

SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH HOLY BAPTISM



Organ/Piano-Led Worship

March 7 & 8 | 5:00 PM, 8:30, & 9:45 AM

Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

We're glad you are worshipping God with us!

PASTORAL STAFF

Corey Fuhrman, Senior Pastor
Lindsey Bina
Peter Harrits
Julie Wright

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Deacon Mark Ertl, Director of
Worship & Music

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 & 9:45 am—
Organ/Piano-Led Worship with
Communion served on first and third
weekends.
Sunday, 11:00 am—Band-Led
Worship with Communion

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S

BULLETINS

Large print and children's bulletins are
available from the ushers.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Personal hearing assistance headphones
can be obtained at the production
booth.

ART OFFERING

All are invited to draw or color a picture
as an offering to God during the sermon.
These pictures may be placed in the
offering plate or brought up front during
the offering time, along with any
financial offerings. These pictures will be
displayed next weekend to help make our
narthex more colorful!

JOIN A VOLUNTEER TEAM

Share your time and talents during worship!

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Lent 3 —March 7 & 8, 2026

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Gathering

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Anthem (9:45) Children’s Choirs, “Wonderfully Made”—Angie Killian
*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.*

Gathering Song “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” ELW #777
Sing verses 1-4.

Baptism

The assembly is seated. (5:00 & 9:45)

Presentation (5:00 & 9:45)

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 into hell, 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The assembly is seated.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Welcome (5:00 & 9:45)

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

The assembly is encouraged to greet the family and welcome the newest members of the body of Christ after worship today. See page 11 for a list of those baptized this weekend. Those who have gathered at the font may return to their seats.

Water Blessing for Children

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, water is shared with children.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem (9:45)

Lighthouse Singers, “How Great Is Our God”—Chris Tomlin

Word

Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

“O Blessed Spring” ELW #447

Sung to the tune: O WALY WALY (ELW 644).



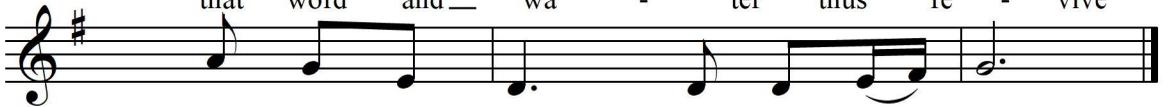
1.O bless - ed spring, where word and sign
2.Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years,
3.When au - tumn cools and youth is cold
4.As win - ter comes, as win - ters must,
5.Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree,



em - brace us in - to Christ the__ Vine:
un - cer - tain faith, re - bell - ious__ tears,
when limbs their heav - y har - vest__ hold,
we breathe our last, re - turn to__ dust;
be praised for this blest mys - ter - y:



here Christ en - joins each one to__ be
sus - tained by__ Christ's in - fus - ing__ rain,
then through us,__ warm, the Christ will__ move
still held in__ Christ, our souls take__ wing
that word and__ wa - ter thus re - vive



a branch of this life - giv - ing - Tree.
the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
and trust the prom - ise of the__ spring.
and join us to your Tree of__ Life.

Prayers

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

See page 11 for a list of prayer concerns.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Thanksgiving

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

- Visit sotv.org/give or scan the QR code.
- Text: "SOTV" to 73256.
- Place an offering or giving card in the plate during worship or in the black kiosk in the narthex.



Senior Choir, "Living Waters"—Cash & Getty/arr. Hamilton (Sun)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.

Tired and broken, peace unspoken; rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.

Lay your life down, all the old gone; rise up in these living waters.

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God.

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore.

Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.

Lead your children to the shoreline; life is in these living waters.

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.

Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless; Christ, he is our living waters.

The assembly stands.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

“Create in Me”—Mary Rice Hopkins



Cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve__ you.



cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might be re - newed.



So fill__ me and heal__ me, and bring me back to you.



