SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020



ELW SETTING 5

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to WORSHIP

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the Sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please come forward by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand, and you may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the "red" ELW hymnal.

PRELUDE

"A Lenten Solemn Prelude" Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.
- P Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" ELW #767

This hymn is printed on page 20 of this booklet.

GREETING

- P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



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

 \mathbf{G} A

men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a

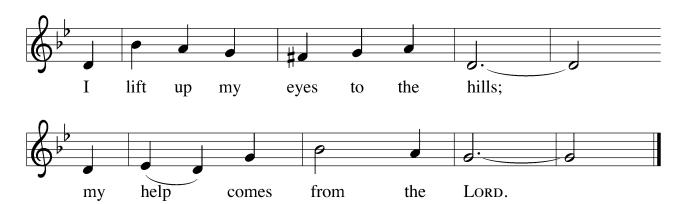
¹The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 121



Psalm 121:1-2

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Psalm Tone



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¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

²My help comes | from the LORD,

the maker of heav- | en and earth.

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keep- | er of Israel

will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R

⁵the LORD watches | over you;

the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike | you by day,

nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil and will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in, from this time forth for- | evermore. R

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR

"Lenten Meditation"

GOSPEL VERSE



Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,



GOSPEL John 3:1-17

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World"

ELW #323

This hymn is printed on page 21 of this booklet.

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,
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 Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. For those who are serving our country far from home and their families especially **Kimberly Koblas** (daughter of Wendy & Jim Koblas) and **Alex Fink** (grandson of Carolyn Raymond). Shine the light of your justice through their work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering. We pray especially for James McDonough, Eileen Hoffman, Lois Wass, Laurie Ohm, Marian McBride, Shirley Crandall, Bill Lynn, Allison Wittich, Dorothy Duffy, Shirley & Harvey Lease, Jerry Swanson, Elaine Pucher, Bob Gilot, (sister, friend of the Roskos), Macrina Hernandez (sister of Maria Linstrom), the Chase Peterson family, Marilyn Griffith (friend, grandmother of Amy Dohler), Kathie Cummings (friend of Eileen Hoffman), Ervin Langholz (uncle of Ann Voermans), Antonette & Emery Kalman, Nancy Illo (parents, friends of Joan Roehl), Anna Labellarte (Joe's mother), Ken Simonson, Bill Denman, Mike Quillin, Michael Ungari, Juli Pykelny (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), Lucia Oelz, Steve Ernst (friend & brother of Chris Miller), Lawrence Poltrock (law partner of Wayne Giampietro), Luke Schneider (friend of many), Jan Schneider (friend of Carmaline Spurrier) Brian Nelson (nephew of Barry Nelson). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them. Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises. Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always
- C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING is received. SECOND OFFERING FOR HUNGER

OFFERTORY (8:30) "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" arr David Cherwien (10:45) "Grace" arr Mark Hays

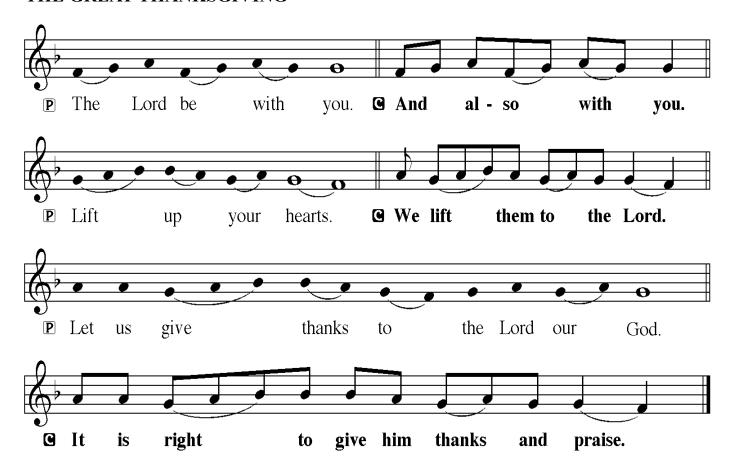
Stand as the offering is brought forward.

Adult Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

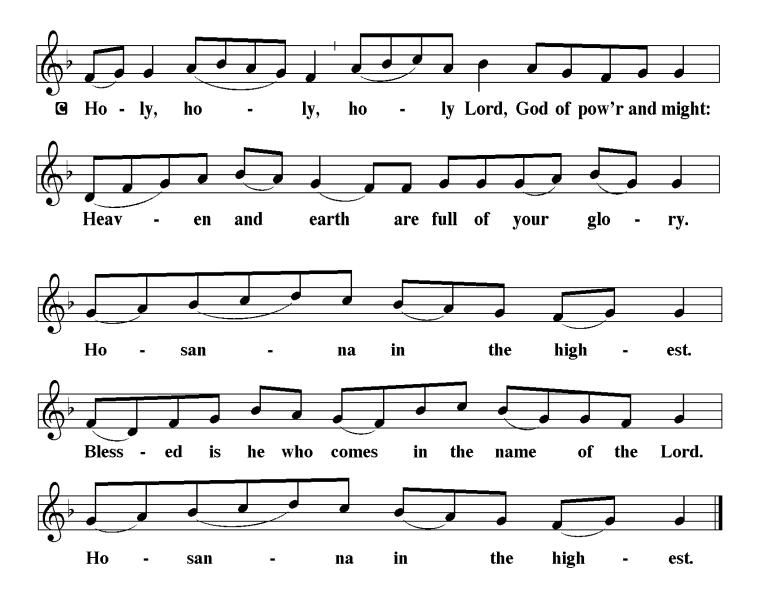
- A Holy and generous host,
- C you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the saints,

And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.
You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,

who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food

and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward by the diagonal aisles and return to your seats by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand. You may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing. During the distribution the following hymn is sung:



COMMUNION HYMN "We Place upon Your Table, Lord" ELW #467

This hymn is printed on page 22 of this booklet.

