





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 fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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

Music for Preparation

Nuvole Bianche

Pete Isensee, piano

music by Ludovico Einaudi

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. Above the staff are chord symbols: F, Bb, and F. 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 a bass line.

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 top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff are chord symbols: F, Bb, and F. 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 a bass line.

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 top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff are chord symbols: Am7, Dm, Am7, Dm, and Bb. 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 a bass line.

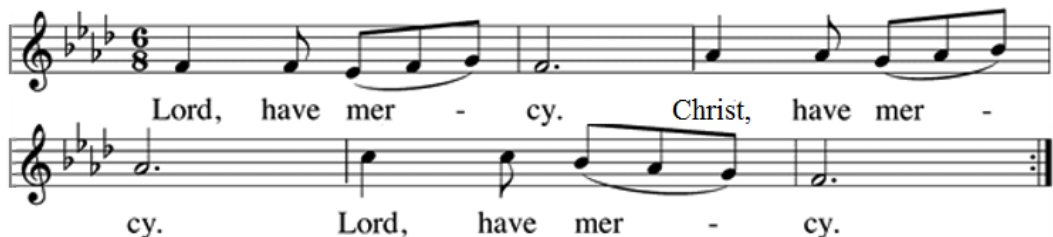
C7 F Bb F

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

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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.

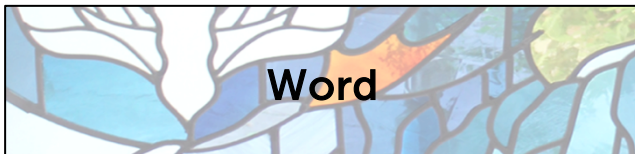
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of mercy, you so loved the world that you sent your Son to live among us, bringing hope in the midst of our brokenness. When we are faced with the effects of sin and the fears and horrors that surround us, remind us of the faith and hope that we have in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let's all be seated.



Musical Offering

9:30, 11:00

In the Shadow of Your Wings

by John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

Jeff Churchill, oboe

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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**John 3:14-21**

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

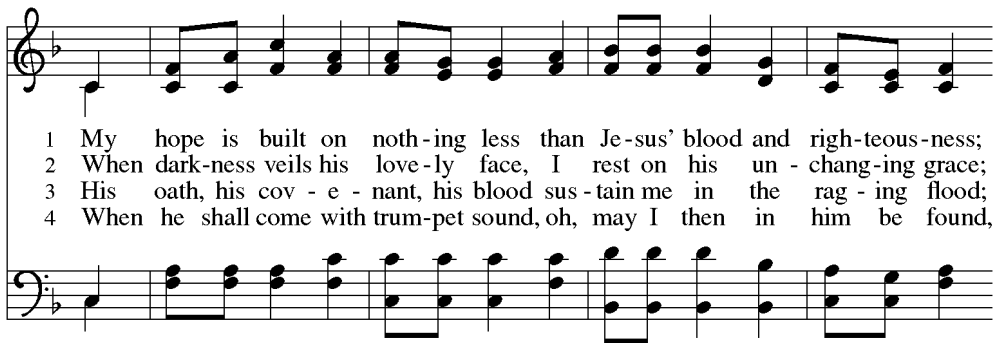
Let's all be seated.

Sermon**Pastor Gina Herman**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

My Hope is Built on Nothing Else



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

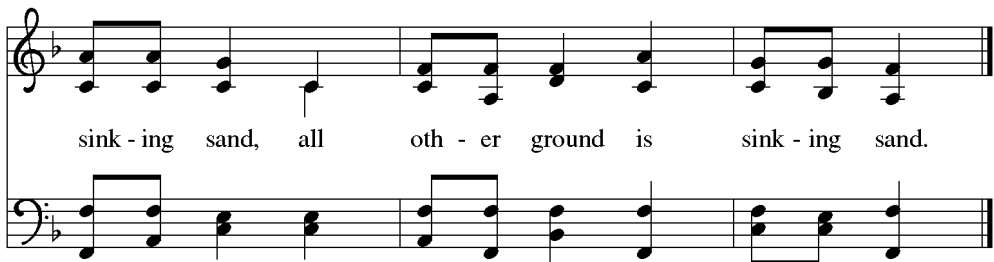


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

To a Wild Rose
music by Edward MacDowell

Pete Isensee, 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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
arranged by Mary McDonald

Pete Isensee, 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, hungry, 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.

