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**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are People of God, who

are called by the Holy Spirit to pray, worship, joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ,

and compassionately witness and serve others in Christian Love.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2023**

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cape May County is in the YELLOW as per the COVID-19 County Check.

We remain in a moderate area of community spread. As per CDC guidelines you may choose to wear a mask. Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn if you have symptoms, a positive test, or if you have had exposure to COVID. Please continue to refrain from handshakes or hugs, continue social distancing, and continue to be respectful of people’s various comfort levels. May you encounter God, connect with others, and go out to serve God and neighbor by letting your light shine in the world!

**AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are glad that you joined us for Worship today! Thank you for enriching our time together! We would like to get to know you better, and we would like you to get to know us better too. We invite you to let us know how we can help you. Informational brochures, welcome gifts, prayer shawls, Bibles, and other items are available at our welcome areas. Church members are happy to show you around, answer questions, and share about our ministries. Please don’t hesitate to speak up and ask questions.

**CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION**

We continue to conduct our Sunday Worship Service in coordination with our Conference Call. Join us on our Conference Call # 657-390-7423. If that does not allow you to gain access, please utilize our other # 701-802-5170 and the access code 8221190, then hit the # key. Please announce your name after you log-in.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

We utilize Pre-Filled Communion Kits with a wafer, and a choice of wine or grape juice. They will be provided during Worship Services that an Ordained Minister is Presiding over to adults and children who have had First Communion instruction.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The month of April’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

LINDA BOWKER by Paul Bowker & Grandkids.

**ALTAR CANDLES**

The month of April’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

NONA POOLE by Kathy Poehler.

The Sanctuary and Altar Candles cost $10 each, and can be dedicated in

memory of someone. The sign-up sheet is located on a clipboard in the narthex.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Vicar, Assistant, and Congregation.)

**INTRODUCTION**

A. Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified

king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently

desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in

celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation

as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this

paradoxical promise of life through Christ’s broken body and outpoured love in a

meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the

church year, anticipating the completion of God’s astounding work.

V. We invite you to stand if you are able.

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

V. Let’s set the scene to start our Worship Service Today.

Traditionally we would be processing into the church, but are not doing so due to

our modification of service for us to be blessed to worship together in-person and

on the conference call.

As we enter into the final days we start with a message from the Holy Gospel

According to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter. (Verses 1-11).

**C. Hosanna in the highest.**

V. 1When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount

of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of

you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them

and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord

needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4This took place to fulfill what

had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

  5“Tell the daughter of Zion,

  Look, your king is coming to you,

   humble, and mounted on a donkey,

    and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the

donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very

large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the

trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and that

followed were shouting,

  “Hosanna to the Son of David!

   Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

  Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is

this?” 11The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in

Galilee.”

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PRELUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist before the start of our Worship Service.)

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

V. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who journeys with us these forty days,

and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C. Amen.**

V. Let us acknowledge before God and one another

our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

V. Holy God,

**C. we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

V. Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,

so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

☩ forgives you in Christ’s name,

and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**FIRST HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

Lutheran Book of Worship – Green Book

**108 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**GREETING**

V. May 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.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

V. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

V. Let us pray,

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord

Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy

enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his

resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**FIRST READING**

R. Our First Reading is from the 50th Chapter of Isaiah (Verses 4-9a).

R. 4The Lord God has given me

   the tongue of a teacher,

  that I may know how to sustain

   the weary with a word.

 Morning by morning he wakens—

  wakens my ear

  to listen as those who are taught.

 5The Lord God has opened my ear,

  and I was not rebellious,

  I did not turn backward.

 6I gave my back to those who struck me,

  and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

 I did not hide my face

  from insult and spitting.

 7The Lord God helps me;

  therefore I have not been disgraced;

 therefore I have set my face like flint,

  and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

  8he who vindicates me is near.

 Who will contend with me?

  Let us stand up together.

 Who are my adversaries?

  Let them confront me.

