

March 23rd, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
10:30am



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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as able.

GATHERING SONG ELW#445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor presents the candidate:

I present Hunter James (Hamilton) Smith for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with *Him* among God's faithful people,
bring *Him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *Him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *His* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *Him* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this person* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support HUNTER and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of young children.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the systems of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate and says:

HUNTER, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain HUNTER with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

HUNTER, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



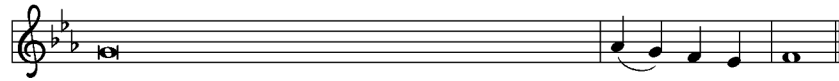
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



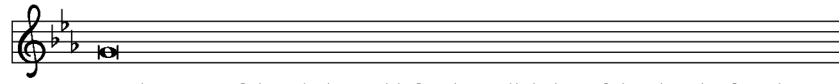
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



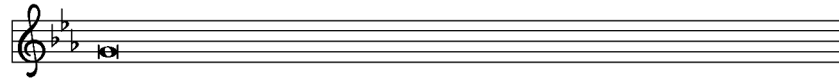
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 63:1-8

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry
and weary land where there is no water.
- ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- ⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

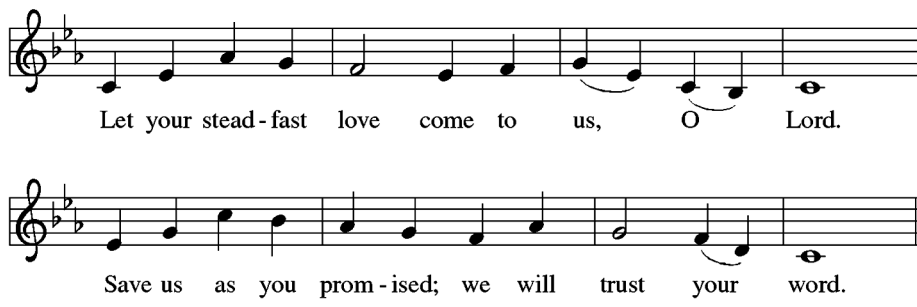
CHOIR ANTHEM

Holy Is He

CHILDREN'S TIME

You are invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #508

As Rain from the Clouds

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing, and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
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for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends:

God, in your mercy

receive our prayer

The prayers conclude:

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

MUSIC

Jacob Wilson

OFFERING SONG

You are invited to stand as able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and 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 choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of every time and place, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

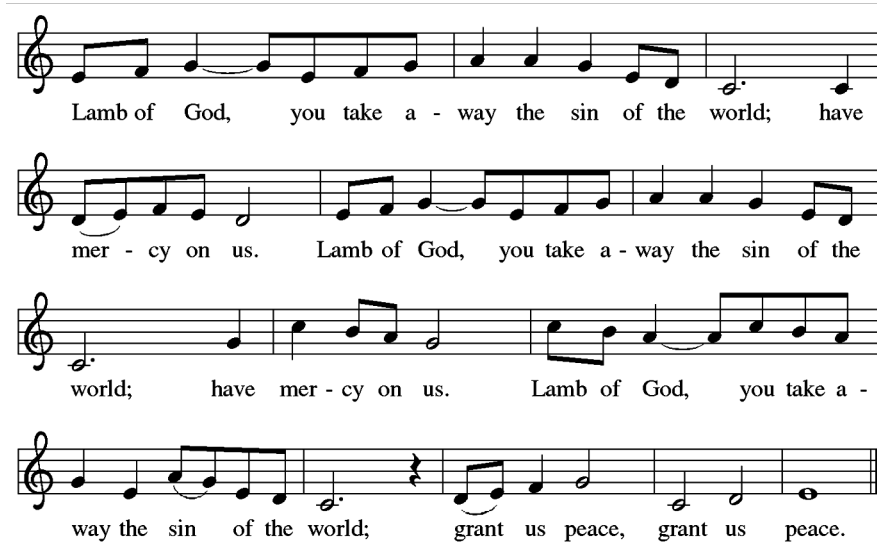
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.

COMMUNION SONG



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

You are invited to stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May our God of Trinity look favorably on you with joy,
empower you with empathy and kindness,
and ✚ deliver you in love and peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW#658

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has four vocal parts (1-4) with lyrics. The second line continues the melody with lyrics. The third line concludes the piece with a double bar line and lyrics.

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

Altar Care:	Faith Thomas
Announcements:	Chet Madison
Communion Assistants:	Rosabella-Lydia & Shirley Prouty
Prayer Leader:	Kirsten Ireton
Psalm Leader:	Stephanie Espinoza
Reader:	Faith Thomas
Refreshments:	Lois Sherrets and Kelly Boyer
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers



Flowers Today Provided by:

Lilia Karlstad
&

Karen Linfor - In Memory of Katie Light's Birthday

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

March 23 - 29, 2025

Today	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Pictorial Directory Pictures	12-5:00pm
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	**No Zoom Bible Class 3/25 & 4/1**	
Wednesday	Soup Supper - Schultz Hall	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday	New Member Forum	6:00pm - 7:00pm

Friendly Reminder

All April News & Views articles, information and announcements are now due
Please submit information to office@slelca.org

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, March 26th Hosted by:

Youth, Worship & Music, and Choir

The soup supper will begin at 6:00pm with service following at 6:45pm. They will both be in Schultz Hall.



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

If you have prayer requests, please send
them to Pastor Rob at
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