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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

**Please stand as you are able.*

❖*Please be seated.*

Prelude: Vicky Harris

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

***Gathering Song**

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW #320

Welcome

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God the Father to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you

in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

❖ Choir Anthem

“We’re Gonna Have Church”

*Vicky Harris, Guest Director
Twyla Kirkeby, Accompanist*

WORD

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord Our God"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

❖Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth

*Hymn of the Day

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

***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:** Merciful God, receive our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace:

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

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS
We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

[Offering plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

- * **Offering Prayer:** Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

❖ **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.

❖ **Distribution of Communion** "Lamb Of God" **ELW # 146**

[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]

Communion Hymns: **ELW #'s 767, 336, 472 (3x)**

- * **Prayer after Communion:** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Temple Talk – March Food Drive

Nancy Dolezal

Benediction

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

ELW # 504

Dismissal: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Vicky Harris



A special thank you to all who helped assist with our worship service today:

Pianist: Vicky Harris

Lector: Jon Braband

Cantor: Katherine Grant

Head Usher: Nathan Stoltenburg

Greeters: Jerome and Judy Ide

Ushers: Dr. John Bergseng and
Dave Meyer

Acolyte: Ryker Wendorff

Communion Assistants: Vicar Susan
Christianson, Dawn Peterson, Dennis
Davis and Chris Davis

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn
Refreshments: Carla Kuehn and
Joan Johnson

Special Music: Choir directed by Vicky Harris and accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a card to a loved one in your own family? Teresa Rannow, Jeanette Nelson, Dalluge Family (Dan Becker’s sister’s family), Edward Van de Streek (brother of Muriel Wavra and uncle of Roxanne Wavra), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Daniel Paron (son of Sandra Brenhaug), Sherry Graf (friend of Joanne Chrast), Errolan Senske, Rolland Kristofferson (brother of Gloria Gustafson), Rosie Nelson, Jeanine Wedin, Marilyn Ueland, Kristen Heldt, Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Cassandra DeCasas (daughter of Bill and Deb Heuer), Talyn Mellesmoen, daughter of Hannah Mellesmoen and grand-daughter of Dave and Nancy Mellesmoen), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, and Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast).

Announcements for this week:

Sunday, March 6th, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Monday, March 7th, Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Quilting @

1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; Cub Scout Adult Leaders @ 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, March 8th, Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, March 9th: Televised Worship Service on Channel 10 @ 2:00 p.m.; no Confirmation; Confirmation Reviews with Pastor Elizabeth @ 5:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room; Lenten Soup Supper from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.; Bell Choir @ 5:15 p.m.; Choir @ 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.; Council @ 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 10th, Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m.; Rachel Circle @ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 11th,

Saturday, March 12th,

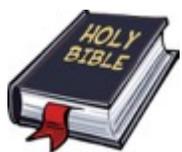
Sunday, March 13th, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room; Cub Scouts from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers Near the Altar

The flowers near the altar are from Dorothy Lindeman's funeral at Christ Lutheran yesterday. The flowers are given in memory of Dorothy by her family.



Morning Bible Studies



Lessons for this week: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17--4:1; and Luke 13:31-35.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship Schedule

On Wednesday's, March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, Lenten Soup Suppers will be served between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Join us for a bowl of warm soup, sandwiches, and fellowship before the Wednesday night Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m. The Confirmation students and families will be helping with the cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup of the Lenten Soup Suppers. **Suggested donation per meal is \$5 per person with a cap of \$20 per family.** All proceeds will go toward upcoming youth events.



Forty Days of Lent **Wednesday night Lenten Services will continue through April 6th at 7:00 p.m.** During Holy Week, Fourth Graders will celebrate their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 10th. On April 14th, there will be Maundy Thursday Services with Holy Communion at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m., a Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 15th at 7:00 p.m., and on April 17th, two Easter Sunday Worship Services with Holy Communion at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Volunteer drivers are needed to take congregation members to and from medical appointments, especially in the Twin Cities/Metro area. If you are able to assist with this ministry, please contact Pastor Elizabeth and/or the church office. Thank you.



March Food Drive

The mission emphasis for March is the McLeod Food Shelf. The Minnesota Food Share March Campaign brings together various Minnesota organizations, businesses and places of worship to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year.

The March drive is very important to our local food shelf since monies and poundage of food collected reflect the matching fund from Minnesota Food Share, corporate, foundation business and individual dollars secured into the Food Fund. The amount of dollars distributed to our local food shelf from the food fund directly correlates to the total collected right here in McLeod County.



Christ Lutheran Church Lutheran College Scholarship Information



High school seniors planning to attend ELCA colleges next year, or current returning ELCA college students, please notify the church office. Then, watch for letters to be sent to you regarding the Christ Lutheran scholarship program. New or renewal applications are due to the Church office by May 30, 2022.

For our congregation, consider giving to the scholarship fund to support Christ Lutheran students who choose to attend our Church schools. Donations can be made to the account any time during the year, either by placing a check or envelope in the offering plates or delivering to the Church office, labeled "CLC Scholarship Fund."

Colleges of the ELCA exist to provide young people with continuing opportunities to further develop the faith that has been nurtured and sustained in Lutheran congregations such as Christ Lutheran.

If you have questions, please contact a scholarship committee member: Joan Johnson, Kevin Menning or Jeff Grant.

Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships are Available

Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships are available from Christ Lutheran Women. Do you know a young person who would like to attend Green Lake Camp this coming summer? Maybe they would like to invite a friend to attend with them but their friend is not a member of Christ Lutheran. Maybe they can not afford the cost of attending. We can help with that. Scholarships are available. Contact Vicar Susan if you are interested. We are interested in helping you have a GLB experience.



GLB Summer Theme: "I pray that you and God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love although it is too wonderful to be measured. Your lives will be filled with all that God is." Ephesians 3:18-19



**Daylight Saving Time
begins on
Sunday, March 13**