

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

***FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT***

***Mar 22, 2026***

***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

***And Nursery School***

***2545 Franklin Ave.***

***Secane, PA 19018***

***Office: 610-544-2707***

We thank Pastor Bruce Davis for sharing the good news today.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + GATHERING +

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 886

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please be seated)*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
 whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
 and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding  
Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith,  
the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the  
One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into  
your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### + THE WORD +

#### *FIRST READING: Ezekial 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your

graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***PSALM 130***

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

**from all their sins.**

### ***SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11***

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does

not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 11:1-45**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying

to stone you, and are you going there again?”<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.<sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.”<sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”<sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.<sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her

weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bruce Davis**

*(Please stand as you are able)***\*HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW 485****I Am the Bread of Life**

Leader or All



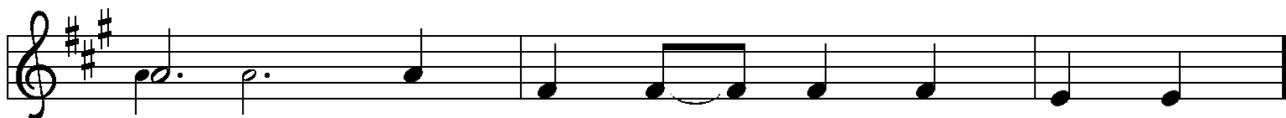
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

**(Cont'd)**

*Refrain*  
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(response after: Hear us, O God)*

**C: Your mercy is great**

**PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.*

## “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

### OFFERING:

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.*

### OFFERTORY

ELW 481

#### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**A:** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and*

*for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

### **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 ever. Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**A:** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**P:** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN     Precious Lord****ELW 773**

Precious Lord, take my hand  
 Lead me on, let me stand  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
 Through the storm, through the night  
 Lead me on to the light  
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near  
 When my life is almost gone  
 Hear my cry, hear my call  
 Hold my hand lest I fall  
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
 And the day is past and gone  
 At the river I stand  
 Guide my feet, hold my hand  
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

**\*DISMISSAL****A:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.**C:** Thanks be to God.

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**Altar flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of my son, Joey's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday by Debbie Gruhler and in honor of Greg Christensen's birthday by his loving family.

**Feb's Income: \$ 11,305****Average Attendance: 18****Feb's Expense: \$ 10,465****MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD****Scheduled to serve 3/22***Alan S. – Assisting Minister**Klines – Ushers**Downey/Deemer- Counters**Meghan G. – Altar***Scheduled to serve 3/29***Donna G. – Assisting Minister**Gary P. - Usher**Downey/Deemer - Counter**Meghan G. - Altar***\*\*\*\*\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*****Mon, Mar 23****6:30pm – G/S (Mtg Rm)****Wed, Mar 25****6:00pm – Mid-week Lenten service @  
Holy Spirit (Hall)****Thu, Mar 26****6:30pm – G/S (Mtg Rm)****7:00pm – AA (Hall)****7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)****Sat, Mar 28****11:30pm Easter Egg Hunt****Sun, Mar 29****10:15am–Worship Palm Sunday****12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)**

**MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERING** - Wednesdays, **6:00** during lent is as follows:

**3/25 @ Holy Spirit, Secane (Holy Communion)**

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*

### **Healing:**

*Annie Berner  
Eileen Maloney  
Lisa McDonough  
Hugh Mullarkey  
Lois Saunders  
Betty Lake  
Anne Rainsford  
Dolores Maurer  
Harry Collins  
Geraldyn Gerakaris  
Joan & Harry Chaykun  
Nikki Miller  
Cyndi Kline  
Marie Schall*

*Jackie Bernduer White  
Jackie Dewitt  
Maureen Colahan  
John Turner  
Lynn McGrane  
Sue Thomas  
Jean Cilurso  
Phyllis Horton  
Lou Vallies  
Linda Martin  
Bill McVian  
Suzie Thomas  
Tom  
Benny Hoffman*

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for March, please call the office)*

**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Gerilyn Gerakaris, and Bob Kerns.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**FILL EASTER EGGS** – Please join us on **Monday March 23 at 6:30pm** in the social hall to help us fill Easter eggs with toys and candy in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for your assistance.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE WITH MEAL** – **March 25 at 6:00** at Holy Spirit. Please see sign up sheet outside the office to help with the meal.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Please help beautify the worship space for Easter Sunday by ordering potted plants. Take home afterwards or leave to beautify our gardens outside the church. Orders are due back by **March**



**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**COUNTERS NEEDED** – We are in need of one or two counters for the first week of the month. If you are able to volunteer for this, please call the office.