 9a It is the Lord God who helps me;

  who will declare me guilty?

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

R. Our Responsorial Psalm is from the 31st Psalm (Verses 9-16).

**C. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.** (Ps. 31:5)

R.9Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

   my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

  10For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

   my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

  11I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my

acquaintances;

   when they see me in the street they avoid me.

  12Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

   I am as useless as a broken pot.

**C. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.** (Ps. 31:5)

  13For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

   they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

  14But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

   I have said, “You are my God.

  15My times are in your hand;

   rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

  16Let your face shine upon your servant;

   save me in your steadfast love.”

**C. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.** (Ps. 31:5)

**SECOND READING**

R. Our Second Reading is from the 2nd Chapter of Philippians (Verses 5-11).

R. 5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

  6who, though he was in the form of God,

   did not regard equality with God

   as something to be exploited,

  7but emptied himself,

   taking the form of a slave,

   being born in human likeness.

  And being found in human form,

   8he humbled himself

   and became obedient to the point of death—

   even death on a cross.

  9Therefore God also highly exalted him

   and gave him the name

   that is above every name,

  10so that at the name of Jesus

   every knee should bend,

   in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

  11and every tongue should confess

   that Jesus Christ is Lord,

   to the glory of God the Father.

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(We invite you to remain seated.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C. Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even**

**death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the**

**name that is above ev’ry name.** (Phil. 2:8-9)

**GOSPEL READING**

V. The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 26th & 27th Chapter.

(Verses 14—27:66).

**C. Hosanna in the highest.**

V. 14One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

15and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty

pieces of silver. 16And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to

betray him.

17On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

“Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

18He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says,

My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” 19So

the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover

meal.

20When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; 21and while they were

eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” 22And they became

greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?”

23He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will

betray me. 24The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by

whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to

have been born.” 25Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He

replied, “You have said so.”

26While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he

broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27Then he

took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of

you; 28for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the

forgiveness of sins. 29I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until

that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

  30When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this

night; for it is written,

  ‘I will strike the shepherd,

   and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

32But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” 33Peter said to him,

“Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” 34Jesus

said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny

me three times.” 35Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not

deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

36Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his

disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37He took with him Peter and

the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. 38Then he said

to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with

me.” 39And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My

Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what

you want.” 40Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he

said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41Stay awake

and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing,

but the flesh is weak.” 42Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

“My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” 43Again he

came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44So leaving them

again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

45Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and

taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into

the hands of sinners. 46Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

47While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a

large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the

people. 48Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is

the man; arrest him.” 49At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings,

Rabbi!” and kissed him. 50Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to

do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. 51Suddenly, one

of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the

high priest, cutting off his ear. 52Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back

into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53Do you think

that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve

legions of angels? 54But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it

must happen in this way?” 55At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you

come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day

after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56But all this

has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all

the disciples deserted him and fled.

57Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose

house the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58But Peter was following him at

a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with

the guards in order to see how this would end. 59Now the chief priests and the

whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might

put him to death, 60but they found none, though many false witnesses came

forward. At last two came forward 61and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to

destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ” 62The high priest stood

up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

63But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath

before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” 64Jesus

said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you,

  From now on you will see the Son of Man

   seated at the right hand of Power

   and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

65Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do

we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66What is your

verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” 67Then they spat in his face and

struck him; and some slapped him, 68saying, “Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who

is it that struck you?”

69Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and

said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” 70But he denied it before all of

them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” 71When he went out to

the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This

man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not

know the man.” 73After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

“Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” 74Then he

began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment

the cock crowed. 75Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the

cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

27:1When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people

conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. 2They bound

him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and

brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4He

said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to

us? See to it yourself.” 5Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he

departed; and he went and hanged himself. 6But the chief priests, taking the

pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are

blood money.” 7After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field

as a place to bury foreigners. 8For this reason that field has been called the Field

of Blood to this day. 9Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the

prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one

on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a

price, 10and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

11Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you

the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” 12But when he was accused by

the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13Then Pilate said to him, “Do

you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” 14But he gave him

no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the

crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16At that time they had a notorious prisoner,

called Jesus Barabbas. 17So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

“Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is

called the Messiah?” 18For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had

handed him over. 19While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word

to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a

great deal because of a dream about him.” 20Now the chief priests and the

elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

21The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release

for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” 22Pilate said to them, “Then what should I

do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!”

23Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Let him be crucified!”

24So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was

beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” 25Then the people as a

whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” 26So he released

Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters,

and they gathered the whole cohort around him. 28They stripped him and put a

scarlet robe on him, 29and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on

his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him,

saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 30They spat on him, and took the reed and

struck him on the head. 31After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and

put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they

compelled this man to carry his cross. 33And when they came to a place called

Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34they offered him wine to drink, mixed

with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35And when they had

crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36then

they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37Over his head they put the

charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

38Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

39Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40and saying, “You

who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are

the Son of God, come down from the cross.” 41In the same way the chief priests

also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42“He saved

others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from

the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43He trusts in God; let God deliver him

now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” 44The bandits who were

crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

45From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

46And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema

sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 47When

some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” 48At

once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick,

and gave it to him to drink. 49But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah

will come to save him.” 50Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed

his last. 51At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to

bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52The tombs also were

opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

53After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and

appeared to many. 54Now when the centurion and those with him, who were

keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were

terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

55Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed

Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. 56Among them were Mary

Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the

sons of Zebedee.

57When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph,

who was also a disciple of Jesus. 58He went to Pilate and asked for the body of

Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59So Joseph took the body and

wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had

hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went

away. 61Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the

tomb.

62The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the

Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63and said, “Sir, we remember what that

impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’

64Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise

his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised

from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” 65Pilate

said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

66So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

(Delivered by Vicar if Children are present.)

**SERMON**

(Delivered by Vicar.)

(We invite you to stand if you are able.)

**SECOND HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

With One Voice – Blue Book

**668 There in God’s Garden**

**NICENE CREED**

P. Let us confess our faith together using the Nicene Creed.

**C. We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A. Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all

of creation.

(A brief silence.)

A. Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place

that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations,

synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all.

Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give

us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals

who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside

us. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned

and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them

from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep.

Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are

incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be

present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Keep watch over those who

weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve; especially:

Betty Lang (Church Member)

Betty Becker (Church Member)

Mary Pierce (Church Member)

Janet Coleman (Church Member)

Debbie West (Church Member)

BettyAnn Rich-White (Church Member)

Jacalyn Nehlig (Church Member)

Kay Call (Church Member)

Frank Ford (Church Member)

Lorraine Fennimore (Church Member)

Rosalie Stackhouse (Church Member)

Mo Bixler (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Christy Spero (Blanche Cameron's Family)

Megan Pratz (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Patty Cioce (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Butch Mitchell (Mary Pierce's Family)

Carla Wagner (Betty Lang’s Family)

Tom McNamara (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Beth & Bill Knapp (Betty Lang’s Family)

Denny Lauer (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Terry Davis (Alice Davis’ Family)

Pete (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Dave Griffin (Sandy Hansen's Family)

Christine Fuller (Betty Lang's Family)

Rhiannon (Frank & Sharon Ford's Family)

Bob Brady (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Bill Kanass (Betty Lang's Family)

Kevin (Betty Becker's Friend)

Ed Borse (Betty Lang’s Friend)

James Kershaw (Audrey Kinka’s Friend)

Edna McCann (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Patrick Brannan (Judy Brannan's Family)

Bandit (Betty Lang's Pet)

Suzie Clark (Rose Lang's Friend)

Kathy Beard (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Evy (Betty Lang's Friend)

Amelia Skyrm (Audrey Kinka's Family)

Cindy Irana (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Ed Watson (Betty Lang's Friend)

Bill Bickley (Betty Bickley's Family)

Joe Cox (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Francis Clock (Dianna DeNote’s Family)

