



## 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.

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2012

ELW: Red Hymnal, WOV: Blue Hymnal † Stand

#### GATHERING

Prelude	
Welcome	
Confession and Forgiveness	WB.2
†Hymn "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"	ELW #519
†Greeting and Hymn of Praise	WB. 2
†Prayer of the Day	WB. 3

#### WORD

Blessing of the Reader	WB. 3
Readings	Bulletin
Children's Message	Pastor Matlack
†Gospel Acclamation	WB. 4
†Gospel	Mark 1:21-28
Sermon	Pastor Matlack
†Hymn of the Day "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"	ELW #310
†The Apostles' Creed	WB. 4
†Prayers & Peace	WB. 5

#### MEAL

The Offering ( <i>Pastor will be praying for the offering as the ushers come forward</i> )	
† Offertory Hymn "Create In Me a Clean Heart"	WB. 5
†The Great Thanksgiving & Communion Liturgy	WB. 6
Communion Hymns	ELW #510, ELW #617
Blessing and Prayer	

#### SENDING

Announcements	
† Benediction	
† Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	ELW #311
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: Isa 40:21-31, 1 Cor 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39.

**This Month's Sanctuary Candles:** By the Casagrande family in memory of Larry Cramer and Loraine Brukeley and by the Samuelsen family in memory of Johnny Samuelsen, Stan's brother.

**Altar Flowers:** By Russ & Sally Cossin in memory of loved ones.

**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, "The God You Have: Politics and First Commandment" will start on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am & 7 pm. **Please sign up by the 22<sup>nd</sup>!** (Note the date change)

**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 for more info.

**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.

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

Musician: Sheila Stephenson  
Acolyte: Jacinda Green  
Lector: Chris Kuljurgis  
Ushers: Andy Meyer's Team  
Greeters: George & Chris Kuljurgis  
Altar Guild: Judy & Laura Bergman  
Counters: Stan Samuelsen  
Ken Casagrande

## SERVING NEXT WEEK February 5

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

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Today:

Worship 10:00 am  
Congregational Meeting

### Tuesday:

Prayer Shawl 10:00am

### Wednesday:

Bells 7:00 pm

### Thursday:

Book Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Friday:

AA 7:30pm

### Sunday:

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

## Upcoming Events:

Biggest Loser Club Meeting - Feb 6<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. Evening Service & Potluck –  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 6 pm. See sign up  
Soup Suppers Start Feb 29<sup>th</sup>

## Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Shelly Holtquist

### Music Directors

Bonnie Sweda (Lead)  
Sheila Stephenson



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