



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIRST WEEK IN LENT

Made in God's Image

March 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**Please stand as you are able
The Service begins in silence.*

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Restore in Us, O God”

ELW # 328

***INVOCATION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord, we say: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Elizabeth

***HYMN**

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

ELW # 334
(vs. 1-3 & "Lent 1")

***AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

—Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you** (Sharing of the Peace).

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**

Faithful God,

You walk beside us in desert places. Accompany us on our Lenten journey, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*OUR 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.

*BLESSING

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 HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW # 595

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

Thank you to the Confirmation students who assisted with our Worship Service today.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship Schedule

The Lenten Soup Suppers for 2022 will continue **Wednesday, March 16th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm**. Each week the Confirmation students, families, and ministry teams will be serving a variety of soups, sandwiches, homemade buns, and desserts. Please plan to join us for a warm delicious meal and enjoy some fellowship before the Wednesday Evening Lenten Service @ 7:00pm. **Cost:** \$5/adults, \$3/students, cap of \$20/family. **All proceeds from the Lenten Soup Suppers help support Christian Education & Youth activities.**



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.

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.



Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis



During the entire month of April, the Mission emphasis will be on donations for Ukraine refugee relief. Please make checks out to Christ Lutheran with notation "Ukraine Relief" on the memo line. Your gifts will be given to the ELCA Eastern Europe Crisis Response and will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

For more information, go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>.