



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
THIRD WEEK IN LENT

Made in God's Image

March 23, 2022
7:00 p.m.

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW # 673

***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 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

***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**

Eternal God,

your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 13:1-9**

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” ⁸He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

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 3”)

***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

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

ELW # 561

*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 30th 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: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.



Heuer Love Offering

Love
OFFERING

During the month of March, a special Love Offering is being collected for Bill and Deb Heuer to help offset lost wages and Bill's medical costs not covered by insurance. Please make out checks to Christ Lutheran and put "Heuer Love Offering" on the memo line.

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.

