



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH WEEK IN LENT

Made in God's Image

April 6, 2022
7:00 p.m.

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Father Most Holy”

ELW # 415

***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 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

***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**

Creator God,

you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. John 12:1-8**

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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 5")

***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

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

ELW # 538

*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.

Holy Week Worship Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 14th, Services with Holy Communion at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Services, April 17th, with Holy Communion at 6:30 (student led) and 9:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, in between Easter Worship Services.

Morning Bible Studies

Lessons for this week: Luke 19:28-40 (Triumphal Entry Passage); Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; and Luke 22:14--23:56.



Easter Morning Breakfast Donations

If you are willing to donate supplies for the 2022 Easter Breakfast, **PLEASE** check out the chalkboard in the Narthex. **REMEMBER** to take the *TOP* reminder tag and sign your name to tag on the *BOTTOM* so that we know who has taken a donation slip. *Thank you for your generosity and support!* Donations should be returned to CLC by: **Saturday, April 16th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Donations Requested for Easter Flowers

Easter is fast approaching, and Easter flowers have been ordered. Christ Lutheran will be purchasing the Easter flowers this year. If you would like to donate to help cover the costs, please drop off a check made out to Christ Lutheran with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line, or use a special envelope provided in your envelope box. Thank you!

