



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2020 + 10:30 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

✠ This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here. ✠

Welcome to Christ Lutheran! Those of us who make Hilton Head Island our home are happy to meet the many travelers, vacationers, and visiting family and friends, who join us for worship each Sunday. Your presence today makes our worship more joyful. We invite you to share some about yourself through the Hospitality slip you will find in this bulletin. If we can help you in any way while you are on HHI, please let us know.

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Throughout the service, the text in **bold** is spoken or sung by the congregation, all other text is spoken or sung by the presiding minister or lector.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Near the Cross

Doan

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.
We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love for all people.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.
Amen.

Processional Hymn *Give Me Jesus* ELW 770

Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

The First Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to greet the gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord

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.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Be seated for the Presentation of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Rick Klotz

Silence for reflection. Please stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn of the Day *Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery*
v. 1-3, "Lent 3." as v. 4 ELW334

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

*[Each petition concludes “Hear us, O God.” All respond: **Your mercy is great.**]*

The prayers conclude:

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with each other.

Be seated.

Offering

Choral Anthem

Lenten Prayer

Pergolesi

The Returning of Gifts

As our offerings are brought to the altar, we sing:

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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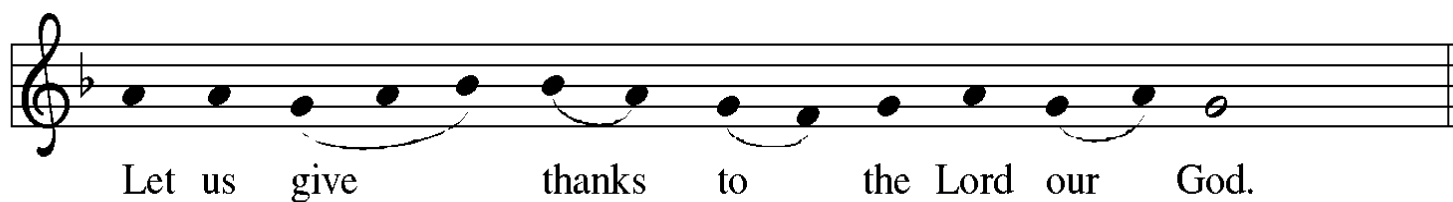
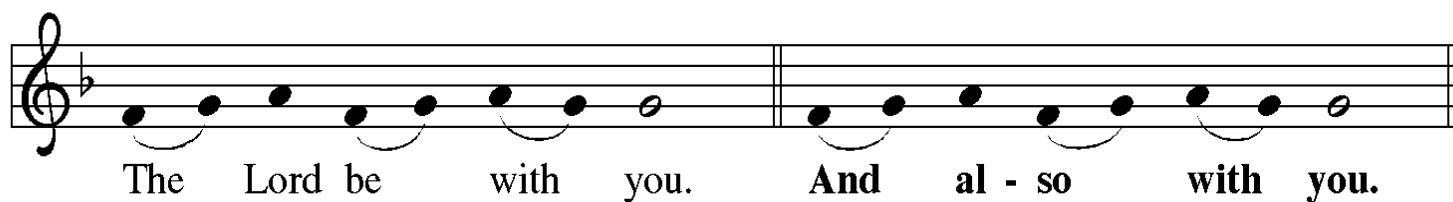
MEAL

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Returning Prayer

**Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface for Lent

It is indeed right, our duty . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,"

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,"

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry."

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

God's love is poured out in Christ for you.

Open yourselves to receive it.

Amen.

