

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Welcomes You**

Second



**SUNDAY
IN LENT**

February 28, 2021 ~ 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..

Midweek Lenten Services - Wednesdays at 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

The Second Sunday in Lent

As We Gather

God sent forth His Son as the great apostle of His purpose – to become a human being, to be born of a mother like every other human being, to be born under the limitations and the restrictions and the requirements and the demands that burden every other human being, to be born under what St. Paul calls “Law.” The purpose of this apostolate was to buy us back like slaves in the marketplace so that for our servitude we might receive adoption as children. (Arthur Piepkorn [1907-1973], Chapel Sermon on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1971 [For All The Saints I:324])

Hymn - “Lift High the Cross” Hymn 837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

both the small | and the great.

We will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Ps. 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Ps. 25:6

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

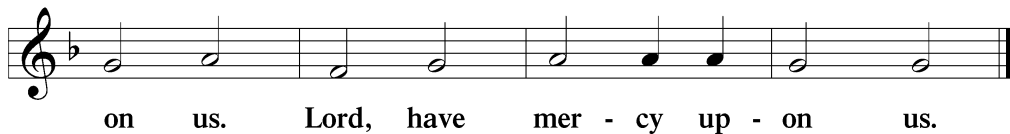


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Reading from *The Book of Concord*

*The Augsburg Confession
Article III, The Son of God.*

¹ Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God [John 1:14], assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ² So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. ³ He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind [John 1:29].

⁴ He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. ⁵ He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

⁶ The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P O come let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Joel 2:13b

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

P If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself

C **and take up his cross and follow me.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.



C **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

(Continued)

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn - "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"Hymn 708

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
 To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
 That I may die unfearing;
 And in its narrow chamber keep
 My body safe in peaceful sleep
 Until Thy reappearing.
 And then from death awaken me,
 That these mine eyes with joy may see,
 O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
 My Savior and my fount of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
 And I will praise Thee without end.

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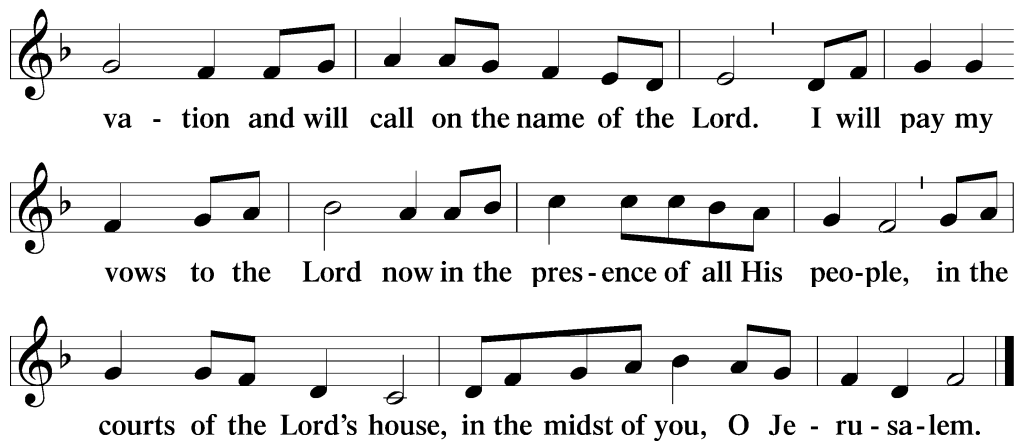
Sermon
“Purpose”
Mark 8:27-38

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
 Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory

G What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

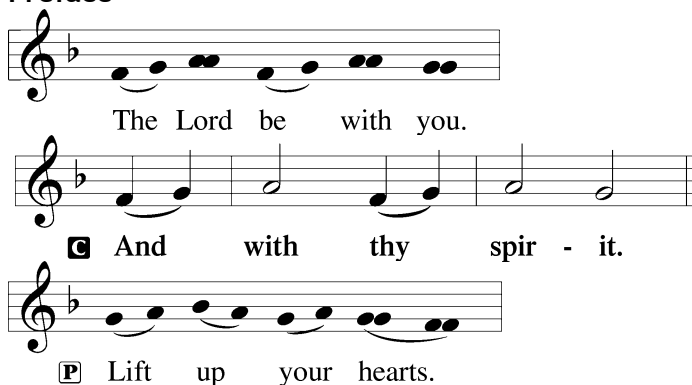
Stand

(You may remain seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



The Lord be with you.

