

**Last Week of “Wednesday”:** With Holy Week beginning next Sunday, this is our last ‘normal’ week of Lent, with the regular Wednesday-night canon of Confession and Absolution (5:15-5:45 p.m.), supper (6:00 p.m.), and Vespers (7:00 p.m.). Join us this Wednesday as we see Palm Sunday approaching!

**Easter Lilies:** You are invited to provide one or more Easter lilies for next the Easter Sunday Divine Service. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex (near the front door). You may take them home after the service Easter Morning. Checks should be made to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Easter Brunch:** Our annual Easter Brunch will be Easter morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. (There will be no Sunday School classes that morning). If you would like to bring a dish to the brunch, please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Come to enjoy good food before celebrating our Lord’s resurrection with the community of the faithful. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children – please bring your own Easter basket!

**Readings for next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday:**  
Introit Ps. 24:7-10; Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-43.

**Holy Week on the Horizon:** The celebration of our Lord’s Passion beginning with Palm Sunday is only a week away! Mark your calendar for the services of Holy Week, and join us as we journey with our Lord to the cross of our redemption:

March 29, 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Divine Service  
 April 2, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service  
 April 3, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Chief Service  
 April 4, 8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil  
 April 5, 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Divine Service

*This week at Christ Lutheran Church  
 March 23 – March 29*

**Wednesday 5:15 p.m.** Confession & Absolution  
**6:00 p.m.** Dinner  
**7:00 p.m.** Vespers  
**Thursday 9:30 a.m.** LifeLight  
**11:00 a.m.** Last LifeLight Lunch  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages  
**10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Palm Sunday**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

Andie Boone, Martha Clark, Marshall Entekin, Fawn Fields, Merina Hansen, Margaret Haynes, Elmer Held, Merlyn Lauber, Theresa Mendenhall, Richard Mullis, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Larry Taylor

*For those who mourn:*

Family and friends of Jimmy Blunt, Dorothy Snyder

*For college and graduate students:*

Sara Fields, James Hansford

*For military servants and their families:*

Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum

*This week’s prayer family:*

Steve Jeffcoat and his loved ones

*For those who are ill or distressed:*

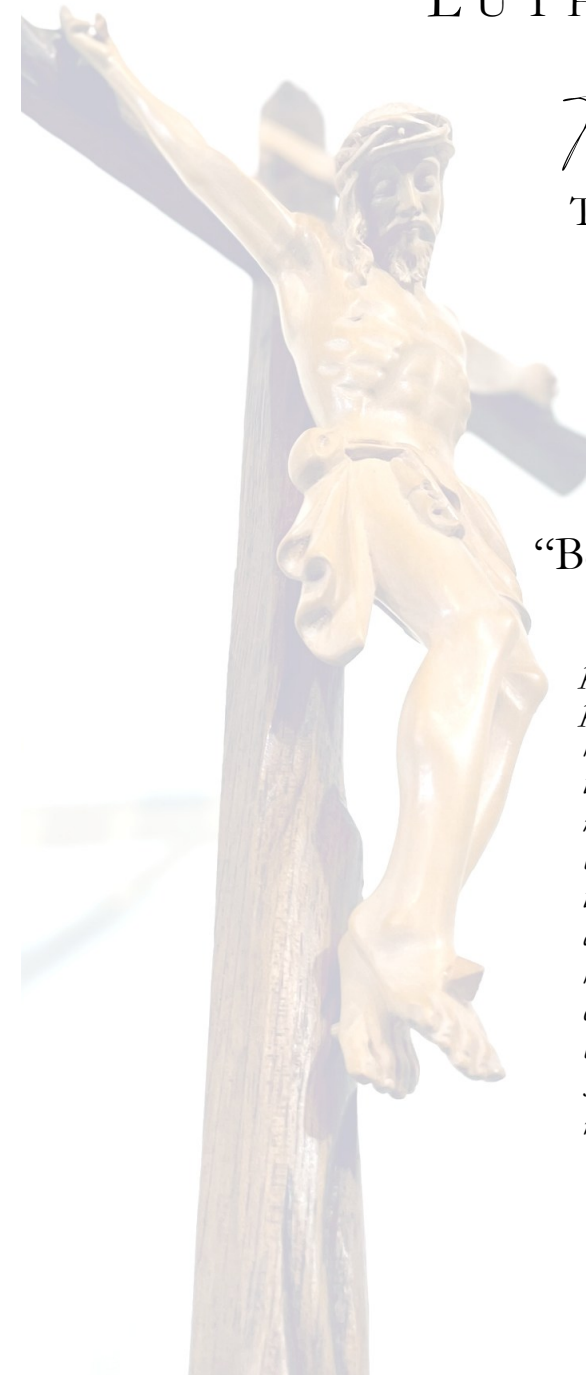
Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Donna Carson, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Fawn Fields, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Elmer Held, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Kaye Reid, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Divine Service*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