Jamie Miller (Vicki Rinier's Family)

James Colubiale (Diana DeNote's Friend)

Mike (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Jean O’Brien (Diana DeNote's Friend)

Joanne (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Andrew Hudak (Rose Lang’s Friend)

Fred Lang (Betty Lang’s Family)

Viena Murtha (Bob Fritsch’s Friend)

Salvatore Friscia (Diana DeNote's Family)

Amanda Testa (Betty Bickley’s Family)

Sally Shaffer (Betty Becker's Friend)

Carmen & Brook (Maryanne Lauer’s Friends)

Christine Schneider (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Maisie Donnelly (Betty Bickley’s Family)

Jackie Churchman (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Caroline Palush (Bonnie & Skip Millard’s Family)

Sharon Waicus (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Jill (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker's Friend)

Jerry P (Wanda Bryan’s Friend)

Tom & Anne Dickinson (Dianne & Ted Bell’s Family)

Karen O'Brian (Linda & Paul Bowker's Friend)

The Henning Family (Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Dellie Valcourt (Bonnie & Skip Millard’s Family)

Analida Irizzary (Mary Melnicoff’s Family)

Dustin Irizzary (Mary Melnicoff's Family)

Mark Elliott (Leon Stitt's Family)

Kenny Payner (Leon Stitt's Family)

Helen Ehlers (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Cathy Smith (Mary Melicoff & Judy Brannan’s Friend)

Mike Maguire, Jr. (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Mardella Allen (True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center)

John Lauer, Jr. (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker’s Family)

Craig Brearey (Judy Brannan & Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Dolores Johnson (True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center)

Bruce Becker, Jr. (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Michael Hale (Community Member)

Homeless Members of the Community

Chip Hand (Church Family)

Tim McCartney (Betty Becker's Family)

Joanne Grey (Allison Hopkin's Friend)

Bobbie DelPrete (Church Member)

James Andreotta (Charlie & Karen Buckley’s Friend)

Del McKenna (Church Member)

Ed Green (Church Member)

Kali Poe (Betty Lang's Family)

Linda Dressic (Carol Detweiler's Family)

The Bryan Family (Wanda Bryan's Family)

Ernie Kinzler (Marie Hand & Doreen Kinzler’s Family)

(Additional Names Added Prior to the Worship Service.)

A. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs,

readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain

them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy

Week. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who

embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of

trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

V. Watch over all of us who are worried and suffering, and especially those whose

names we now say aloud or within our hearts (extended pause). Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

V. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise

to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

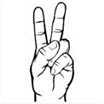
**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

V. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

V. Let us share God’s Peace with one another.

(Please remain in your pews and offer the sign of peace with a peace sign or wave.)



**OFFERTORY**

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(Usher brings the Tithes and Offerings up front to the Assistant.)

(Assistant Prepares Altar for Communion.)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

V. Let us pray,

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings

as we present them in faithful service

for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal

as you pour out your very presence

through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**C. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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V. It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer

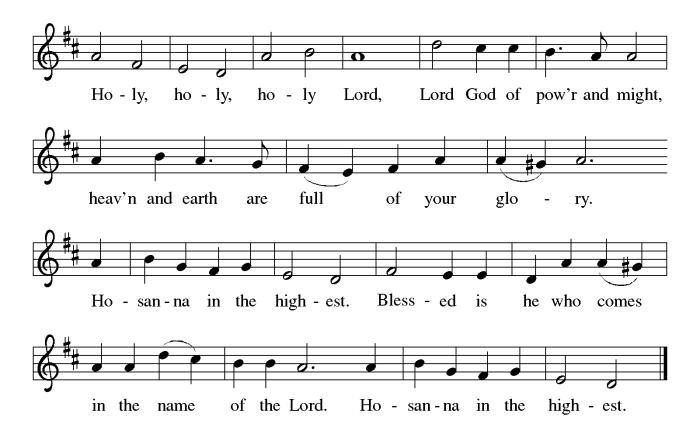
thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose

beyond the bounds of death and, as he promised, poured out your Spirit of life

and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless

joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your

name and join their unending hymn:



**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

V. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, in mercy for our fallen world you gave

your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have

eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us

through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may

receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

V. In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, he gave

thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body,

given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, he 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.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

V. May we now join with one another and pray as Jesus taught us.

**C. 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.**

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

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(We invite you to be seated.)