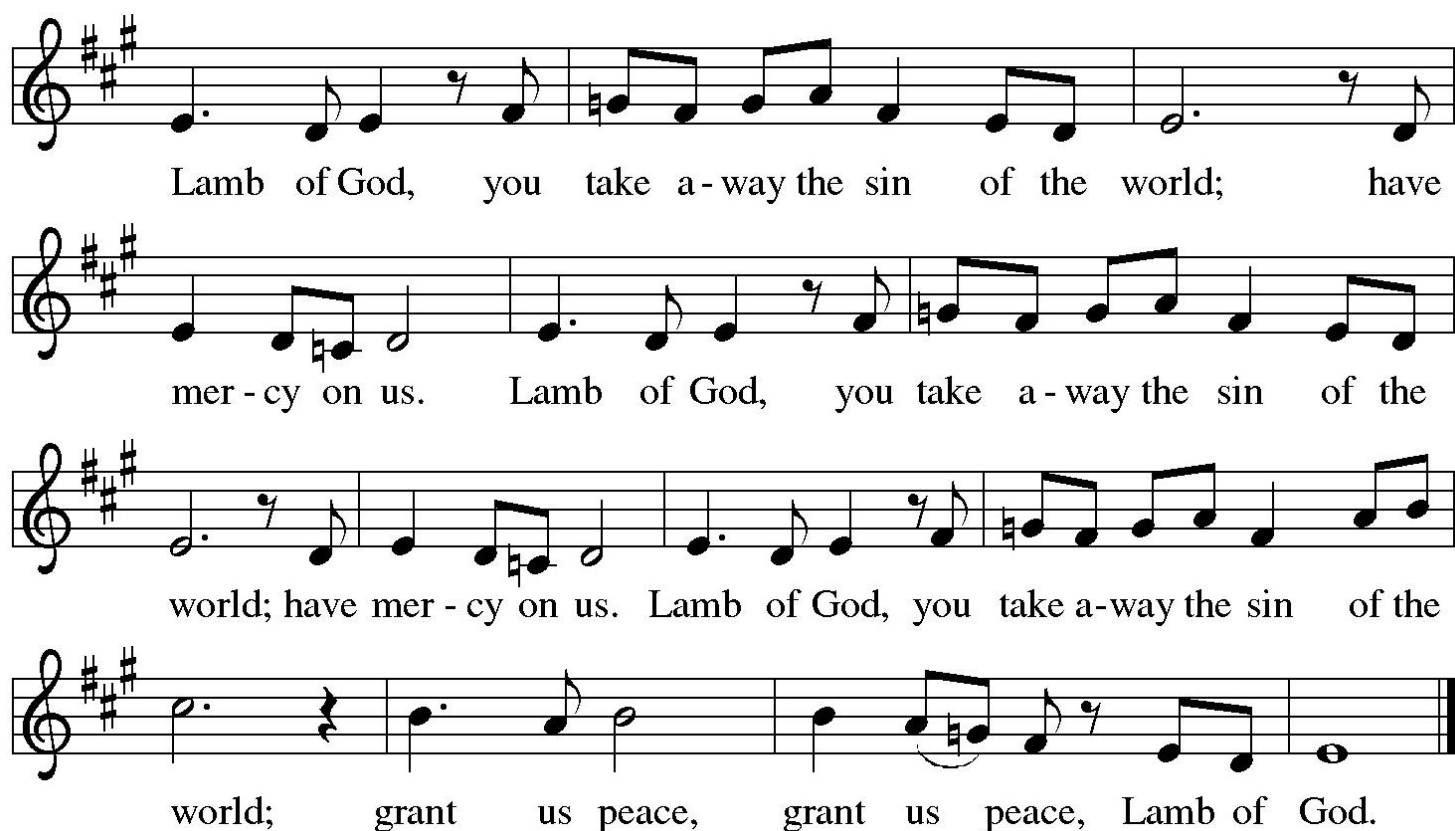
Be seated.

The Distribution of Communion

Christians of all traditions are welcome to join in this meal of grace and forgiveness. All present are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you do not desire to receive the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest and you will be offered a blessing. The bread and wine will be offered at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. Come forward at the ushers' directions.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When you have received the bread, you may dip it in the cup of wine (red) or the cup of grape juice (white).

Music During Distribution



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Come to the Table

ELW481

One Bread, One Body

ELW496

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, living God,
for the body and blood of your Son,
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.
As Christ has loved us in this feast,
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✠ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

Sending Song *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW843

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news, and remember our mission here at Christ's Church.

We are disciples of Jesus, Growing in faith, Serving our community and Connecting others to Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Haydn

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Monday 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Parlor)

..... 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meet

..... 5:00 p.m. NAMI Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee

..... 3:45 p.m. Choir Practice

..... 5:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

..... 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper

..... 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday 11:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen

Friday Office Closed

..... 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

..... 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Those in Difficult Situations

Steve Bassford, Emily Caudle, Bob Harding, Sandy Heins, Donna Putrino, Lois Rockefeller.

All nations in conflict.

For all people that have the Coronavirus. For those in the path of the tornado in Nashville, especially St. John's Lutheran.

