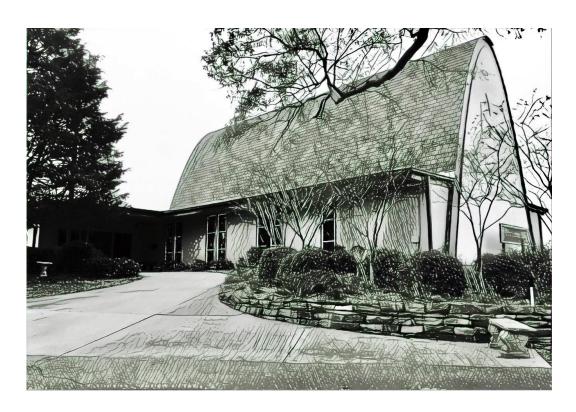
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





Rev. George Fields, Pastor Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess

Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages: **9:00 a.m.**

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY + February 12, 2023 +

You Have Heard It Said



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:

"To give assent to sin is already a completed evil, even if someone does not actually commit the deed. And by this saying our Savior, hiring us away from the cause of sins, endeavors to cut sin off completely. For when this intention is not present in our souls, neither shall the action accompany it."

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.

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

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

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE I

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

OPENING HYMN Praise Be to Christ #538

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 + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTOIT: CANTATE DOMINO

Psalm 98:7-9: Ant. Psalm 98:2



The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;*
the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,* for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world with | righteousness,* and the peoples with | equity.

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.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

"If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

"But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

GRADUAL Psalm 117; 96:8



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 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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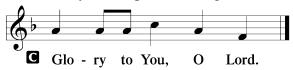
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5: 21-37

P The Holy

→ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You foo!!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



OFFICE HYMN

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

#559

SERMON You Fool

who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)

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)
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who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)

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)

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: Pat Andrews, Mary Atchley, Layne Bagley, Greg Goldman, Laura Kinan, Cathy McDonald, Richard Norton, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, Cynthia Widlitze, Caryn Womack;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Bobby Carroll,, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, 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, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;

This week's prayer family: Mark Ochs and his loved ones.

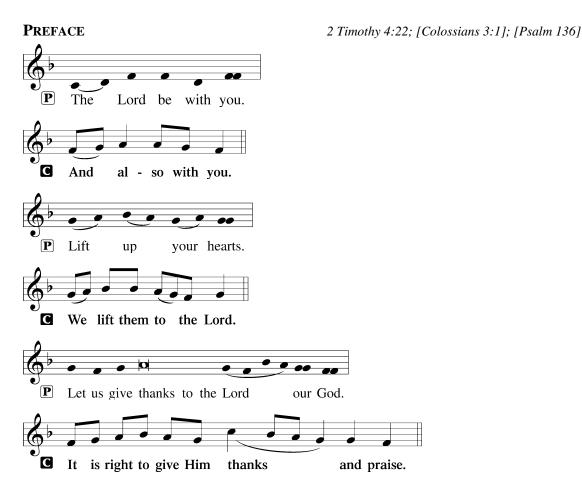
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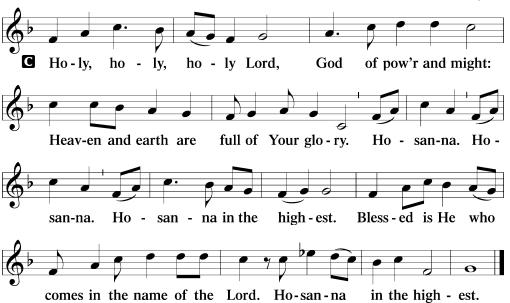
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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:
- 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) 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

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."

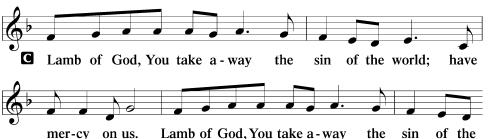
PAX DOMINI John 20:19

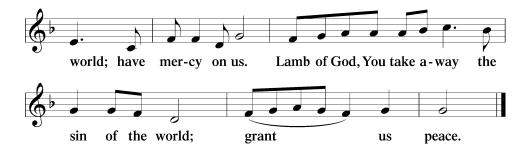
P The peace

→ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29





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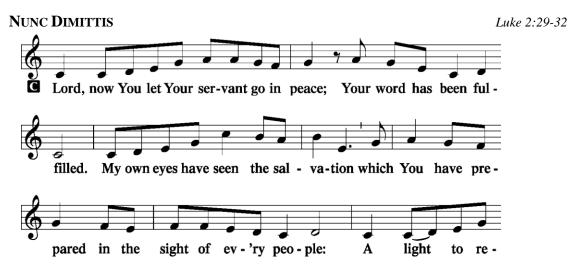
DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

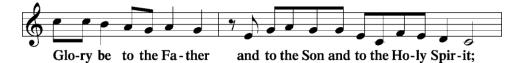
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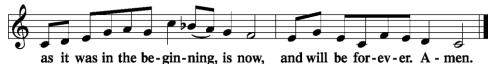
Chief of Sinners though I Be	#611
God Loved the World So That He Gave	#571
The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace	#580

Please stand following distribution of communion









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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#528

Elder: Keith Martin

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Today's Worship Servants:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Acolyte: William Held
Organist: Sister Sara Fields
Interpreter: Denee Smith
Cantor: Keith Martin

Altar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett

Spring LifeLight Is Here! Come study with us on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. as we study Biblical Feasts!

Special Voters Meeting... and **Food!** In anticipation of the Synod's convention this summer, we will be holding a special voters meeting on Sunday, **February 19**th immediately following the Divine Service to vote on nominations for synod president and vice presidents. But that's not all! February 19th is the Feast of the Transfiguration, and so we shall feast after the Feast! Join us for a **potluck after the meeting** as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord and bid farewell to the season of Epiphany.

Choir, Arise! Holy Week and Easter will be here before we know it! Choir will resume rehearsals for the coming season **this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Come join us in the balcony and make a joyful noise!

In Loving Memory: A woman who has long been in our prayers, Michele Cookston Fowler (daughter of Bill Cookston), has left this vale of tears and now rejoices at the side of our Savior. Bill has asked that, for anyone wishing to give gifts in her memory, they be sent to the National Parkinson's Foundation (200 S.E. 1st St. STE: 800, Miami, FL 33131).

Ash Wednesday Services: Lent is drawing nigh. Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

Lenten Vespers: Join us throughout this penitential season as we gather weekly to meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord. Vespers will be held on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 beginning March 1**.

Lenten Dinners: Throughout our sojourn in Lent, we will gather at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** for food and fellowship before weekly Vespers. If you would like to contribute, you may find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Readings for next Sunday, February 19th, Feast of the Transfiguration: Introit Ps. 99:1-5; Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: February 13 – February 19

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	LifeLight: Bible Feasts
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
•	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – The Feast of the Transfiguration
	11:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration Potluck



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