Cre - ate in me__ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve__ you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

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Let us pray.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Blessing

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 Song

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW #618

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Worship Today

Preacher

Pastor Peter Harrits

Liturgist

Pastor Corey Fuhrman (Sun)

Organist/Pianist

Deacon Mark Ertl

Director of Music & Worship

Lectors

8:30 Marc Raymond

9:45 Anna Goyette

Senior Choir (Sun)

Mark Ertl, *director*

Jen Henricks, *violin*

Kevin Casey, *mandolin*

Chris Read, *guitar*

Aaron Koskela, *bass*

Jeff Bina, *drums*

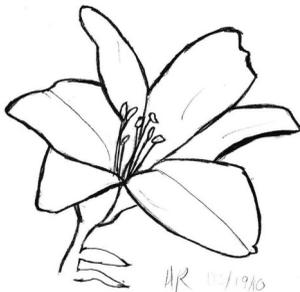
Kirsten Levorson, *keyboard*

Children's Choirs (9:45)

Lighthouse Singers (9:45)

Kari Anderson, *director*

Kirsten Levorson, *piano*



PURCHASE EASTER FLOWERS

Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter worship by purchasing a fresh flowering plant. There are many flower options to choose from. Flowers can be designated in memory or in honor of loved ones, and may taken home after the last Easter Sunday service. Sign up in the book at the Welcome Center.

Joys & Concerns

We pray for those who are ill or injured:

Jeanne Anderson
Lois Pedersen
Kathy Larson
JoAnn Prestidge
Forrest Krogh
Kathy Germar

Baptized this weekend:

Calla Rochele Miller
Daughter of Cassidy & David Miller
Franklin John Orthengren
Son of Olivia Macchitelli & David Orthengren
Henry Underdahl
Son of Sarah & Ryan Underdahl

We extend our deepest sympathies:

Carla Saxen on the death of her
sister, Stefi
Sue Ellen Olson on the death of her
father, John Knudson

If you need pastoral care:

Call 952.432.6351
Email jill.johnson@sotv.org
Submit a prayer request at the
Welcome Center or sotv.org.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP ORDINARY SAINTS



Wednesdays in Lent | 12:00, 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 PM

This Lenten season, we will center ourselves on song, prayer, and reflection around the stories of the ordinary saints who teach us about faithful living.

STAY CONNECTED AT SOTV

Find spaces and places to practice paying attention to how God is at work in and through us and our neighbors.

Visit the Welcome Center to pick up a News for the Flock catalog and Woven Words stories publication. Join us on any of the following platforms to keep informed about the happenings at SOTV and in our wider community.

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Scan the QR code for news, announcements, and upcoming events.



Children, Youth, & Family office: 952.432.6385
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UPCOMING EVENTS



APPLE VALLEY
Food Shelf

APPLE VALLEY FOOD SHELF OPEN HOUSE

March 8 | 9:15 - 11:30 AM

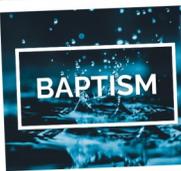
Come see the heart of our community in action! Stop by to tour the Food Shelf, meet the amazing team, and learn how we're making a difference right here in Apple Valley.



LUCKY BINGO

March 15 | 1:00 PM

Gather in the Great Hall for an afternoon of bingo with Shepherd of the Valley Preschool (SOTVP). May the luck of the Irish be with you!



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

March 15 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

An opportunity for parents to meet with other parents, a pastor, and faith formation coordinator to learn about the promises made at baptism and the baptism process at SOTV.



COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

March 16 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Communers of all ages are invited to attend a communion learning experience. Families are invited to worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 PM to participate in the celebration of communion together.



CARING QUILT DAY

April 25 | 9:00 - 3:00 PM

Wrap the world in comfort, one stitch at a time! Jobs for experienced quilters, casual crafters, and those who are curious about the day! Stay for the whole day or drop in for a few hours.

A full listing of upcoming events, more information and registration for events can be found at sotv.org/events



WORSHIP

Next Weekend in Worship

March 14 & 15

Preacher: Pastor Lindsey Bina

Text: John 9:1-17

Worship Highlights: Holy Communion, Bells of St. Andrew (8:30 & 9:45 AM), Valley Vibrations (8:30 AM), Grace Notes & Chapel Chimers (9:45 AM)