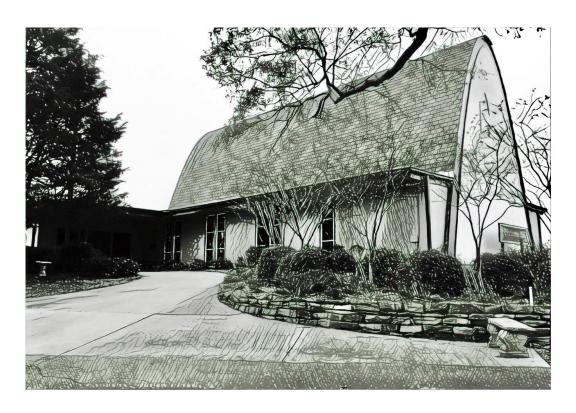
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





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

Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 a.m.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT + March 3, 2024 +

Destroy This Temple



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:

"[Jesus] alone is the subject of the action: he made a whip; he casted out; he poured out; he turned over; he commanded. As Cyril put it, he whips them out, 'justly devising a punishment for them that is fit for slaves.' In sum, Jesus comes to the temple with purpose. He comes as the temple cleanser [...] Thus, when Jesus has overturned the tables of the money changers, he called into question the whole sacrificial *cultus* [worship] through which the sins of Israel were atoned and which God had himself commanded Moses in the Torah."

- Dr. William Weinrich, Concordia Commentary, John 1:1-7:1

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 II

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

OPENING HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your 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 for His sake 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: NON NOBIS, DOMINE

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; Ant. Psalm 25:6



For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,* and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,* or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;* according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

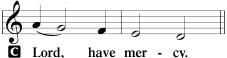
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,* and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

KYRIE Mark 10:47



in peace let us pray to the Lord.





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 READING

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female

servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

- "You shall not murder.
- "You shall not commit adultery.
- "You shall not steal.
- "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Hebrews 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 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

TRACT



To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their | master,* So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O Lord,*

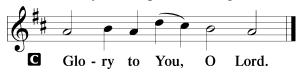
Have mercy up- | on us.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13-22

P The Holy

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



The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

To Your Temple Lord I Come

(Tune #332)

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,I through Him become Your child.Abba, Father, give me graceIn Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

SERMON

The True Confession

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)
                                                                          Us men means all people.
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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: Blair Alford, Faye Hartman, Rod Loose, Rodney Mullen, Jo Beth Ray, Denee Smith, Sherri Smith, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum;

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, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Marie Ferderer & Tahlia, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Robert Kelly, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, 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;

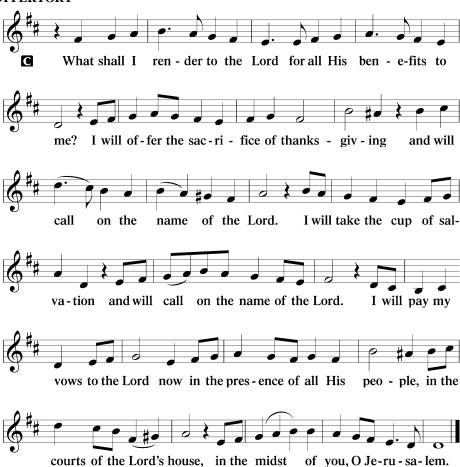
This week's prayer family: **Jenny Merry** and her loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] P The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. P Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give

It is right

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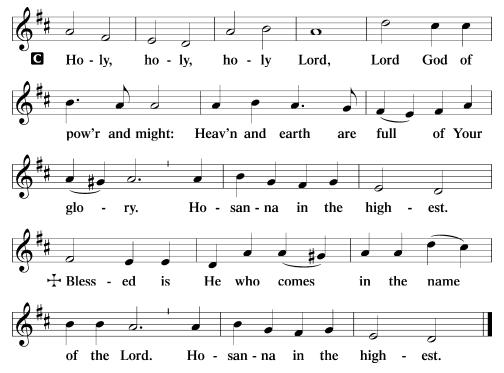
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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom 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:

to give Him thanks and praise.

the Lord our

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

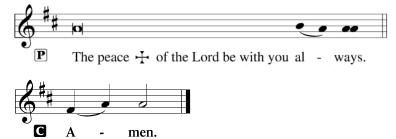
Matthew 26:26-28;

Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

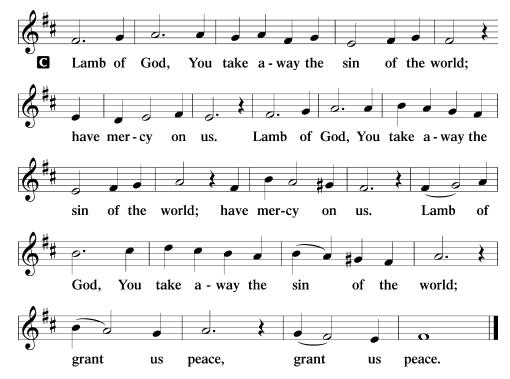
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born The King of Love My Shepherd Is #624 #709

Please stand following distribution of communion

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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



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

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrows

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Serving Today:

Interpreter: Denee Smith

Altar Guild: Margaret Haynes

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields Elder: Keith Martin Acolyte: Miles Agent Organist: Sr. Sara Fields **Cantor:** Christina Gallarno

Communio Next Sunday: Join us tonight at 5:00 for food and fellowship at Merina Hansen's home. Pastor will lead us in discussing "Who are they?": a rundown and explanation of all the different people that keep popping up in our Bible stories (Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Greeks, Romans, etc.). See you there!

Lenten Evening Prayer: Join us throughout this penitential season as we gather weekly to meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord. Evening Prayer 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 Evening Prayer. See the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board if you are interested in contributing food or helping with set-up/clean-up. Thank you!

Work Day on the Horizon: Holy Week is coming... let's spruce up the church grounds for Easter! Join us for a work day on Saturday, March 23, at 8:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your hard work and dedication!

Ladies Night Out Sign-Up: If you would like to be the "hostess" of our monthly LNO (i.e., choose the restaurant and coordinate a reservation), choose your month and sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

Readings for next Sunday, March 10th, the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Introit Ps. 27:3-5; Psalm 107:1-9; Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: March 4 – March 10

TuesdayWednesday6:15 p.m. Elders Meeting6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner

7:00 p.m. Lenten Evensong

7:45 p.m. Choir

Thursday 9:00 p.m. Quilting

Friday 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service - The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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