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Today's Focus

“COMMUNION SUNDAY”

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Welcome! Holy Word is a community of Christians experiencing life together in the grace and peace of Jesus. Here you will find a family culture, easy access to Bible teaching at all levels, community connection, personable staff, and the unity of our belief and mission. Whether you are a first time guest, a seeker, skeptic or lost soul, or a long time Christian, we invite you to get to know us. Come as you are!

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Connection Cards: Welcome to all our guests and members this morning. We'd like to get to know you better. To help us, please fill out the connection card inside your worship folder. Prayer requests and feedback are also welcome. Place the card in the offering plates or hand it to an usher after the service. God bless your week!

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Children in Worship: We love kids in church and we love families worshipping together. To enhance the children's worship experience, we have a kids sermon during the service. We encourage parents to work through the service folder with their children to help them follow along. We have orange busy bags in the nursery available for the children. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to use the Nursery (in the church lobby), hallways or fellowship hall, all are equipped with sound from the service.

Welcome & Invocation

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty | Blue Hymnal 483



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Group: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth.

In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Leader: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. God, our Heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Group: Amen.

Song: Revelation Song

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat*

*Holy holy holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
and I will adore You*

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First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Second Reading

Revelation 5:6-14

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Children's Message

Young worshipers are invited to the front of the church for a Bible message just for them.



Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | Blue Hymnal 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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“Communion with God”

¹⁵I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

Sermon study questions for Connect Group discussion, and for personal reflection:

1. It is not necessary to sing the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei before communion, so why do we?
2. How is it possible that bread and wine can do such incredible things?
3. What is the value of taking communion with those you are one in faith and doctrine?

Profession of Faith — Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

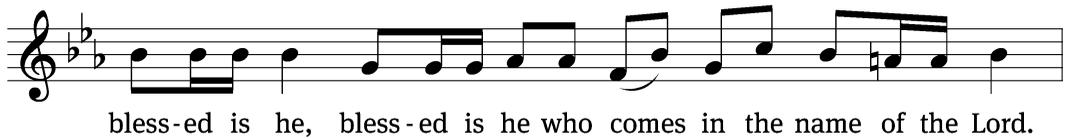


Communion Liturgy

Leader: Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption. We bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth. We proclaim his death until he returns. We are brought into unity with God.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise God's holy name and join their glorious song.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution

The power of forgiveness in the Lord's Supper is in the promises of God's word. Therefore, the worship leader speaks the words that Jesus did when he first instituted the Lord's Supper.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Group: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The word "Amen" is written with a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The Sacrament

In Holy Communion, we receive the forgiveness of our sins by eating and drinking the body and blood of Jesus Christ that has a holy union with the bread and wine.

By participating in Holy Communion, we also give a statement that we share a common faith with everyone at the Lord's table with us. For this reason, if you are not a member of Holy Word Lutheran Church or another WELS church or an ELS church, we ask that you would speak with one of our pastors or staff minister before you join with us in the sacrament. Please see our Scriptural explanation of our practice of Holy Communion on the page 23 for more information.

Distribution

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.



Communion Hymn: The Infant Priest Was Holy Born | Blue Hymnal 674



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born for us un -
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh was i - con
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came to God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be of him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; from flesh - ly tem - ple
of God's right - eous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
al - tar lit with flame; while weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came he, a - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
sanc - ti - ty; his hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
hid their eyes, this Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place with - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

*The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
as at the rail on bended knee
our hungry mouths from him receive
the bread of immortality.*

*The body of God's Lamb we eat,
a priestly food and priestly meat;
on sin-parched lips the chalice pours
his quenching blood that life restores.*

*With cherubim and seraphim
our voices join the endless hymn,
and "Holy, holy, holy" sing
to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Gift of Thanks

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

During this time we collect financial offerings as gifts for the work of God at Holy Word. We will pass around the offering plates at this time. Anyone may also give online at www.holyword.net.

For your convenience, you may also scan the image printed here with your phone. This QR code will take you directly to the church offering website. Please include your contact information if you would like to receive a statement of giving receipt.



Blessing

Hymn: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See | Blue Hymnal 884



Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's



plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my



joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your



throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with



these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly



wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to



stand in joy be - side you.

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Holy Word Happenings

Pastor Joel Hering's Divine Calls Decision:

After prayerful conversations, Pastor Joel has decided to return the calls to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI, and at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Jackson, WI., and continue to serve at Holy Word! God is Good!!! The Hering family thanks you for your prayers.

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Super Chili Bowl Cook-Off!

Everyone is invited to join us today right after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Holy Word chili competitors have cooked up their top-tier and finest chili recipes. Enjoy sampling each one and voting for your favorite!

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Lent Begins February 18 — Beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb 18) join us at Holy Word on Wednesday evenings for our lenten worship series. Gather for a pre-service fellowship meal starting at 5:30pm followed by the worship service at 7pm. There will be a free will offering to benefit Youth in Christ. Goto www.holyword.net/events for more information.

Connect Groups

Kids in Christ & Youth in the Middle Roller Skating Outing:

All students in K-8th grades are invited to join us for a fun skating outing next Sunday, Feb 15, from 4-6pm at Rock Sports Arena (3918 Gattis School Rd #102, in Round Rock).