**HOLY COMMUNION IN YOUR PEWS**

(Please utilize the Pre-Filled Communion Kits.)

V. Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**C. Amen.**

V. The Body of Christ, given for you.

**C. Amen.**

(Extended Pause)

V. The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C. Amen.**

(An Usher will be around to collect your empty Communion Kits for disposal.)

**COMMUNION SONG**

(Please enjoy music offered by our Organist.)

(Assistant removes Communion Vessels from the Altar.)

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

V. Let us stand as we are able.

V. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us

always in His grace.

**C. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Let us pray,

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

**C. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

V. God, the giver of love,

☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**CLOSING HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

Lutheran Book of Worship – Green Book

**107 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

(Assistant extinguishes the Altar Candles half way through the Closing Hymn.)

(Pastor processes out once the Altar Candles have been extinguished.)

(We invite you to be seated.)

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant and Congregation.)

**BIRTHDAYS**

4th Gloria Sutton

8th Wanda Bryan

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace. Serve in Love.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist as we depart following our Worship Service.)



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

**NEWSLETTER**

Our next Seasonal Newsletter is for the Spring, which started on March 20th. We were in the process of finalizing and printing it, and should have it out to you today!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We have continued to keep the Church Directory updated to the best of our ability with any changes that we were made aware of throughout the past year. Undoubtedly, we have probably missed a few changes, and that is okay. As we have printed our new church directories we have left spaces for changes in people’s information, new people’s information, notes, and favorite Bible verses. If you have, or do have any changes, please make it a point to inform the Church Office. Thanks!

**BULLETIN ENTRY DEADLINE**

The Bulletin goes to print on Wednesdays during church office hours. Changes need to be submitted to Vince or Heather no later than Wednesdays at 5PM. Thank You!

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

The Women will be holding their next meeting tomorrow, Monday, April 3rd, at 6PM.

New members are welcome to attend! Contact Judy if you are interested.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

We will be holding our Good Friday Worship Service on April 7th at 7PM.

You can join us In-Person or on our Conference Call.

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Women of the Church will be hosting their next monthly Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 16th, following our Worship Service. See Judy or Kathy for more information.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Share your comments, concerns, questions, or joys with one of our Church Council Members who can bring them back to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome to attend and listen to what is going on in and around the church. Join us In- Person or on our Conference Call at our next Meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, at 6PM. We currently have two vacant Church Council seats. Vince moved in to the role of Vicar, and needed to step down as Church Council President. LINDA BOWKER’S seat is vacant due to her recent passing. If you are interested in Church Council, or have any questions, please see Vince or any member of the Church Council.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

We are unsure of our plans for 2023 at this time. We are looking to plan it on an alternative date and keep it a separate event from the Back to School Event due to the continued effort and time commitment both events do require. The First Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23rd, following our Sunday Worship Service. Stay posted for ideas & changes to be considered.

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR EMERGING MINISTRIES (TEEM)**

Vince is working on the Call, Candidacy, and Seminary processes in an effort to work on the TEEM Theological Certificate Program. The Candidacy Entrance Interview was attended on January 19th. A positive entrance decision was given by the committee. Bishop Tracie Bartholomew sent this decision and recommendation from the committee to the ELCA for review and approval. Formal acceptance by Churchwide was received on February 6th. An education and learning formation committee meeting was attended on March 6th. The Bishop’s Assistant reached out and coordinated the Bishop’s Visit to Preside over our Worship Service on March 19th. The Bishop installed Vince as the Vicar and provided information about the TEEM process. Church Council reviewed paperwork, and a budget was discussed and voted on for Vince starting in the new position on April 1st. The application to United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) was submitted at the beginning of this year. The Seminary officially extended the offer for admission on March 28th. Thank you to one and all for your continued prayers, support, thoughts, and patience through all of these steps and all these changes. Stay posted for more information!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Come and learn about the Heroes of the Bible on Sundays at 9AM. Children of all ages are welcome to attend and learn through Scriptures, Crafts, Games, Videos, and Activities. See Heather for more info or volunteering opportunities.

**BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers,

or are just curious about the Lutheran church-this is for you! All are welcome to

join us as we explore Lutheranism 101 on Wednesdays from 7PM to 8PM.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

The most important thing we do each week is gather together as God's people to worship. God is the center and focus of everything we do. Participating in worship is active. Liturgy means the work and actions of the people gathered. Everything we do during the week to prepare for worship, and everything we do as we assist in leading worship, is important. Worship Leaders, Worship Assistants, Conference Call and the Computer, Readers, Greeters and Ushers, Communion Assistants, Home Communion Ministers, Altar Guild, Choir and The Music Team help make worship a meaningful experience. We are thankful for all the wonderful work being done. If you are interested in any position, please let Vince know so a training can be set-up.



**FOOD PANTRY, COMMUNITY DELIVERIES, & MORE**

Open every Thursday, and the last Saturday of every month, from 10AM to 1PM.

74 people were served in February. 149 people have been served in 2023. We have been blessed to serve a total of 6,811 people since we reopened in May of 2014. Donations can be dropped in the basket in the Narthex, placed in the outdoor drop-box by the Church Office door, placed in the money jug in the back of the Church, mailed into the Church Office, or placed in the Offering Plate. Volunteers are needed each week. If you are interested in any way please see Heather, Vince, or Bonnie.

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| **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** | | |
| **Thursday, 4/6** | **Thursday, 4/13** | **Thursday, 4/20** |
| Tori & Cathie | Tori & Cathie | Tori & Cathie |

Our local North Cape May Acme provides us with Expiring Soon, Recently Expired, and Slightly Damaged Foods weekly. Kathy helps those in need by delivering items each Saturday in the community. Kathy then brings leftover items to the Church for church members in need, and those who visit the food pantry during the week.

**FAVORITE HYMNS**

Charlie & Karen are willing to play your favorite hymns for the Prelude & Postlude

on Sundays. Let them know your requests so that they can be added to the list.

**STAINED GLASS REPAIR**

Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc. has started repairs on the Stained Glass window above the front entryway doors, and will work on the other two front windows as well.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Open on Wednesdays from 6PM to 8PM to serve the Congregation, the Community, and to continue handling the business of the Church. Feel free to stop in to talk, pick-up or drop off something, pray in the Sanctuary, or for whatever other reason.

**PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Jeff Elliott will continue his weekly office hours on Thursdays from 10AM to 1PM for various levels of support and prayer as needed. He can also be reached via email at Jeffrey.elliott2006@comcast.net or calls and texts at 609-770-3207.

**DONATION STATION**

Get on the train and place all purchased items in the specified project donation bins located on the counter by the front doors. See Heather for more information.



**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

We worship God with our tithes and offerings. These are monetary gifts in order to support our ministry for service in God’s name. Feel free to drop your envelopes in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or drop them off in the locked mailbox.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

We continue raising money for any unforeseen costs or repairs at the Church.Kathy is continuing to sell $5 Wawa Tickets, and the donation bin is in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness, donations, prayers, & support!

