



**FOR NO PROPHECY WAS EVER
PRODUCED BY THE WILL OF MAN,
BUT MEN SPOKE FROM GOD AS
THEY WERE CARRIED ALONG BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 PETER 1:21, ESV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Scripture comes from God

February 15, 2026

Epiphany 6

At church all our worship and all our education is based on the premise that the Bible is the Word of God. Today we review the apostle Peter's instruction on what the Bible is and where it comes from. May God grant us confidence in his Word and the desire to gladly hear and learn it!

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- holytrinity.church

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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ORDER OF SERVICE—SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh, how I love your word!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for your commands are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Hymn 631, stanza 1 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant
to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life
through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er
be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Hymn 631, stanza 2 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening



2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.

P: God gave his Word "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore,

as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn 631, stanza 4 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening



4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

P: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn 633 *Speak, O Lord*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

THE WORD

First Lesson—Exodus 24:9-18

Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders, and they saw the God of Israel. Beneath his feet was something like a

pavement made of lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself. God did not harm the Israelite nobles; they saw him, and they ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay there so that I may give you the stone tablets with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua and went up the mountain of God. He told the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. Aaron and Hur are here with you. Whoever has a dispute should go to them." When Moses went up the mountain, the cloud covered it. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moses from the cloud. The appearance of the LORD's glory to the Israelites was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop. Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain, and he remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119



1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts and
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light that
3 The star - ry heav'ns your rule o - bey, the
4 But still your law and gos - pel, LORD, have
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; how



guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O LORD, the
guides us all the day, and through the dan - gers
earth main - tains its place, and these your ser - vants
les - sons more di - vine; not earth stands firm - er
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly book will



truth im - parts to keep the con - science clean.
of the night a lamp to lead our way.
night and day your skill and pow'r ex - press.
than your Word nor stars so no - bly shine.
guide our youth and well sup - port our age.

Second Lesson—2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased!” We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.

Jesus came up, touched them, and said, “Get up; don’t be afraid.” When they looked up they saw no one except Jesus alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 639 *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
in the age - less Word de - clar - ing his own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;
Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:



God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing, he re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

Sermon—2 Peter 1:16-21

Scripture comes from God

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Our offerings express gratitude to God for making us, saving us, and giving us all that we have. We express generous gratitude with generous offerings.

You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.

The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We praise you, Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be "changed from glory into glory."

O God the Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer.

Look on your church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Voters' meeting

The next voters' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, between services. This meeting gives us an opportunity to review and discuss our overall ministry through the annual report.

Men's Bible study

The next men's Bible study is coming up this Saturday. We will continue our discussion of David's life on Saturday, February 21 at 8:00 a.m. This study allows men to grow in their knowledge of God and their love and trust for one another.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18. We worship at 6:30 p.m. with communion. All are invited to the Lent supper that begins at 5:30 p.m.

Lent suppers

We are asking groups to host Wednesday suppers during Lent. See the poster near the restrooms to sign up or our church's weekly email if you'd like to host. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able.

Thrivent grants

If you have a Thrivent account that allows you to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant, and are willing to use it to support a church event, please email the office at secretary@htls-wa.net.

Men's retreat

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms for more information.

Housing need

One of our members is in need of new housing within 90 days. If you know of something available, contact our president, Dan Smith, at 253-569-1682.

This week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday.....	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible study
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Voters' meeting