



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
THIRD LENTEN WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 2024

OBEDIENCE AND PRESERVATION

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.

✳ *Please stand as you are able.*

❖ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Carla Kuehn

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

✳ Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Return to the Lord your God. **Christ crucified, I come.**

Behold his miracle of mercy. **Christ crucified, I come.**

Abide in his steadfast love. **Christ crucified, I come.**

Rest in his unfailing faithfulness. **Christ crucified, I come. Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

ELW # 600

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather because God brought us here. We meet because Jesus ✠ sets the table. We worship because the Holy Spirit gives us life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, **we wander. We run away. We think we can do things our own way, but we end up in messes of our own making and problems we cannot solve. Find us when we are stuck, in a Pit of despair or on a boat to nowhere. Reveal our faults and forgive our sin. Send us back out with words and actions to help the world that you love so much.**

Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.

None of us can flee from the love of God, not in the heights of heaven or the pit of grief and loss. God will always find us with love that beckons us home. So, hear the words that each of us need. You are loved beyond all knowing. You are forgiven in the name of Lord Jesus Christ ✠. You are free. You are unfinished. You are beloved. **Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

God of creation and compassion, you promise to be a God who hears us, no matter how far we stray. Help us to know deep in our bones that wherever we run you are already there. Amen.

WORD

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

Lenten Reading: Jonah 3 – Obedience and Preservation

³The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: ‘By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.’ ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Message

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW # 335

*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.

STEWARDED 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.]

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

*Offering Prayer

And let us pray ... **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Help us to embrace the responsibility and privilege of managing your blessings with diligence and integrity. Guide these gifts given today for you, your church, and all that are in need. Amen.**

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.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

ELW # 536

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ has made you free. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Carla Kuehn



A special thank you to all who assisted with today's worship service:

Organist: Carla Kuehn

Ushers: Colton Hahn, Charlie Nelson

Audio/Visual: McKenzie Ebert

AV Assistant: Aiden Ruschmeier

Lector: Nolan Sundblad

Acolyte: Keegan Sauter