**PRAYER LIST**

Our Prayer List continues to lengthen and we realize the important need for prayers and healing. Sometimes the unfortunate result is that someone has passed on, and the words “The Family & Friends of” appear before someone’s name. However, sometimes we forget names are still on the list and “they are healed” or the “they are no longer struggling” and they can be removed. Share the good and bad stories as we continue to pray for strength and healing. Names can be added or removed from the list on the clipboard in the Narthex prior to the Worship Service, by calling the church office, or addressing it on the Conference Call. Please let us know the relation to the person(s) you listed so we can be more mindful with our prayers too. Names will stay on the list until removed by the person(s) who requested prayer.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawls, Lap Quilts, and Scarves have been made with love for those in need. The blessed items are located in the Narthex, and are free for anyone. Members of the group continue to work at home on new stitches and patterns. We have been blessed to continue collecting many more newly made items, and we will be holding a blessing for all these new items within the next few weeks.

**HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY**

A Minister is available if you have a loved one, or if you yourself desire services in the community. We look forward in sharing the Word and Holy Communion with you! We continue looking for anyone interested in being trained. Please inform Vince, Kathy, or the Church Office so plans can be made for visits through this ministry.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER**

Have you been attending our church for a while? Have you just recently returned to church after being away for a bit? Maybe you transitioned from another church,

or just started to recently attend our church. We are glad to have you, and would love to have you as a member of our Congregation. Please feel free to ask Vince any questions, and for more information about becoming a member.

**CLEANING & DISINFECTION SERVICES**

Heather’s Heavenly Cleaning Services cleaned the building on December 17th. Dave from Bactronix completed another swab test on our surface levels on Sunday, January 8th. The results showed that we would benefit from having another treatment. Church Council voted to have this done, and it was completed on Friday, January 27th. Please continue to be mindful and ensure good cleaning each week to make sure we provide a safe environment for everyone.

**VICAR APPOINTMENT ON MARCH 19TH, 2023**

A Memorandum of Understanding

On the Matter of Pastoral Appointment

In Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) Candidacy

TO: Congregation Council, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas

FROM: The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop, New Jersey Synod

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

This memorandum is in support of your discussions with Vincent Piekarski as pastor of Holy Spirit, Villas. Because this is not the usual pattern for completing the educational and candidacy requirements for ordination, it is my hope that this memorandum will both provide guidelines and engage in conversation with those who are invested in this process.

I would say at the outset that because Vincent is an outstanding candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, we will all want to do whatever is necessary to assure that his placement serves the mission of the church in the best possible fashion.

The following notes reflect my own understanding of this matter:

(1) The appointment for Vincent will begin on April 1, 2023. At this time, Vincent will

assume all responsibilities of a regularly called pastor, including presiding at the

Sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism at Holy Spirit, Villas.

(2) A pastoral appointment in the TEEM process is an option for completing

seminary educational requirements and the steps of the candidacy process.

Upon completion of the candidacy process and seminary education, the

candidate may receive and accept a call to ordained ministry form the

congregation where the appointment is being served.

(3) This appointment is jointly supervised by the Office of the Bishop and the TEEM

pastor’s seminary. A mentoring relationship with a local pastor is required for the

length of this appointment.

(4) The synod of candidacy origin will be responsible for the approval process.

(5) Upon approval for ordination, the congregation would be expected to extend a

call to the pastoral appointee.

(6) Compensation for the TEEM pastor will be according to the guidelines of the New

Jersey Synod. All normal forms of compensation should be in place for the term

of the appointment, including stipulation that base salary and housing shall be in

accord with synod guidelines for first call at time of ordination.

(7) The ELCA Portico benefit plan for lay persons in full-time church service should

be used for the pastoral appointee up to the time of ordination, whereupon the

benefit package is to be converted to the plan for ELCA clergy.

(8) A decision for Pastoral Appointment is made with the agreement of a synod and

its candidacy committee, and the ELCA, normally represented by the regional

staff person of each in consultation with the seminary and its Director for

Contextual Education.

(9) Pastoral Appointment in a TEEM Candidacy is an option that is to serve the

mission of the Church in a particular and vital way and is not to be viewed or

used as a means to circumvent the normal candidacy process and/or first call

placement process.