☞ And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

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 us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymn ~ “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”Hymn 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle - "Thank the Lord"



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

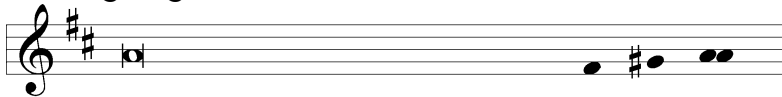


He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

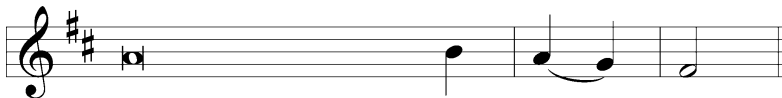


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

A 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 in 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.



C A - men.

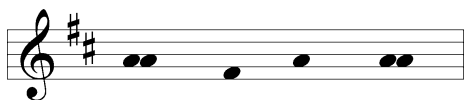
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

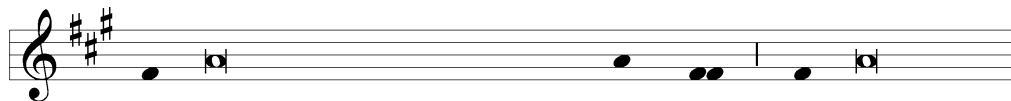


A Bless we the Lord.

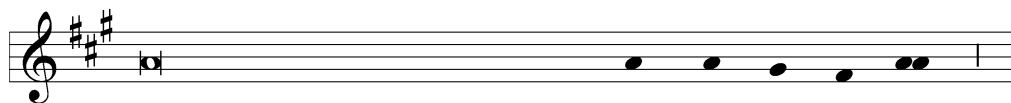


C Thanks be to God.

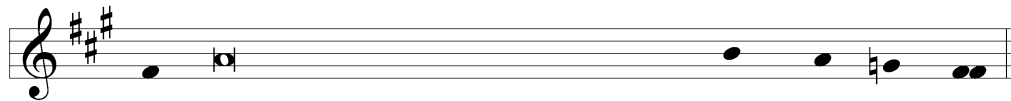
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn ~ “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”Hymn 688

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
 “All in My way abiding;
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
 Obey My call and guiding.
 O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
 Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
 A godly life displaying;
 I bid you walk as in the day;
 I keep your feet from straying.
 I am the way, and well I show
 How you must sojourn here below.

(Continued)

3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
 My soul with love is glowing;
 And gracious words My lips express,
 With meekness overflowing.
 My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
 To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
 What harms your soul’s salvation,
 Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
 From sin and its temptation.
 I am the refuge of the soul
 And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,
 In suff’ring be undaunted.
 For those who bear the battle’s strain
 The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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ALTAR GUILD	Terry Steffens, Celeste Grau
USHERS (8:00)	Bob Appelget – Captain, Matthew Mast,Ron Hungerford, Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer, John Cooper
USHERS (10:45).....	Dale Zombory – Captain, Chuck Schwanger, Phillip Cole, Glenn Scowcroft, Vince Virsik, Scott Dine

2021 Lenten Midweek Series
“Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey”

Midweek of Lent 2 – March 3

Sermon: “Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion”

Midweek of Lent 3 – March 10

Sermon: “Out of Egypt: Through the Water”

Midweek of Lent 4 – March 17

Sermon: “Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross”

Midweek of Lent 5 – March 24

Sermon: “Death to Resurrection: The Wilderness to the Promised Land”

Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem, where He will face the cross and the grave for our sake. This year’s theme focuses upon the journey, though perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme is “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.”

The beginning of our journey is exile in the wilderness of sin and death. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out. But every journey also has a destination. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land, the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by Jesus’ death and resurrection.



If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a lily on Easter Sunday, please place your order in the box provided on the welcome center credenza. Please note the early deadline this year, and be sure to get your order in by March 21st.

Christ Lutheran Church and School Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love

The following safety precautions will be followed:

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing (6 feet apart front and back, and side to side), only use every other pew and maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- ◆ We will not pass the plate or attendance books. Offering plates located by the entrance.
- ◆ Everything will be in the bulletin, no need for the hymnal. Keep the bulletin or recycle it.
- ◆ Face masks encouraged (but not required).
- ◆ Communion will be continuous style, so that people can maintain 6' between family units. This would be explained in an opening announcement.
- ◆ We request that people not congregate in the narthex (take a donut to-go and head home). If you'd like to talk please talk outside in the parking lot while still maintaining 6' separation.
- ◆ Bible study continues online and in person.
- ◆ The pews / door handles / bathrooms will be cleaned in-between services.
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms of any illness, please stay home.
- ◆ If you are vulnerable, or feel uncomfortable coming back, feel free to remain home as long as necessary until you're comfortable. We will continue to stream Sunday services live at 8:00 a.m., which may be viewed thereafter.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.

Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Amanda Clark	Deleigh McClintock	Laurie Ulmer	Miro Virsik
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Laura Leshner	Nancy Duke
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Lori Brown	Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt	Don Hutter	Laura Schornhorst	Nathan Gerken
Barbara Maul	Jean Mort	Jim Walters	Ferny Rantz

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Andrew Mayer – son-in-law of Dave & Cindy White

Aubrey Hamby – nephew of Dee Payovich

Austin Arndt – grandson of Linda Steinke

Cate Reed – granddaughter of Doris Beezley

Christine Lowmaster – niece of Sharon Lowmaster

Donald Morgan – brother of George Morgan

Ginger Nurkala – sister of Betty Spencer

Grace Gerken – niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken

Jackie Klepper – mother of Pattie Allred

Jim Russell – brother of Mark Russell

Marian Gerken – mother of Andy Gerken

Paula Hicks – niece of Dee Payovich

Phil Oberhaus – brother of Susan Jackemeyer

Rebecca Wroblecky – fiancé of Kevin Dixon

Rose Mossell – sister-in-law of Thelma Szoke

William Maul – brother of Charles Maul

* Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including

* **Alex Root, Allison Blake, James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge,

Joseph Schafer – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Mitchell Carter** – grandson of Bob Dixon.

Missionaries

Shara Osiro in Eastern and Southern Africa, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

Bulletin Announcements for February 28, 2021

WELCOME! We enthusiastically invite you to celebrate God's love as we pray to our Heavenly Father who cares for us, and as we hear His powerful Word. May God richly bless your worship today! If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Measel or Pastor Yeager today. Please sign our guest book.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with one of the pastors.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those that have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in that pew if you would like the pastor to bring communion to you.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God!

2021 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2021 is posted in the commons area. Be sure to sign up soon for the date you would like flowers given in memory or honor of your loved ones. The **Altar Flowers** remain at \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. Thank you!

THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for your children 3 years of age or younger. You are welcome to take your child or children into the nursery and watch the service from there. Please do not leave your child unattended.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – *The 2021 chart for radio broadcasts is now posted* in the commons area. Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. This will give our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you could share it with a family member or friend.) The cost remains \$150.00. ***Be sure to sign up soon to secure the date you would like!***

*Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.
This broadcast is in thanksgiving to God for the electronic worship team,
given by Darlene Hein.*

Our Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts are now on WQYQ AM 1400 and 106.1 FM (Note: The call sign has changed from WSJM to WQYQ but the time and frequencies remain the same for our broadcast) on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The service also can be heard online at <https://www.thenewqyq.com> or with the TuneIn app on your device. To listen with Alexa say, "Alexa, play WQYQ." The service can be heard from anywhere in the country online.

WORSHIP ANEW is a 30-minute traditional Lutheran worship service, broadcast weekly to nourish the souls of those who cannot attend church in a traditional setting. Watch on Sundays at 11:00 am on **WHME-TV 46 [FBC]** or watch online at any time at www.worshipanew.org/onlineviewing.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. (*James 5:16*) As caring Christians, please remember the following members of Christ Lutheran in your prayers this week:

David & Suzanne Steele Family
Kathy Karnik Family
Larry & Judy Eagle

Kris Mahler Family
John & Kathleen Sandmann Family
Harry & Rebecca Steffen Family

We will be praying for these members during our worship services today. Each week we ask you to remember a different group of members in your daily prayers.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Shara Osiro serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eastern and Southern Africa, based in Kenya. As the communication specialist for Eastern and Southern Africa, she helps to share the story of what God is doing through LCMS

personnel and partner churches in this part of Africa. Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Eastern and Southern Africa. Pray God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local. Let us thank God that Shara and Michael are serving His children in this part of the world.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Sunday morning bible class continues with the study of apologetics using the book “Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers.” Classes continue to be on Zoom as well.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Thursday morning Bible class on Joshua have resumed. If you are still interested in learning the Book of Joshua, please join Pastor Yeager on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS –Bible classes have begun on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Measel will continue the study on apologetics using the book “*Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers.*” The Sunday class will be Zoomed and there will be recordings of the class in case you miss one. Books are available for \$7.50.