**ALTAR** – We are in need of volunteers for **April** to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

### **CHURCH'S 75th ANNIVERSARY!**

By now you should have received your invitation to the Holy Spirit Anniversary celebration on **Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not received your invitation please contact the church office so that we can get the invitation to you, or if you know someone that did not receive an invitation but should have, let us know as soon as possible.

All RSVP's are due back in the office no later than Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can share the information with the caterer.

We are still looking for pictures from events in the history of Holy Spirit. If you have any please put your name on the back and give them to Nancy Harris, Gary Pysher or Bill/Cyndi Kline. We will make sure you get them back if your name is on them.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. Flowers are now \$20 per vase.

**BULLETIN COVERS** –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

# EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March, 28, 2026. The Egg Hunt will begin at 12 noon.

## WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

- Bags of candy to fill the Plastic Easter Eggs. **ALL CANDY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** (please send in candy that will fit in a one inch egg). There is a container in the Narthex for you to leave the candy in. Please bring in the candy as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. No hard candy please.
- For the food – needed are hotdogs and water. See the sign-up sheets in the front hallway. Please give the hotdogs to Bill or Cyndi Kline, Nancy Harris or Gary Pysher. The water can be left under the table when you first enter the social hall.
- **HELP** on the day of the hunt. We can use volunteers to help with the hunt, craft table, registration and just being on hand to greet our community and join in the fun.

**ALL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT HALL.**

**Thank you!**

**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane, PA - (Ridley Township)

**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

for kids ages 2-10

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

**11:30 a.m. – registration**

**12:00 noon – Easter Egg Hunt 2 & 3 Year olds**

**12:15ish p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt for 4-10 year olds**

**Hotdogs \* Drinks \* Prizes \* Craft for kids**

**Reservations are required!**

**Go to: [holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com)  
to make reservations or if you have questions.**



## Outreach Activity for Lent

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” - Matthew 25:40

Lent, the seven weeks before Easter is a time for reflection and prayer, fasting or doing without luxury, and charity or service. These are all classic Lent practices.

I thought we would help out people in our neighborhood by supporting the Life Center in Upper Darby, a homeless shelter that provides many services and a meal every day.

The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County is run by the Community Action Agency of Delaware County (CAADC). Severe budget cuts and increased operating costs have caused a very big financial problem for emergency shelters in Delaware County. The CAADC created the Save Our Shelters (SOS) Campaign. This campaign is a cooperative effort between CAADC, the community, and faith-based groups to raise funds to bridge the shelter gaps. The CAADC shelters include: Family Management Center in Chester that serves families, Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby that serves individuals and provides a daily feeding program, and the Wesley House Shelter in Chester that serves families and women.

You can support this campaign by mailing checks made out to the CAADC to:  
Attention: S.O.S. Campaign, CAADC, 1414 Meetinghouse Rd., Boothwyn, PA 19061  
Another way to help the shelters is to donate items to them. I contacted the Life Center and they gave me a list of their most needed items. **There will be a box in the hallway to collect these items during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. I hope that the congregation will support this project by filling up many boxes of the following items:**

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| Shampoo  | Cleaning Supplies |
| Conditioner  | Clorox wipes      |
| Toothpaste   | Towels            |
| Twin size blankets   | Washcloths        |
| Twin size sheets   | Paper towels      |
| Pillows  | Butter/margarine  |
| Laundry Pods   | Milk              |
| Dish detergent   |                   |
| Plastic spoons (we do not need plastic forks at this time) |                   |



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