For All Our Joys

For our congregation, for the beauty of our island home, for all our new and continuing volunteers at Christ Lutheran.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lector: Marajean Zodtner

Music: Jim Fritz and the Christ Lutheran Choir

Communion Assts: Don & Barbara Bethman

Ushers: Wayne & JoAnn Sebulsky & Barbara Johnson

Altar Guild: Paulette Stefanick

Sermons in printed form are available upon request by contacting the church office. Audio recordings are available on the church website.

There is a need for additional ushers at CLC for both services. If you would be interested in joining the team, please send an email to Ed Barrett at eaboke10@hargray.com or a text at 724-747-1194. Please don't worry about "what to do" as you will be paired with regular ushers and become comfortable in "no time" at all. Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Pastor Rick Klotz back as our worship leader while Pastor Anderson is away leading a retreat at Williamsburg, VA. She will be back next Tuesday.

The Coffee fellowship table in the Narthex needs an army of people (men and women) to provide the goodies we all enjoy (or at least look at) every week with our cups of coffee or tea. Many members have stepped up to shore up the team, but more are needed so that the same people are not being called upon to provide this weekly fellowship. **Please** contact Chris Wilcox at christineewilcox@aol.com or call her at 843-342-9711 and offer your help. **You don't have to be gifted with the baking gene; you can shop at the grocery and bring in goodies from the baked goods section! So little effort is needed.** Help grow this vital and appreciated fellowship team! Thank you!

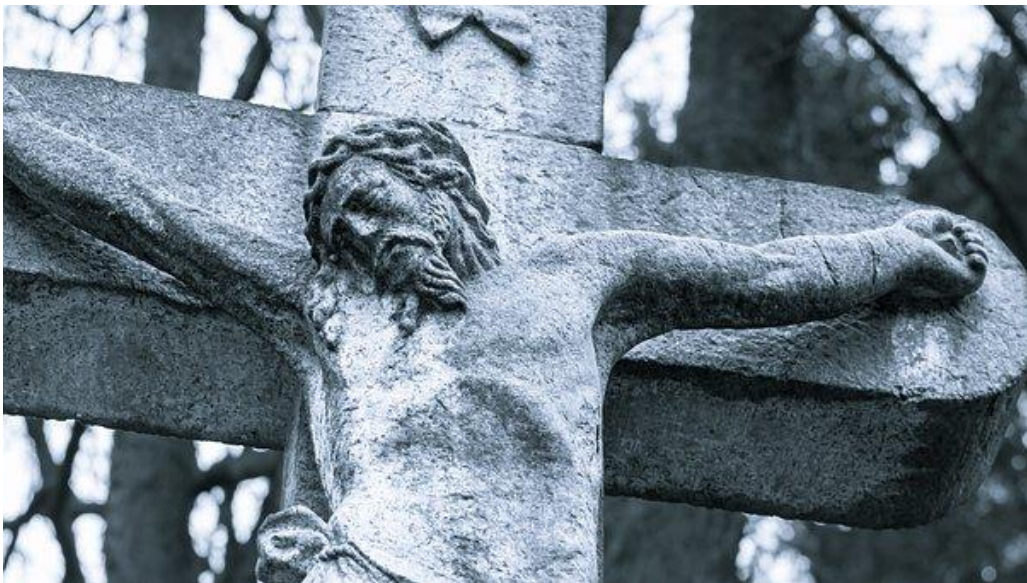
Back Pack Buddies is our program to feed underserved children on the weekends. These children get their lunches and sometimes breakfasts at school during the week but may go hungry on the weekends. We furnish them with two breakfasts and two lunches every Friday, including two pieces of fresh fruit. Our next set up is Wed., March 25 at 4:15 and packing is Thursday, March 26 at 10:15 am. Any questions call Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710 or DLStickel@aol.com.

St. James Soup Kitchen is supported by Christ Lutheran every Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information contact *Alice Graeb at 740-298-1086* or the church office.



Recent church discussions and the viewing of the movie "Hiding in Plain Sight" have focused on the homeless population in our backyard, Hilton Head Island. It is timely then to note that our local non-profit social service agency, The Deep Well Project provided over 265 hot showers in 2019 for our homeless neighbors. 93 loads of laundry were done in the DW pantry washer and dryer during the same period of time. Both services are free and open to walk in clients and are gratefully received! When the need comes out for laundry detergent, bath soap, shampoo etc., please know that these items are really needed and greatly appreciated! 616 qualified island children received toys from the Santa Shop and 141 new bicycles were given out this Christmas season. It's been busy at Deep Well.