CLS LOOKING FOR HELPFUL ANGELS – **Christ Lutheran School is looking for people to help in various ways at this time.** The “CLS angels” help with the following: cleaning surfaces during the lunch hour, delivering meals to the classrooms & other various similar duties. These volunteers would be trained in the proper use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). If you or someone you know would like to help out in this way, please contact Mr. Webb at nwebb@christstevensville.com or Mrs. Cole at acole@christstevensville.com. Thank you!

SHARING GREETINGS THIS EASTER! Ladies League will deliver your cards and notes to our congregation's shut-in members. Pick up a ziplock bag and list of names in the commons area - follow the directions included - bring the bag and your notes/cards back to church by March 28. No postage required. What a great way to show love for one another!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACK PROJECT – We will once again attempt to make and fill 500 backpacks, which are in even greater demand for Lutheran World Relief. The first part of this project is making the backpacks. We have about 200 that still need to be sewn. If anyone is interested in helping please call Joyce Totzke (429-4518.)

DON'T LET YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE! – Eligible Thrivent members have until March 31, 2021 to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. See the insert in this bulletin to check if you qualify.

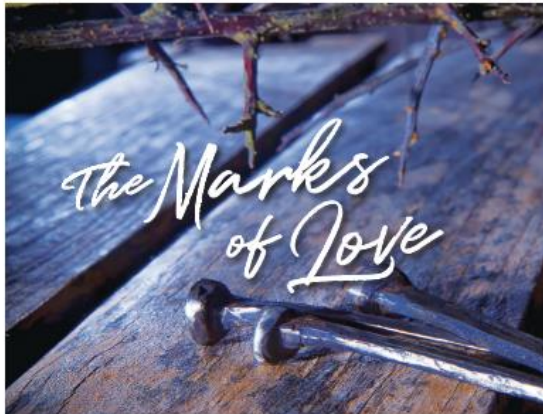
Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	<u>02/17/2021</u>		
4:30 & 7:00 P.M.	88		
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>02/21/2021</u>		
8:00 A.M.	71		
10:45 A.M.	<u>62</u>	Adult Bible Class	35
Total:	133	Weekday Classes	17

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$36,729
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,683

LHM Lenten Devotions available on the tables in the commons area.



The season of Lent is meant for deep reflection. In *The Marks of Love*, we read of Jesus' unwavering love for mankind. Sent by the Father, His Son's mission and ministry was to call us "out of darkness into His marvelous light." This God has done through His Son. He took our sin and sorrow to the cross of Calvary, and raising on the third day, crowns all believers with the gift of forgiveness and eternal life.



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, February 28	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>Communion</i> Worship Serv. Bible Class Sunday School <i>Communion</i> Worship Service
Monday, March 1		
Tuesday, March 2	7 :00 p.m.	Apologetics Bible Class
Wednes. March 3	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Apologetics Bible Class Lenten Worship Service Lenten Worship Service
Thursday, March 4	10:00 a.m.	Joshua Bible Class
Friday, March 5		
Saturday, March 6		
Sunday, March 7	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Bible Class Sunday School Worship Service

Christ's Mission
Christ's Ministry
Christ's People



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

We are sincerely thankful that the Lord has led you to worship with us today. We pray that in our liturgy, in our hymns and in our sermon that you will see Jesus Christ, the Savior who died on the cross for the sins of the world. We pray that you will hear Jesus call all nations to repent of their sins. We pray that you will receive the forgiveness of sins won by Christ on the Cross. We believe that through faith this forgiveness transforms us from self-centered lives to lives of service.

If you are use to “praise” style worship, the historic liturgy may be unfamiliar and somewhat strange to you. Our form of worship has its roots in the earliest days of the church.

The word “liturgy” means service. Our worship is called the “Divine Service.” In the Divine Service our Lord is the Lord who serves. We understand worship in this way:

“Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preaching into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul”

Lutheran Service Book vii.

If some of the historic words that we use in worship are new to you, please look at page xxiv of Lutheran Service Book for a glossary. As you learn more about the ancient worship of the Church, you will learn to cherish it as Christians have throughout the centuries. If you have questions about anything that you have seen or heard today, please feel free to contact one of our pastors.

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