



Welcome!

We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song

“Christ, Be Our Light” (ELW 715)

Greeting

Candle Lighting

“God of the Movements and Martyrs”

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Read by Bonnie B

¹“The Spirit of Exalted Yahweh is upon me, for Yahweh has anointed me: God has sent me to bring good news to those who are poor; to heal broken hearts; to proclaim release to those held captive and liberation to those in prison; ²to announce a year of favor from Yahweh, and the day of God’s vindication; to comfort all who mourn, ³to provide for those who grieve in Zion— to give them a wreath of flowers instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of tears, a cloak of praise instead of despair. They will be known as trees of integrity, planted by Yahweh to display God’s glory. ⁴They will restore the ancient ruins, and rebuild sites long devastated; they will repair the ruined cities, neglected for generations. ⁸For I, Yahweh, love justice; I hate robbery and sin. So I will faithfully compensate you, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. ⁹Your descendants will be renowned among the nations; and your offspring among the people; all who see you will acknowledge that you are a people blessed by Yahweh.’ ¹⁰I will joyfully exult in Yahweh, who is the joy of my soul! My God clothed me with a robe of deliverance and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, the way a bridegroom puts on a turban and a bride bedecks herself with jewels.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Read by Brent A

⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray constantly, ¹⁸and give thanks for everything—for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹Don’t stifle the Spirit; ²⁰don’t despise the prophetic gift. ²¹But test everything and accept only what is good. ²²Avoid any semblance of evil. ²³May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May you be preserved whole and complete—spirit, soul, and body—irreproachable at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. ²⁴The One who calls us is trustworthy: God will make sure it comes to pass.

Children’s Time

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶Then came one named John, sent as an envoy from God, ⁷who came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through his testimony everyone might believe. ⁸He himself wasn’t the Light; he only came to testify about the Light—the true Light that illumines all humankind. ¹⁹Now the Temple authorities sent emissaries from Jerusalem—priests and Levites—to talk to John. “Who are you?” they asked. This is John’s testimony: ²⁰he didn’t refuse to answer, but freely admitted, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹“Who are you, then?” they asked. “Elijah?” “No, I am not,” he answered. “Are you the Prophet?” “No,” he replied. ²²Finally they said to him, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you have to say for yourself?” ²³John said, “I am, as Isaiah prophesied, the voice of someone crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight our God’s road!’” ²⁴The emissaries were members of the Pharisee sect. ²⁵They questioned him further: “If you’re not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, then why are you baptizing people?” ²⁶John said, “I baptize with water because among you stands someone whom you don’t recognize— ²⁷the One who is to come after me—the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy even to untie.” ²⁸This occurred in Bethany, across the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

Sermon

Song

“Light Dawns on a Weary World” (ELW 726)

Creed

The Prayers

Let us pray to God on behalf of the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Oh God, we long for your salvation, make haste and help us. Come quickly with blessings and comfort for all people, O Strong Deliverer of Israel and the Redeemer of the world.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Clothe your church with the joy of your salvation.

Cover it with the righteousness of Christ. Through it, let the poor hear the Good News, the sorrowful find comfort, and captives to sin and death experience your salvation.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Restore the fortunes of Christians who are persecuted for confessing Jesus as Lord. Turn their weeping into rejoicing. Cause those who hate them to repent and believe in the Good News.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Give all leaders and the new incoming American government the tools to combat this virus instead of ignoring the mountain casualties across the nation.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

We pray for the scientists who work hard to find a cure for the COVID-19 virus, that they do not rush into quick decisions, but ensure that these vaccinations are safe for all.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Guide and strengthen seminarians and all considering your call to serve the church. Make them faithful, true, bold, and let them find joy in your service.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Be with all in need: homeless people, support agencies, frontline workers, nurses, healthcare aides, cleaners, doctors, first responders, and those whose work is unnoticed - who do their job without reservation and put their health at risk.

God in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Our souls long for you. Stand by us and encourage us. Give your mercy, healing, and justice to those who are sick and suffering, especially those ill with the corona virus or those who have lost loved ones to it. We also lift up...

Clarence M, Henry P, Tom d, Cody M, Emmitt B, Myrtle W, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Janice S, Charlotte, Diana M, Brendan S, Pastor Richard R, Muriel A, Yvonne, Eva H, Darren F, AnnE

& Joel Z, Diane R, the Anderson family, Roland S, Roman W, Wayne & William, Anne L., Pr. Lindsey and Danika, Jaxon, and Elijah P.

In a moment of silence we lift up our own prayers to you...

God in your mercy,

please hear our prayer.

We commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Communion Song

“Each Winter As the Year Grows Older” (ELW 252)

Community Life

Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, † now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“People, Look East” (ELW 248)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Stay tuned following service today for HSLC Online Sunday School Adventure Time! Contact the office to receive a resource bag for your family!

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Coffee Time

Bring your favorite bevy, snack,
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through a some familiar faces...

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to drop off**



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*Help
decorate the
tree*
CALL THE OFFICE TO
BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT



**Advent & Christmas Worship
Live-streamed at Holy Spirit**

4 Advent - Sun, Dec 20
10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - Thurs, Dec 24
5:00 pm Candle-light Service

Christmas Day - Fri, Dec 25
10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

1 Christmas - Sun, Dec 27
10:00 AM Service of the Word

2 Christmas - Sun, Jan 3
10:00 AM Service of the Word





Readers Needed for Christmas Eve Service

All readings will be prerecorded and then livestreamed in our 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Contact the office to sign up.

Holy Spirit Christmas Worship in the Home

Please call the office to register for a home worship kit by December 15



SEND IN YOUR

Family Photo

BY MONDAY, DEC 21

In this special season we invite you to share a photo of your family as a means to greet one another through time and place in the Christmas season.

Send in your photo by December 21 to be shared at the end of our Christmas Evening Candlelight Service, December 24, 7:00 PM. Please include the names of everyone in your picture.

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Sunday

11:00 AM

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