



March 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us on this special day.

We request all present (*members & visitors*) to fill out the attendance slip inserted in this bulletin and place it along with your offering in the collection plate by the baptismal font.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

GREETING (*please stand as you are able*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*spoken in unison*)

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your

hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the

bridegroom leave his room, and the bride
her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let
the priests, the ministers of the LORD,
weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O
LORD, and do not make your heritage a

mockery, a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

**Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

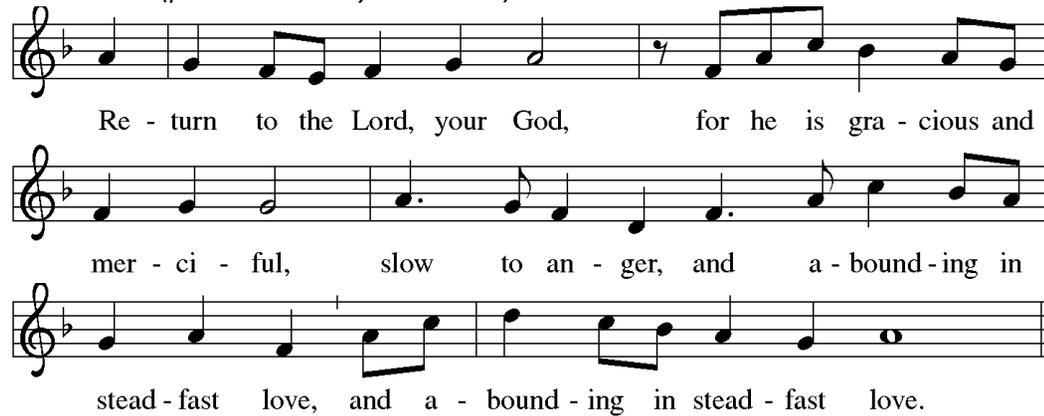
We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE (please stand as you are able)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your

Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

ANTHEM *Spirit, Create in Me a Clean Heart* Choir
REFLECTION **CAN'T WE JUST LEAVE THAT PART OUT?** Pr. Emil Klatt
(please stand as you are able)
HYMN OF THE DAY *Our Father, We Have Wandered* ELW 606

THE ASH WEDNESDAY EXHORTATION

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination precedes the confession.

P Most holy and merciful God,

C we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C AMEN. *(please be seated)*

Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward and kneel before the altar.

As we do for Holy Communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

You may come to the rail individually or as a family.

The pastor will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

P Remember your mortality and anticipate your eternity.

You may return to your seat.

*After all who desire ashes have received them,
please stand as you are able for the conclusion of the confession.*

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer**

P Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray. Receive our prayers and grant us your mercy, in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C AMEN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; ...
With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy Church now and forever.

C AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*spoken in unison*)

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 us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

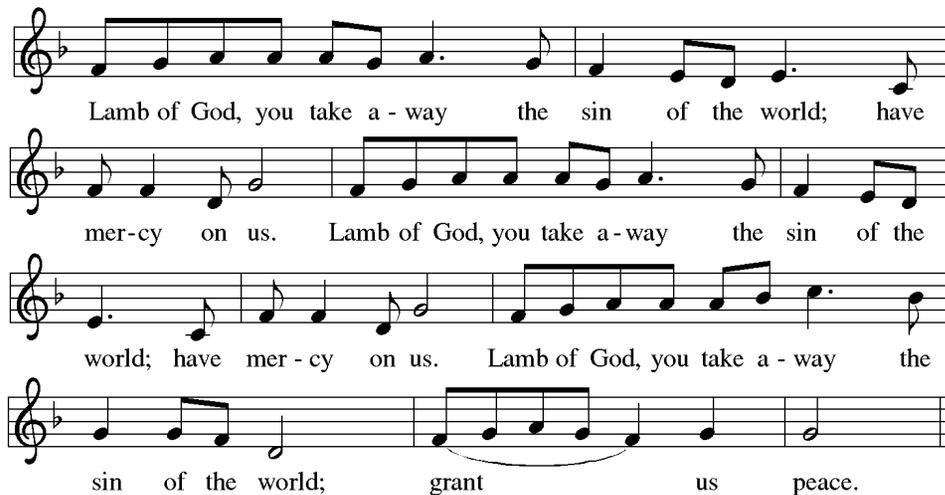
P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. AMEN.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be
Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*

ELW 609

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **AMEN.**

BENEDICTION

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

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

C **AMEN.**

DISMISSAL

P Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We depart the church in SILENCE.

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Serving in Worship Today

Lector: Audrey Spergl **Altar Guild:** Nancy Englund

Communion Assistants:

Paten: Joe Fudjack; Chalices: Don & Barbara Bethman; John & Joyce Prange

Ushers: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky; Ed & Judy Barrett

SERMONS: Printed copies are available on the counter in the narthex. You may also request a copy to be sent to you via email through the office (info@clchhi.com)

PRAYER CARES: Connie Henne⁴, recovering from hip replacement surgery; Chloe Bredeson³ (grandchild of Coyne's) complications from Tuberos Sclerosis- prayers for parents & involved medical personnel; Julia Majsztrik³, born with heart issues; Steve Bassford; Sandy Shackelford*, Parkinson's Disease; Suzy Makalous*; Gary Gregory*, (son of Lois Gregory) healing; Donna Putrino*; Sandy Heins*. ALL service personnel; ALL those suffering from natural disasters. // *Ongoing prayer need. ***Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office***



Join together on our journey to the foot of the cross

Wednesdays, March 13 – April 10

Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 p.m.

Gather together for a **light meal** and “family time” before the **Lenten worship services each Wednesday**. CHRIST LOYAL

CHEFS will provide two soups. Please bring a bread, salad, or dessert to share.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer and a short mid-service discussion

We will be studying Craig Groeschel’s series:

“Becoming Who God Says You Are: Altar Ego”

You are not who others think you are. You are not even who you think you are. Take your idea of your own identity; lay it down on the alter and sacrifice it. Why? Because you are who God says you are. Until you’ve sacrificed your broken concept of your identity, you won’t become who you are meant to be. Join us for these five weeks as delve into sharing the truth of who you are in Christ.

3/13: *Overcoming the Labels that Bind You*

3/20: *You Are God’s Masterpiece*

4/3: *Living with Integrity*

3/27: *Trading the Immediate for the Ultimate*

4/10: *Developing Spiritual Boldness*

Preschool's Children's Art Show & Auction

Monday, March 11, 2019

6:00 p.m. Heinrichs Hall

Special music presented by the children under the direction of Silke Pырlik and David & Tami Kuhlmann



Art Show & Auction

Once again, we will include the works of local artists, and we are hopeful that our church member will contribute to this important fundraiser for our school. All proceeds from the Art Show will be used to provide instructional materials for the school, and also for our scholarship program. There are several ways you can help. You can donate your personal artwork, contact your friends to make a contribution of art, or make a tax-deductible contribution to the Christ Lutheran Preschool Scholarship Fund. And of course, we would appreciate your presence and support at the show, which will be held Monday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall. Need more info? Contact Nancy Conder at 843-785-6570.