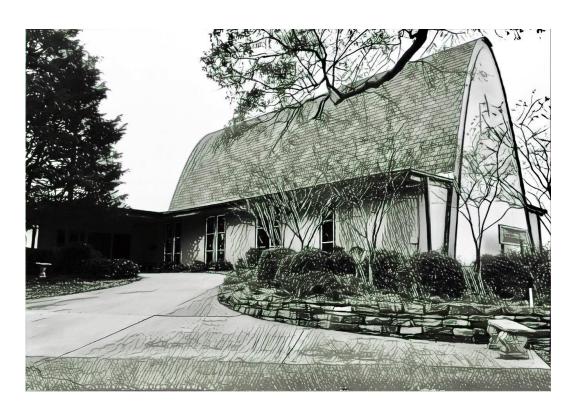
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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT + March 12, 2023 +

# In Spirit and in Truth



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:**

"She learned the divine mysteries: that God is spirit and is adored not in a place but in spirit. She also learned that Christ is the Messiah and therefore that he who was still awaited by the Jews had already come. Hearing these things, that [Samaritan] woman, who manifests the beauty of the Church, learned and believed the mysteries of the law."

-Isaac. The Soul

# 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 Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, 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 meal<sup>3</sup>. 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 faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28: 1 John 1:7: 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# **DIVINE SERVICE II**

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

OPENING HYMN Hope of the World #690

# 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

INTROIT: QUAM DILECTA TABERNACULA!

Psalm 84:1-4; Ant. Psalm 84:5



Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*
O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;\*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,\*

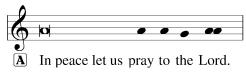
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\* ever sing- | ing your praise!

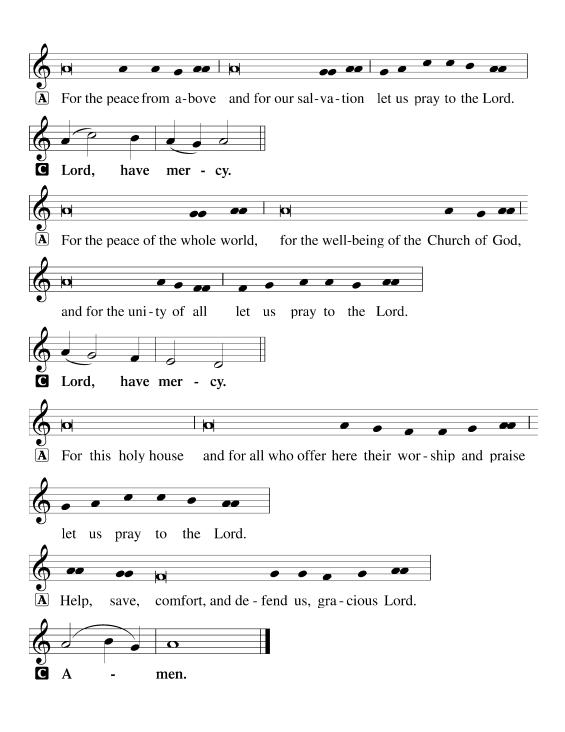
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

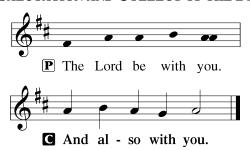
KYRIE Mark 10:47







### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



### **P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And 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 grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of

the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

GRADUAL Heb. 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\* the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

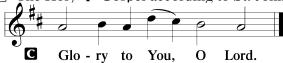
#### **TRACT**

- P To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
- Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

HOLY GOSPEL John 4:5-26

**P** The Holy 

→ Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

#834

**SERMON** 

Is the Lord among Us?

Please stand

### NICENE CREED

T 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)

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: Nathan Brown, Lisa Frinzi, Debbie Gangi, Greg Goldman, Sharon Holleman, Nancy Jones, Ryan Kohler, Roger Lindsey, Cathy McDonald, Elaine Monaghan, Richard Norton, Debbie Rice, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, Cynthia Widlitze;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of **Johnny Moore**;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi 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, Jonnie 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 Rev. Vance & Linda Becker;

This week's prayer family: The Ramsey Family and their loved ones.