- **COST: \$5 per skater.**
- **Payment via Venmo: @holywordYIC.**
- **Waiver must also be signed by scanning this QR code:**



Waiver

For more information contact Yessie at 818-823-6022.

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Forever Young: Come and enjoy a heartwarming gathering this Thursday, Feb 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. Forever Young gathers together to: *Engage* in God's Word, *Encourage* one another, *Enjoy* a good time. Newcomers have a heartfelt invitation to join us! For more information, contact Myrna Mahnke at myrnz2@aol.com.

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Women's Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, Feb 20 at 7pm, to discuss the book *Of Love and Treason* by Jamie Ogle. We'll be meeting at Debby Carter's house, 1010 Pine Creek Dr, in Pflugerville. New members are always welcome. Contact Julie Wietzke at juliewtx@outlook.com to RSVP or for additional information.



Dad's Time Out: Join a group of dads hanging out from Holy Word and Holy Word Christian Academy for connection, fun and mutual support. Our February Dad's Time Out will be this Thursday, Feb 12, from 8-9pm at Austin Beer Works (10300 Springdale Rd.) Contact Pastor Joel at joel@holyword.net for more information.

How Do I see all the options and Sign Up for a Connect Group?



1. Scan this QR code
Or Goto www.holyword.net/groups.
2. Find your Group(s)
3. Email the Leader



Abbie Accepted the Call!

God has blessed our Holy Word Early Learning Center with an Associate Director! Abbie McKenna and her husband, Brendan, are moving to Austin from Wisconsin and she will start at the ELC in March. Please pray over their big transition to Texas.



HWELC Happenings: Enjoy some Holy Word Early Learning Center updates in our weekly newsletter by scanning this QR code.



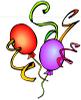
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THIS WEEK AT HOLY WORD

TUESDAY

10:00 am Women's Online Bible Study (Online)

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Gebert)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast (Jim's Restaurant)

7:00 pm Youth in Christ (White's house)

7:00 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

10:00 am Forever Young (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm Dad Time Out (Austin BeerWorks)

FRIDAY

10:30 am Friday South Austin Bible Study (Siirila's house)

SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Young Professionals Bible Study (Conference Room)

Moms the Word (Portable)

Teen Bible Study (Classrooms)

Catechism Class (Classrooms)

Kids Bible Study (Classrooms)

10:00 am Worship (Hope Fellowship in Jarrell)

About the Lord's Supper: Whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we want to remember three important Scriptural truths:



- 1) **The body and blood of Christ are really present** with the bread and wine. This is not a mere representation but the actual body and blood of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:27)
- 2) In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives each of us the **forgiveness** of all our sins. The supper is not merely a symbol of forgiveness but in the supper, Jesus actually gives his forgiveness to us. (Matthew 26:28)
- 3) When we take the Lord's Supper **we are united** in a special way to everyone else taking it because we all partake of the one body and blood of Christ together. (1 Corinthians 10:17)

These three teachings are very dear to us. We know that not all Christians believe these truths about the Lord's Supper. If you are a member of another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) or an Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) church, we assume that you believe these truths. If you are a member of another Christian church body, please talk to our pastors about your faith regarding these truths **before** you take the Sacrament.

Also, if you do not yet have faith in Jesus as your Savior, our Lord wants you to come to faith in him before taking his Sacrament.

We are careful about the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept his gift in the way God intended. Thank you for patiently respecting our Scriptural practice.

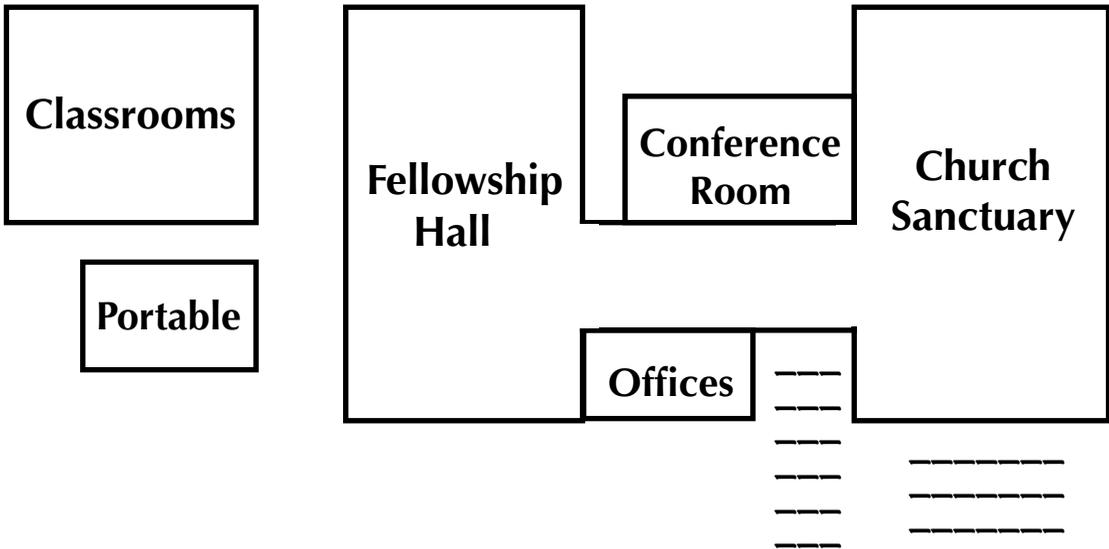
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