LENT 2020



Mondays in Lent 9:30 am Prayer Circle

Our new prayer group will continue on Mondays in the Church Parlor. Consider adding this opportunity to your devotional life this season.

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 pm Come to Heinrichs Hall for a Soup Supper.

6:15-6:45 pm Pastor Anderson will lead us in a study of The Apostles' Creed.

*Deeper reflection on The Small Catechism has long been a traditional practice in Lutheran congregations.
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary*

Holy Week

April 5th Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

*April 8th Holy Wednesday Service of Healing + Blessing of Oil
7:00 pm*

April 9th Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

April 10th Good Friday Worship at Noon and 7:00 pm

A Lenten Fast

Want to fast from something besides chocolate? Want to do a fast that will help the world? The Confirmation Group (Johnathan DeMaria, Elise Sullivan and Gunnar Ternstrom) invite the congregation to consider a 40-day fast from **carbon!**

Each of the days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter, we will provide you with a daily way to consider reducing your carbon footprint. The confirmands will be doing this and will give a Temple Talk in the middle of Lent about their experience in doing this kind of fast.

Wonder what it's about? Here are the suggestions for the coming week. Hardcopies of the whole calendar will be provided outside the office and in the narthex throughout the season.

March 15th Are you recycling everything you can? Refresh your memory with the Madison Recyclopedia.

March 16th Re-use an item you would have thrown away, like a jam jar or a plastic yogurt container.

March 17th Eliminate single use plastics—when out to eat, request no straw.

March 18th Try some new “green” cleaning products or make your own.

March 19th Fill a reusable water bottle instead of using a single use plastic bottle.

March 20th Stop unwanted junk mail to save trees, cut down on carbon emissions, and reduce waste.

March 21st Bring reusable bags with you to get groceries and leave them in your vehicle for future trips.

CLC BOOKCLUB:

On Saturday, March 21 the CLC Book Club will meet to discuss **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones. A winner of numerous awards, this fictional book is "a moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African American married couple." Join us at 1:30pm March 21st at Jackie Longo's home. Please contact Jackie if you plan to attend so that Sea Pine gate passes can be issued--- jmlongo25@gmail.com. We welcome new participants, part time members, visitors and guests to our lively discussions.

Sunday Faith Formation Classes for Adults

At Christ Lutheran we offer two opportunities for adults to come together to study and reflect on scripture, theology, and our spiritual questions that emerge at the intersection of God's Word and our daily lives. Both take place at 9:45 am each Sunday.

The Augsburg Bible Study class meets in Heinrichs Hall and is facilitated by Kathy Mork this February and March. This class makes use of the well-loved Augsburg study series that covers a wide range of biblical books and themes. Join in any time!

This class is building a team of 4-8 people interested in facilitating our Sunday morning discussions. By building a leadership team, no one is required to commit to leading every Sunday. The study beginning in March, "Justice and the Prophets" takes a look at how today's issues of justice are not all

that different from justice issues in Biblical times. A Leader's Guide is available and Pastor Mary has agreed to provide a bit of mentoring if you need her. If you are interested, please contact Tamara Kuthlmann or Pastor Mary. If you are curious what our Sunday studies are about, drop by Heinrichs Hall on Sunday at 9:45 and be part of the conversation.

From David Kuhlmann: We begin a new, eight part series this Sunday called ProFuture Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home.

Having “squandered our inheritance on profligate living,” we are a prodigal species. Industrial civilization and our insatiable appetites have us hurtling toward irreversible consequences – not in some distant future, but right now. The good news is it’s not too late. At the intersection of science, spirituality, and sustainability is a deep love of life and a passion for our posterity – a ProFuture Faith. Eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd will guide us on a journey that accepts what is inevitable, avoids what is futile, and inspires to attend to what is urgent. See you this Sunday.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

K-5th Graders meet every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Sale Building

Youth (6th-12th grades) meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10am.

Confirmation Group meets on scheduled Wednesdays at 4pm. Additional instruction is conducted on-line.

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Sanctuary

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