### **OFFERING**

Please stand



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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.

C Amen.

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

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."

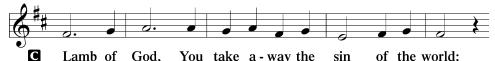
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

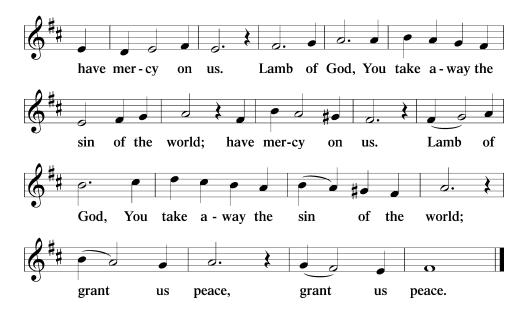
PAX DOMINI John 20:19





AGNUS DEI John 1:29





Please be seated

#### 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 Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

(Tune #348)

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast Your mercy to accept
  The burden of our sin
  And bow Your head in cruel death
  To make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid; You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.
- 4 O let Your mighty love prevail
  To purge us of our pride
  That we may stand before Your throne
  By mercy purified.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,Our future great reward;Our only glory, may it beTo glory in the Lord!

Δ6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;All glory ever beTo Father, Son, and Holy GhostThrough all eternity!

### Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

(Tune #534)

- Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
  First-begotten from the dead,
  You alone, our strong defender,
  Lifting up Your people's head.
  Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna!
  Jesus, true and living bread!
  Jesus, true and living bread!
- Jesus, true and living bread!

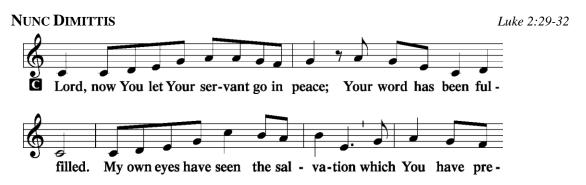
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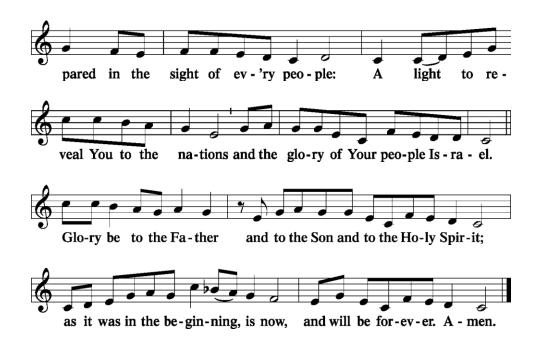
  Though the lowliest form now veil You
  As of old in Bethlehem,
  Here as there Your angels hail You,
  Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
  - Here as there Your angels hail You,
    Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
    Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna!
    We in worship join with them;
    We in worship join with them.
- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished
   Once for all when You were slain,
   In its fullness undiminished
   Shall forevermore remain,
  ! Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna!
   Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
   Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
- 4 Life-imparting heav'nly manna,
   Stricken rock with streaming side,
   Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
   Worship You, the Lamb who died,
  ! Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna!
   Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
   Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

### O Love, How Deep

#544

Please stand following distribution of communion





### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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

# **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

#686

**Elder:** Gary Atchley

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Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Acolyte: Emma AgentOrganist: Sister Sara FieldsInterpreter: Denee SmithCantor: Natalie Rudsenske

**Work Day on the Horizon:** With Spring comes... Spring cleaning! Roll up your sleeves for a church work day on **Saturday, March 25** at 8:00 a.m. We will team up to tackle the outdoors – but wait, there's more! If you can't join us on the 25<sup>th</sup>, you can adopt a room in the building to clean at your convenience (talk to Mary Atchley for details). As ever, the fourth Lutheran sacrament (coffee, of course!) will be provided.

**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**.

**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, March 19th, the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Introit Ps. 27:4-6; Psalm 142; Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

### This week at Christ Lutheran Church: March 13 - March 19

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
_	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers
	8:00 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.	<b>Divine Service – The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>



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