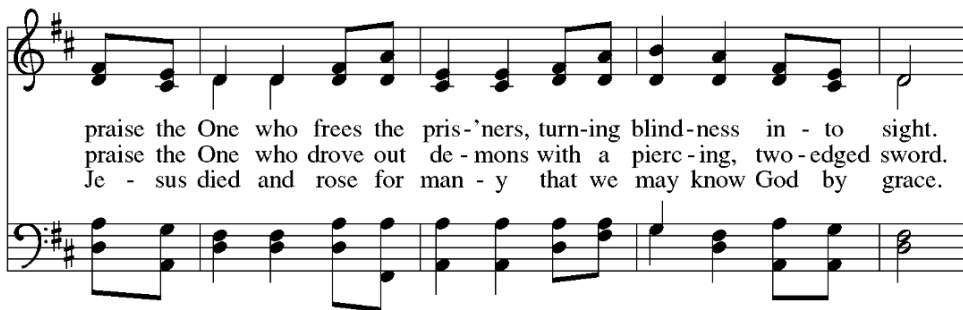
Amen.

Sending Hymn

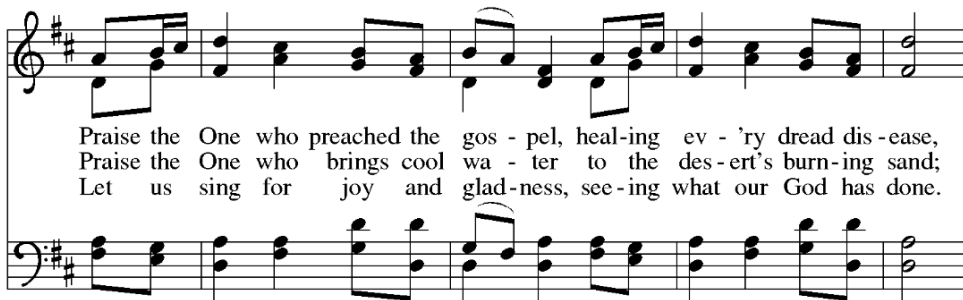
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



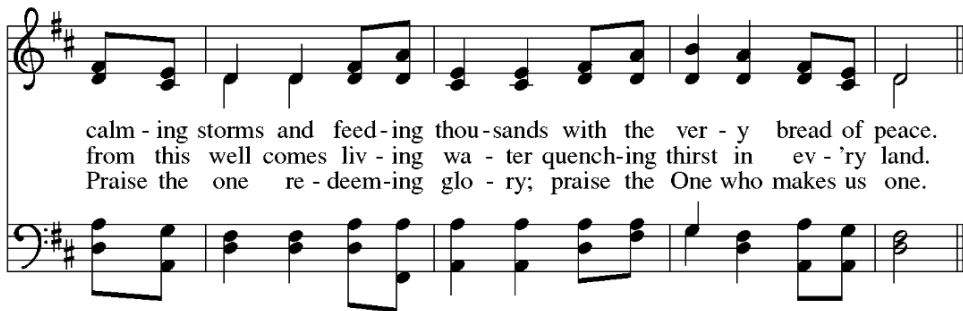
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Allegro e Spiritoso
music by Baldassare Galuppi

Pete Isensee, piano

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SERVING TODAY – March 10			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Eloise Warren	Louisa Higson
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christina Brugman	Sarah Carr	Jennifer Williams
GREETERS	Dennis Pierce	Fred and Ginette Rowden	Phil Etheredge Cathy Dunlop
USHERS	Bryan and Marsha Maxfield	Doug and Dana Jacobson	Stuart and Diane Campbell
A/V TECHNICIAN		Kiyo Tachibana	Ezekiel Cole
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Kathy Doran	n/a	Martha Krug

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – March 17			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
ACOLYTES	n/a	Sam Kostopoulos	Sophie Tiesel
ASSISTING MINISTER	Ilene Hamilton	Connie Weiseth	Tena Hanson
GREETERS	Roseanne Hoxie	Julie Underhill Hattie Branch	Maryrose Henebry Kathleen Hogrefe
USHERS	Dennis Pierce	Kris Isaacson Linda Pickard	Jennifer Williams Deborah Gray MacKenzie
A/V TECHNICIAN		Danielle Dadashi	
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Ilene Hamilton	n/a	Mary Bailey