✠ March 22, 2026 ✠



“Before Abraham Was, I AM”

*“He passed through them and left the place as if their eyes were closed by divine power so that they might not know how he had left from their midst. Clearly, then, he slipped away from the Jews and, moving on, he performed the work on the blind man. Right after his discourse, then, one miracle was followed by another. This is so since, on the one hand, he was not seen by those who could not see (because they were possessed by blindness) while on the other, he gave sight to the one who did not have the natural ability to see.”*

—Theodore of Mopsuestia  
*Commentary on John*

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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!

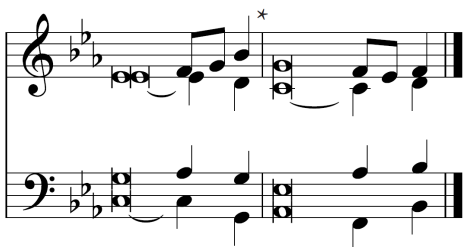
*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

## The Lord's Supper

*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.*

### Introit: Judica me, Deus

*Psalm 43; Antiphon Psalm 43:1*



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

**For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you re- | jected me?\***  
**Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the | enemy?\***

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

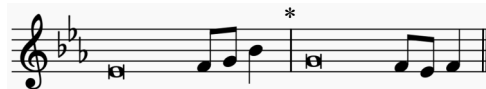
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

**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.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

### Gradual

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*



**Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\***  
**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!**  
**[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\***  
**you rescued me from the man of | violence.**

### Tract

*Psalm 129:1-4*

**P** “Greatly have the afflicted me from my youth”—  
Let Israel now say—

**C** “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,  
Yet they have not prevailed against me.  
The plowers plowed upon my back;  
They made long their furrows.”

**P** The Lord is righteous;  
He has cut the cords of the wicked.

### The Veiling of the Holy Crucifix

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Judica Sunday) the crucifixes of the Sanctuary are veiled following the words of the Gospel Reading, “Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” This is to show us that the work of Christ's life can only be understood through His sacrificial death upon the cross; that His glory can only be known through His humiliation. The crucifixes will remain veiled until Good Friday, when they will be once again be revealed during the Exaltation of the Cross, symbolizing that His perfect love towards us is demonstrated in the fact that “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

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### Serving Today

**Pastor:** Rev. George Fields  
**Acolyte:** William Hansford  
**Interpreter:** Charlie Warren  
**Altar Guild:** Michelle Miller  
**Elder:** Keith Martin  
**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields  
**Cantor:** Keith Martin

**Letters to Our Soldier:** James Hansford is at Basic Training! Let us pray for and support him while he is away. Each Sunday, there will be cards on the table in the Fellowship Hall for us to sign and send off – a little bit of home to keep him going. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our brother while he is away!

**Communio Tonight:** Communio is beginning a new book! Tonight we will dive into Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, by Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, after our dinner at 5:00 p.m. Books are still available – join us for chapter one!

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