

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"It Is Good for Us to Be Here"



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.

Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

WELCOME:

"The law of Moses foreshadowed the mystery of the dispensation in the flesh of Christ's precious sufferings upon the cross by types and shadows, painting it as in a picture. The holy prophets in different ways declared beforehand that in due time he would appear in our likeness and, for the salvation and life of us all, agree to suffer death on the tree. Moses and Elijah standing before him and talking with one another was a sort of representation. It excellently displayed our Lord Jesus Christ as having the law and the prophets as his bodyguard. It displayed Christ as being the Lord of the Law and the Prophets, as foretold in them by those things that they proclaimed in concord beforehand."

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

¹ Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

² Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³ 1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴ 1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE I

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Swiftly Pass the Clouds the Clouds of Glory (Tune #578)

The congregation stands to face the back of the church. As the processional cross passes, the congregation turns to face the cross

- 1 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
 Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
 Moses and Elijah vanish;
 Christ alone commands the height!
 Peter, James, and John fall silent,
 Turning from the summit's rise
 Downward toward the shadowed valley
 Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
- 2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
 They shall gain and keep its truth,
 Not by building on the mountain
 Any shrine or sacred booth,
 But by following the Savior
 Through the valley to the cross
 And by testing faith's resilience
 Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
- 3 Lord, transfigure our perception
 With the purest light that shines,
 And recast our life's intentions
 To the shape of Your designs,
 Till we seek no other glory
 Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
 And our living and our dying
 And our rising by Your will.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM: DOMINUS REGNAVIT

Psalm 99; Ant. Psalm 99:9



Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | lv is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called up- | on his name.*

They called to the LORD, and he | answered them.

In the pillar of the cloud he | spoke to them;*

they kept his testimonies and the statute that he | gave them.

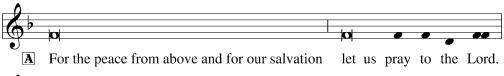
O LORD our God, you | answered them;*
you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrong- | doings.
Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

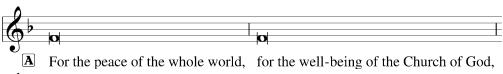
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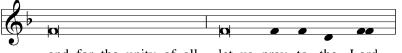
KYRIE Mark 10:47











and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.





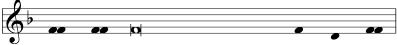
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



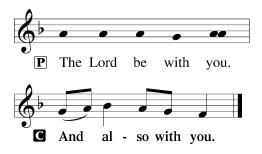
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- to his courts!

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:1-6

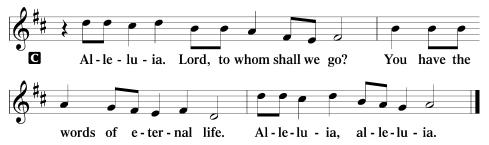
Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the crucifix

GOSPEL PROCESSION



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

P The Holy + Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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SERMON

Please stand

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C I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)
        the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)
        maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)
        and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)
    And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)
        the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)
        begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)
        God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)
        very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)
        being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)
        by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)
        who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)
        came down from heaven (Jn 6:41: Lk 15:20)
        and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)
        and was made man; (Jn 1:14)
        and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)
        He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)
        And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)
        and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
        and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)
        And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)
        to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)
        whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)
    And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)
        the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)
        who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)
        who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)
        who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)
        And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)
        I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)
        and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49: 1 Thess 4:13-18)
        and the life + of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)
    Amen. (Ps 106:48)
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Us men means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, health, and recovery: Jamie Barnett, Jerry Broughton, Nancy Clement, Michele (Cookston) Fowler, Sabrina Goodlett, Billy Hansford, Jacqueline Jurkiewicz, Aaron Kacarka, Cathy McDonald, Sonny Payne, Amy Richards, Erma Simon, Mary Quinn Stuart, Terry Ziegler;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Christopher Mobley;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;

This week's prayer family: Daryl & Sherri Smith and their loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

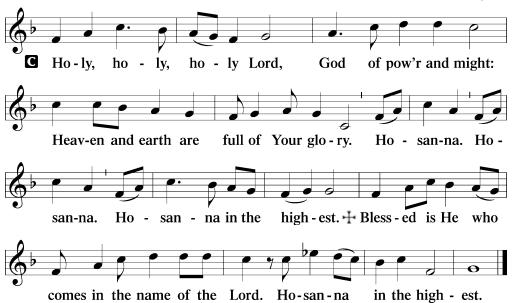
Please stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

© 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

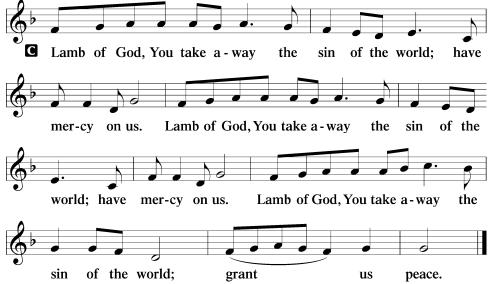
P The peace

→ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

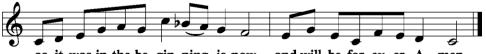
All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Living Bread from Heaven	#642
Jesus on the Mountain Peak	#415
'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here	#414

Please stand following distribution of communion





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Elder: Gary Atchley **Acolyte:** James Hansford & William Held **Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields Cantor: Carol Yenish

Interpreter: Denee Smith Altar Guild: Michelle Miller

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by the Atchleys in celebration of Gary's birthday.

Choir Party! Join us this Friday, March 4 (7:00 p.m.), at Merina Hansen's home (205 Morningside South, Ridgeland 39157) for a Christ Lutheran Choir Party! Explore the musical opportunities at Christ Lutheran - choir and otherwise (cantors, instruments, ensembles, lessons) - at this lovely little soirée. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre (drinks will be provided) and prepare for the possibility of a spontaneous hymn-sing!

Koinonia Tonight: Now that we have taken a little break, we're itching to get back! Grab your book and join us for dinner and discussion at the Yenish Home tonight at 5:00 p.m. We will continue with chapter five of *Saving Leonardo*, by Nancy Pearcy. See you there!

Quilting this Saturday: Come this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for a relaxed morning of fellowship and sewing. Don't be intimidated – you don't need to be an expert quilter! All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lent Begins: A time of fasting is upon us. Lent begins **this week** with Ash Wednesday on March 2. As we enter this holy season, we will observe its beginning with an Ash Wednesday service (10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.). Come as you are able, and join us on this solemn Lenten journey.

Lenten Season Midweek Dinners Begin March 9: A sign-up sheet is now available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for all who would like to help provide food for the mid-week dinners. Thank you in advance for your loving service and contribution.

Readings for next Sunday, March 6th, the First Sunday in Lent: Introit Ps. 91:9-13; Psalm 91:1-13; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: February 21 – February 27

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Friday 6:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Christ Lutheran, Breakfast @ Broadstreet

7:00 p.m. Choir Party

9:00 a.m. Quilting Saturday

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service – The First Sunday in Lent