Stand after all have been communed.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW #812

This hymn is printed on page 23 of this booklet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Greeters:

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr Wilbur Held

THANK YOU to the following people for serving in worship:

8:30 AM
Judy Shambrook
Bill Collins

Assisting Ministers: Eileen Hoffman Amy Dohler
Communion Deacons: Jen Prosk/Joe Labellarte

Ushers: Larry Brady/Bill Shambrook Corey Kalas/Al Edwards

Acolytes: Amanda Spoehr Sam Prosk

Nursery Helpers: Austin Zehnder Tierney Hanigan

Coffee Host: Margy Eastmond

Counter: Al Edwards

Altar Care: Judy Shambrook/Amy Dohler

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by the Bilstads to the glory of God.

2020 FLOWER CHART

Anyone interested in donating \$26 to commemorate special occasions and help beautify the sanctuary should sign up on the flower chart located in the Narthex.

ITEMS FOR COOL FOOD PANTRY: tuna

Orders for the 21st annual plant sale are due by 3/30. Order forms are in the Narthex. Latest newsletter is located in the Narthex.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic givers should place a green offering card, located on the back of pews, in the offering plate so your continued giving will be blessed along with the other offerings.

EXPOS—March 10 at 10:30 AM

We will color "cards of Hope" for Phil's Friends, bringing hope and support to people of all ages who are affected by cancer. Bring your bag lunch and stay for fellowship. The entire congregation is invited to join us in this special project. Take home the card templates and instruction sheets located in the Narthex, color and return them by March 8.

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER—March 13 at 6 PM

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so join us for our annual Irish dinner and fellowship. \$15/person. Sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up, please contact Kymm Brown at kymm.brown@gmail.com.

CARING COMMUNITY GATHERING

On Sunday, March 15th during our Education Hour, from 9:45 to 10:30, all who are involved in our Caring Community ministries will be gathering to introduce, review, and plan our efforts for the coming year. All are encouraged to join us to learn about the ministries of our church and provide input and support. Our Caring Community ministries include our prayer group, visitation ministry, meal support, and Riding with the Spirit transportation ministry. We have also hosted various workshops and provide support for our many outreach efforts. Join us as we strive to bring God's love to all, and be a caring community where all may feel a sense of belonging and connection.

WELCA WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY—March 19 at 6:30 PM

Ladies of LCHS are invited to share fun and laughs at this annual event being held in the Narthex. Bring a gift to trade. Any questions, please contact Lynn Kasche at LMKasche@yahoo.com.

PRAYER GROUP—Thursdays at 9:30 AM

All are welcome to join us in the Prayer Chapel as we continue to lift up our joys and concerns either spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets weekly from 10-11:30 AM in room 6

This week we will begin a new unit studying the book of Revelation. Barbara R. Rossing's book, *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* will be our guide to learning how the book of Revelation offers a vision of God's healing love for the world. The idea of a "Rapture" is an extremely popular interpretation of the book of Revelation, but the fear and destruction and tribulation of that view, runs opposed to God's love that will not be left behind. Join us for a thought provoking and inspirational time of reflection, study, and discussion. We always close our time together in prayer.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete the order form and return it with payment of \$15 per plant to the church office by **Sunday, March 22.** You are welcome to take your flowers home following the second service on Easter morning.

Name
Number of spring flowers @\$15.00 each
Email address
Given to the Glory of God and in memory/honor of

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES Wednesday at 7:00 PM

"TO SEEK AND TO SAVE"

In this year's mid-week Lenten Series we will follow Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the cross. Walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of raising Lazarus to Jesus' own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come - to seek and to save the lost.

March 11 That One Man Should Die

March 18 The Cup that I Drink

March 25 To Save the Lost

April 1 Stations of the Cross

Join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings for an encounter with Jesus. We will start with a light supper at 6:00 PM for nourishment and fellowship before our time together. Our Lenten series will conclude on April 1st with the Crossroads Youth Group leading us through the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week and Easter

~ Passion/Palm Sunday, April 5

A Sunday morning that begins with Palms and climaxes in the Passion of our Lord. Join the choir processions with palms and praises at 8:30 or 10:45 AM.

~ Maundy Thursday, April 9at 7:30 PM

On this night we hear Jesus' command "Do this for the remembrance of me" and respond by gathering as He did with His disciples. *The nursery will be staffed.*

~ Good Friday, April 10

11:00 AM Children's Service Interactive Prayer Stations. Join us as we walk as Jesus did through Holy Week.

7:30 PM Service A service that moves from light to darkness as we reflect on the meaning of Christ's last hours and words, His suffering and death. The nursery will be staffed.

- ~ Easter Morning Worship April 12 8:30 and 10:45 AM Celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life.
- ~ *Easter Breakfast* A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast between services on Easter morning. Last year's crowd enjoyed meeting friends both old and new. You are invited to join us from 9:15-10:30 AM.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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God Loved the World



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

We Place upon Your Table, Lord



Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS		
Sunday, March 8	8:30 & 10:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	
Monday, March 9	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	EXPOS Staff Meeting Confirmation Class LYFE
Wednesday, March 11	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 8:15 p.m.	Lenten Supper Lenten Service Choir Practice Bells Practice
Thursday, March 12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group Bible Study
Friday, March 13	6:00 p.m.	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Sunday, March 15	8:30 & 10:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	

Pastor:
Office Manager:
Music Ministers:
Mike Duffy, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo,
Nancy Fencl and Darlene Neumann
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Attendant:
Jennifer Williams
Carmaline Spurrier

Church office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Church email: lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com

In case of pastoral emergency, please call the Church office at 847-945-1550