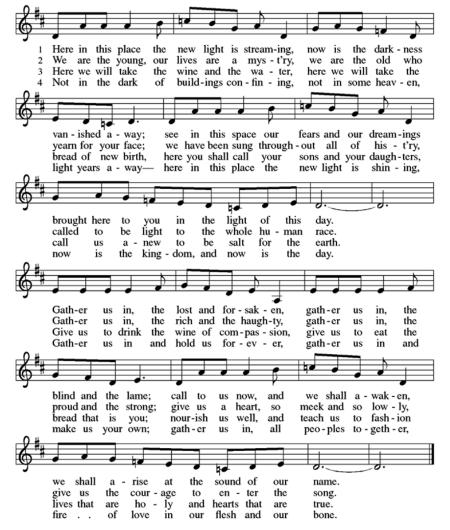
Arief Abraham, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

Gather Us In

Please stand as you are able.



Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Praises

Please stand as you are able.





Prayer of the Day

God be with you. And also with you.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let's all be seated.



Musical Offering

9:30, 11:00

Now the Green Blade Riseth music by John Carter **Chancel Choir**

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Ancient Word, Resurrected Wisdom. Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Children's Message Canticle of Zacharv

Greeting of the Gospel

11:00

Please stand as you are able to greet the reading of the Gospel.



The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8 Spark Story Bible p. 452

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Let's all be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Gina Herman

Please stand as you are able.



Creed

Together, let's affirm our trust in God using the words of the creed. We have faith in God who lives among us.

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others, to seek peace and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news, saying:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Our communal prayers begin with a short time of silence and then petitions for the world, the church, and people and places in particular need. You will also be invited to name, in speech or silence, the prayers you carry with you.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.



Sharing the Peace

The peace of God be always with you. And also with you.

Bearing in mind the personal comfort of those around you, please share a friendly sign of God's peace and reconciliation with others and then be seated.

Offering

We invite you to contribute to our shared mission and ministry. Scan the QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.



Musical Offering

8:00, 11:00

The Lord's Prayer arranged by Arief Abraham

Celtic Laud

music by Craig Courtney

Arief Abraham, piano

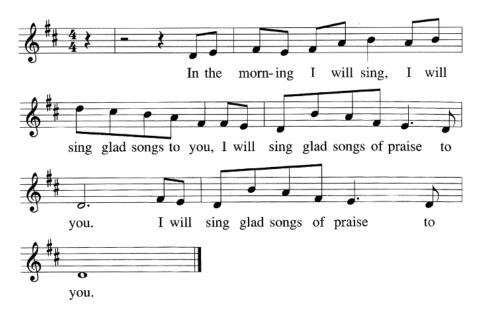
Chancel Choir Cathy Dunlop, flute

9:30

Offertory

In the Morning I Will Sing

Please stand as you are able. All sing the refrain twice.



Offertory Prayer

God of life,

you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus teaches us:

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.

Let's all be seated.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to God's meal, where ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary, filled with Christ's presence. Ushers will direct you to one of the stations in front. Communion will be by intinction. You will receive a wafer, which you may dip into the chalice with wine, or with juice, then eat. Wafers in the small bowl on the side of the plate are gluten free. If you avoid gluten, please take one for yourself. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please feel free to remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Music During Communion

9:30

The Lord's Prayer arranged by Arief Abraham Arief Abraham, piano

11:00

Go Light Your World music by Chris Rice Paul Jeganathan, soloist



Prayer Following Communion

Please stand as you are able.

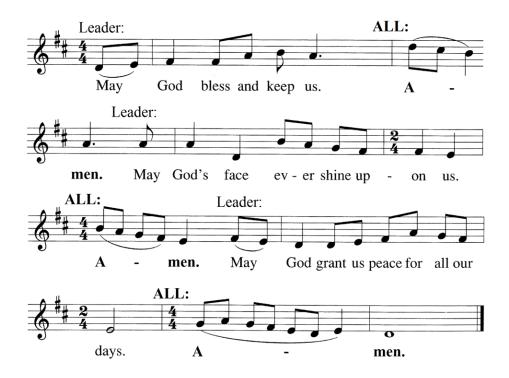
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Benediction



Sending Hymn



Dismissal

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Benediction

9:30

A Blessing of Light

music by Joseph Martin

Postlude

Arief Abraham, piano

Chancel Choir

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Thank you to our worship assistants!

SERVING TODAY – April 28				
	8:00	9:30	11:00	
ACOLYTES	n/a	Molly Fiegenschuh	Aiden Stewart	
ASSISTING MINISTER	llene Hamilton	Dave Papenhausen	Nathan Aldan III	
GREETERS	Nancy Swanson	Michael and Jennifer Lally	Maryrose Henebry Cathy Dunlop	
USHERS	Roseanne Hoxie	Michael and Suzanne Fiegenschuh	Jennifer Williams Rosemary Dunkle	
A/V TECHNICIAN		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart	
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Kathy Doran	n/a	Cathy Dunlop	

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – May 5				
	8:00	9:30	11:00	
ACOLYTES	n/a	Sam Hail	Louisa Higson	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Nancy Swanson	4th, 5th, 6th graders	Grace Hanson	
GREETERS	Kathy Doran	Chris Cole Mallory Dehbod	Stuart and Diane Campbell	
USHERS	Roseanne Hoxie	4th, 5th, 6th graders	Maryrose Henebry Jeff Reeder	
A/V TECHNICIAN	Zander Cole	Aiden Stewart	Zander Cole	
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Kathy Doran	n/a	Cathy Dunlop	