In the specific case of Vincent, the New Jersey Synod remains responsible for the candidacy and approval process, and has agreed to this proposal for Appointment at Holy Spirit, Villas.

Continued blessings to both Holy Spirit and Vincent Piekarski as you embark on this journey of mutual ministry. As partners in ministry, we walk with you and rejoice in this new relationship.

**VICE PASTOR APPOINTMENT ON JUNE 7TH, 2022**

The Rev. Jeffrey Elliott

Jeffrey.elliott2006@comcast.net

609-770-3207

Cape May Lutheran Church

509 Pittsburgh Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204

Dear Jeffrey,

With much appreciation, I write this letter to confirm your appointment as Vice Pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas, New Jersey, beginning June 13, 2022. I shall recount the understanding and expectations discussed with you.

The Synod Constitution accords to the Vice Pastor the full rights of a regularly called

pastor (see Chapter 14, Section S14.17). There are seven specific responsibilities I have indicated for the Vice Pastor. They are:

(1) To meet monthly with the Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

and provide them with pastoral counsel and guidance. If there is a schedule

conflict, the Congregation Council should accommodate itself to your schedule.

(2) To preside, or arrange appropriate Lutheran presidency, at any extraordinary

worship services such as weddings or funerals.

(3) To supervise the educational program of the congregation, and, if possible, to

teach the catechetical program.

(4) To call upon and provide pastoral care for those members of the congregation

who are hospitalized or long-term home bound.

(5) To make yourself available, including how to be reached, to those who need to

see a pastor, e.g. crisis counseling.

(6) To see that the administrative matters of the congregation are well attended to,

and especially that the Parish Register is correctly maintained during the interim.

(7) To report on a monthly basis to the Office of the Bishop as to the status of the

congregation's life in the interim.

The Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is responsible to assist and support you in every reasonable way so that the mission of the congregation continues to be well served. The Congregation Council is also responsible to compensate you for your services. The compensation proposal, to which I believe you agreed, and to which I trust the Congregation Council will also agree, is as follows:

(1) Compensation of $600.00 per month for serving as Vice Pastor.

(2) Extra compensation, not less than $175 per event, for any extra worship services

such as funerals or weddings.

(3) Reimbursement for travel expenses (1current I.R.S. standard for reimbursement)

including tolls, parking, and also for other usual expenses such as telephone

charges. If and when long distance travel to provide pastoral care is involved, say

in a distant hospital, such should be agreed upon in advance with the chief lay

officer of the congregation.

Again, let me tell you how pleased we are that you are willing to take on this responsibility. Thank you for your willingness to be the Vice Pastor at Holy Spirit.

Blessings to you.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop

**TRUE DELIVERANCE PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER**

Reverend Maria Brooks and her Congregation continue to utilize our facilities

from 1-4PM on Sundays. Their congregation helps us with the Food Pantry and hosts or assists with various other events throughout the year at the Church.

True Deliverance PWC also hosts a Prayer Line you can join on their Conference

Call # 1-657-390-7957 on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 5PM.

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| **2023 FINANCIAL STANDING** | |
| **FEBRUARY INCOME** | $13,722.90 |
| **FEBRUARY SPENDING** | $4,149.53 |
| **FEBRUARY GAIN OR (LOSS)** | $9,573.37 |
| **2023 INCOME** | $18,582.90 |
| **2023 SPENDING** | $11,380.46 |
| **2023 GAIN OR (LOSS)** | $7,202.44 |
| **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** | $28,365.46 |
| **FOOD PANTRY FUND** | $17,543.08 |

**CHURCH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**VICAR**

Vincent Piekarski

**VICE PASTOR**

Pastor Jeff Elliott

**ORGANIST**

Karen Buckley

**CANTOR**

Charlie Buckley

**CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Vacant

**CHURCH COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT & CHURCH PROPERTY**

Ed Green

**TREASURER, CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY, & CHOIR**

Bonnie Millard

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHURCH OFFICE, FOOD PANTRY, & NEWSLETTER**

Heather Piekarski