





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. Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. 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, 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.



The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

Throughout today's worship, you are invited to participate by joining in speaking the words in bold type.

Music for Preparation

Arief Abraham, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

God of this day, cultivate in us a spirit of worship:

Hearts that pray, ears that listen, eyes to see, a longing to trust.

God of this place, cultivate in us a spirit of worship:

Letting go of distractions, grudges, apathy, and fear.

God of this day, cultivate in us a spirit of worship, love, and hope,

as we take this Lenten journey with you.

Gathering Song

Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Bb F

Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

F Bb F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:

Detailed description: This system contains the second two lines of music. The notation follows the same format as the first system, with a treble staff for the melody and a bass staff for the accompaniment. The lyrics continue below the treble staff.

Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Bb

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see

Detailed description: This system contains the third two lines of music. The treble staff melody includes some dotted rhythms. The bass staff accompaniment uses chords like Am7 and Dm. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

C7 F Bb F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two lines of music. The treble staff melody concludes with a final chord. The bass staff accompaniment provides a steady harmonic base. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Litany of Confession

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer -
cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins known only to you,

Forgive us, Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer -
cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Silence for personal confession and reflection.

Here is a flood of grace

out of love for the whole world.

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

heals everything we have broken,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores us to life through Jesus Christ.

We are forgiven;

we are beloved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance and renewal, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of hatred, fear, and injustice, and accept the life of your kingdom.

Amen.

Let's all be seated.



Musical Offering

8:00, 9:30

At the Table of the Lord

Chancel Choir

music by Jay Althouse

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The 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.

²⁸**For 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.

³⁰**Their 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!"

11:00

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

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

Praise and hon-or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Gospel

Mark 8:31-38
Spark Story Bible p. 322

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.


Hymn of the Day

Lead Me, Guide Me


Refrain



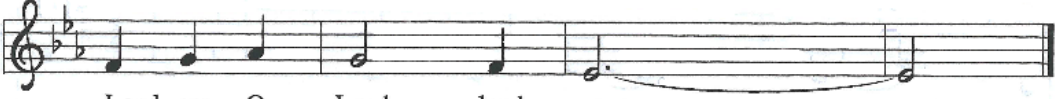
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



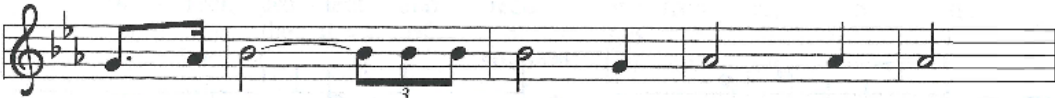
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.




Lord, let me walk each day with thee.




Lead me, O Lord, lead me.




1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

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

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, saying:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

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

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 following QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.



Music During Offering

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
arranged by Michael Faircloth

Arief Abraham, piano

Offertory Chorus

Ashes

Please stand as you are able.



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let



good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from
of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly
heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to



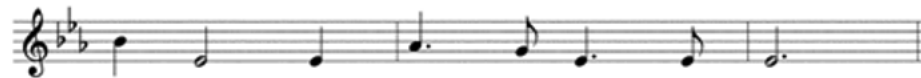
ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If
giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our
win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The



all our world is ash - es, then
stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our
rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of
vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of
ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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.

We do thank and praise you for your great covenant of love made with us, and remember how Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way Jesus took the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant for the forgiveness of sin, poured out for you. Whenever you drink of it, do this in 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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music During Distribution

Madrigal
music by Gary Schocker

Lisa Hedley, flute
Arief Abraham, piano



Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your enduring grace, given to all. As you have fed us with bread
and wine, now give us a hunger for justice and peace, that all your world might be fed and
nourished for abundant life.

Amen.

Benediction

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.

Beloved,
All creation belongs to God,
Holy, hungering, yearning.

Through the Lenten wilderness,
in days too full or too empty,
when you are lost and when you are ready,
may God bless and keep you,
fill you with courage,
and + give you peace.

Amen.

Musical Benediction

8:00

A Blessing of Light
music by Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Arief Abraham, piano

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SERVING TODAY – February 25			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Micah Herman	Aiden Stewart
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jacque Brissey	Dave Papenhausen	Cathy Dunlop
GREETERS	Kathy Doran	Ron Nitz Nancy Swanson	Judy Meyer
USHERS	Rich Riggert	Chris and Debbie Halvorson	Jeff and Kristin Reeder
A/V TECHNICIAN		Zander Cole	Heath Stewart
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Kathy Doran	n/a	Cathy Dunlop

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – March 3			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Eloise Warren	Aiden Stewart
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dennis Pierce	Kristi Isensee	Leah Wouters
GREETERS	Kathy Doran	Heidi Warren Linda Nack	Rosemary Dunkle Sharon Clum
USHERS	Rich Riggert	Donna Morris Linda Pickard	Ron Nitz
A/V TECHNICIAN		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Ilene Hamilton	n/a	Mary Ann Timeus