



**WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

May you find inspiration and joy in your time here. It is our hope that you feel welcomed into our community of faith. We ask that you sign our guestbook in the narthex and if you live in the area, we invite you to consider making Holy Spirit your church home.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 5, 2012**

ELW: Red Hymnal, WOV: Blue Hymnal † Stand

GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome  
Confession and Forgiveness WB.2  
†Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW #843  
†Greeting and Hymn of Praise WB. 2  
†Prayer of the Day WB. 3  
Installation of Council Insert

WORD

Blessing of the Reader WB. 3  
Readings Bulletin  
Special Music "We Will Praise You" Holy Spirit Choir  
Children's Message Pastor Matlack  
†Gospel Acclamation WB. 4  
†Gospel Mark 1:29-39  
Sermon Pastor Matlack  
†Hymn of the Day "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW  
#858  
†The Apostles' Creed WB. 4  
†Prayers & Peace WB. 5

MEAL

The Offering (*Pastor will be praying for the offering as the ushers come forward*)  
† Offertory Hymn "Create In Me a Clean Heart" WB. 5  
†The Great Thanksgiving & Communion Liturgy WB. 6  
**(children & teachers commune first & then leave for Sunday school)**  
Communion Hymns ELW #466, ELW #870  
Blessing and Prayer

SENDING

Announcements  
† Benediction  
† Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW #860

Dismissal

**Everyone is invited and welcome to celebrate Holy Communion.** We believe that in the sacrament, we receive assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are spiritually strengthened, and through our participation, we join with all Christians in an expression of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. The **center circles** of the communion trays have white grape juice.

**Communion Cards** - Completed communion cards can be given to an usher when you come forward. Members, please make sure your **name** and **today's date** appear on the card.

**From the Office:** Office hours are M-W-F 9:00 to 1:00. Please submit weekly announcements to Ann Elliott by 10 a.m. Wed. at [hslcofficermanager@gmail.com](mailto:hslcofficermanager@gmail.com) or by phone. **Pastor Bill** is in the office Mon.-Thurs. 10:00am-1:00pm. He may be contacted by calling the church, his home at 248-520-3088, or e-mail: [pastor@spiritdrivenchurch.com](mailto:pastor@spiritdrivenchurch.com).

**Prepare for Worship next Sunday** by reading the lessons assigned for the day: 2 Kings 5:1-14, 1 Cor 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45.

**This Month's Sanctuary Candles:** By the Clark family in memory of Millicent Moyer and by the Sweda family in memory of Ramona Middleton, Bonnie's godmother.

**Altar Flowers:** By Pastor Matlack in thankfulness to the congregation for the celebration of his ordination anniversary.

**Altar Guild:** On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, following the service, Altar Guild will hold a planning meeting for current members and anyone interested in joining. Please plan to attend if you want to find out about Altar Guild.

**Book Study:** The new study, "God's Politics," is on Thursday mornings at 10 am. Please join us!

**The Biggest Loser Club** will hold its first meeting on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Any questions, contact Bob Chiaravalli.

**The Wednesday Evening Service and Potluck** for February will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 pm. Please see the sign-up on the board.

**WELCA:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> here at church starting at 6:30 pm. Please note this is a different date than printed in the newsletter calendar. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the congregational meeting, from set up to clean up, to baking desserts. Your assistance made for a successful event.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21–31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

- <sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
- <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

Musician: Bonnie Sweda  
Acolyte: Sabrina Straub  
Lector: Liesa Helfer  
Ushers: Bob Frick's Team  
Greeter: Jeanne Myers  
Altar Guild: Ruth & Liz Dziuba  
Petra Mattern  
Counters: George & Chris Kuljurgis  
Jeanne Myers

**SERVING NEXT WEEK February 12**

Musician: Sheila Stephenson  
Acolyte: Braxton Kern  
Lector: Mary Martin  
Ushers: Andy Meyer's Team  
Greeters: Mary& Janet Martin  
Altar Guild: Ruth & Liz Dziuba  
Petra Mattern  
Counters: Loraine Eliason  
Nancy Green

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Today:**

Worship 10:00 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am

**Monday:**

Biggest Loser Club Meeting 7:30 pm

**Tuesday:**

Prayer Shawl 10:00am  
Men's Group 6:00 pm

**Wednesday:**

Pot Luck & Service 6:00 pm  
Bells 7:30 pm

**Thursday:**

Book Study 10:00 am

**Friday:**

AA 7:30pm

**Sunday:**

Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am  
Worship 10:00 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am

**Upcoming Events:**

Soup Suppers Start Feb 29th

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**Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**

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