



A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

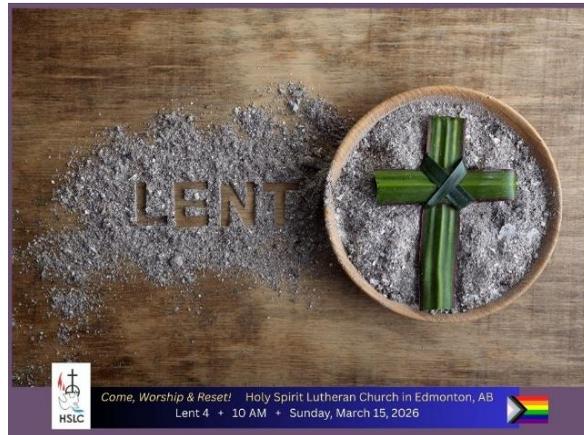
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March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Marilyn Murray

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Toby Schneider & Paul Thomsen

Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Kathryn Elford

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Arvid Pederson

Welcome

Gathering Song *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”* (ELW 325)

Kyrie & Gloria - ELW Setting 3, p 138

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism of Evelyn Grace Gizowski

Daughter of Sarah and Tyler

Sharing of the Peace

Baptismal Song *“Borning Cry”* (ELW 732)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify

yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 read responsively

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 3, p 142

Gospel John 9:1-7

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

Sermon

Song of the Day 'Amazing Grace' (ELW 779)

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Ed L, Mary R, Shirley E, Faye P, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Offertory "God's Work, Our Hands" (ACS 1000), vs 4

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer written by Rev. Jim Burklo

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly base
and common processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together,
because clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly
with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe
and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is, Amen.**



Online Giving



Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 3, p. 146

'*Children of the Heavenly Father*' (ELW 781)

'*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*' (ELW 338)

'*Lead Me, Guide Me*' (ELW 768)

Benediction – '*Hope Everlasting*' Liturgy of the Beloved

Community Life

Sending Song '*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand* (ACS 1024) ref, vs 1, ref

Dismissal

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Midweek

Travelling Lent

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

In Community with Area Churches
Snacks provided after the service

March 18 – Mount Olivet Lutheran
205 Fir St, Sherwood Park

March 25 – Ansgar Danish Lutheran
9554 108A Ave NW, Edmonton

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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Holy Week

March 29 – Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Service

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

5:00 PM Potluck & Communion
Service & Procession follows

April 3 – Good Friday

10:00 AM Tenebrae Service
with HSLC Choir

All are welcome and All means All.