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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
Service of the Word
March 17, 2024

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.

Service of the Word begins on page 210 in the red hymnal.

****Please stand as you are able.***

❖*Please be seated.*

Prelude: Vicky Harris

GATHERING

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

Welcome

****Gathering Song***

"My Song is Love Unknown"

ELW # 343 vv. 1-3,6

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

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

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior

and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm: 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.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was

a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

✱ **Gospel Acclamation** “Return to the Lord” **ELW pg. 142**
Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John – this is the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of our Lord: Praise to you, O Christ.

❖ **Sermon**

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day “Now the Green Blade Rises” **ELW # 379**

✱ **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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.]

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

* Offering Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

* Benediction

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

ELW # 545

Dismissal

Go in peace. Walk with Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Vicky Harris



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

Organist: Vicky Harris

Cantor: Chris Davis

Lector: Mike Sundblad

Acolyte: Bella Feltmann

Kitchen Guild: Connie Duenow

Head Usher: Kevin Menning

Ushers: Eldean Enderson, Bobby Scheidt

Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert

Greeters: Louise Carlson

Refreshments: Louise Carlson & Linda Simonson

Altar Guild: Kathy Remus, Diane Adrian

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Bob Iverson, Jeanne Klitzke (grand-mother of Jesse Hardel and mother of Donna Hardel), Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Marilyn Ueland, Richard Dolezal, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), Mary Entinger, Carol Carver, Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), Gloria Gustafson, LuAnn Harms, Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Karen Wendlandt, Bev Phifer, Karen Sylwester, Jay Braband (Brother of Jon Braband), Bonnie Hahn, Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Shawn Davis (Son of Dennis and Chris), Jo'Cleta O'Donnell, Howard Giese.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 17, Service of the Word @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; First Holy Communion Instruction @ 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Monday, March 18, Christ Lutheran Quilters @ 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall; Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, March 19, Laundry Love @ 9 AM & 4:30 PM at the Glencoe Laundromat; Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, March 20, Pastoral Text Study @ 11 AM in the Fireside Room; Praise Band Practice @ 4 PM in the Sanctuary; Bell Choir @ 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary; Lenten Soup Supper @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall; Choir @ 6 PM in the Sanctuary; Lenten Wednesday Night Worship Service @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, March 21, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room; Glenfield's Worship Service @ 10:30 AM in the Glenfield's Community Chapel.

Friday, March 22, Office Closed

Saturday, March 23, Narcotics Anonymous @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall; Praise Band Performance @ 1:30 PM @ The Community Room at Glen Fields.

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

First Holy Communion Classes Finish Today

Christ Lutheran Church will be celebrating the First Holy Communion for 4th graders and up who have not had the instruction on Sunday, April 21, 2024, during the regular worship service. Instruction for those who wish to participate will be held on Sundays March 10th and March 17th after worship. Parents and guardians of the invited youth are highly encouraged to attend learning about the Sacrament of the Altar and the Lutheran understanding of how we are invested in it. We will later on meet as a group on Saturday, April 20th in the morning to bake our own individual unleavened bread with the help of Mary Metag. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Pr. Erik or Megan Hoffman in our church office.

2024 Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Suppers



The last Lenten Soup Supper for 2024 will be:

March 20th

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

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 @ 7:00 pm. There will be a free will offering basket during the meal.

All proceeds from the Lenten Soup Suppers help support Christian Education & Youth activities.

Easter Day Preparations Have Begun!

Preparations for Easter Day have begun! On Sunday, March 31st, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be holding two worship services that day – a Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM and the normal Easter Day Service at 9 AM. In between these two services we will be holding a breakfast meal in the Fellowship hall.

A Worship Assistant sign-up sheet for these two services is on the table outside of the Sanctuary. This Sunday we will also be putting out the food donation board for the Easter breakfast. Pairs of slips with various food items are attached to the board. If you are able to donate the item listed on a slip, take the top slip for yourself as a reminder. Sign the bottom slip and leave it in the basket next to the board so we can know who is bringing each item. Thank you for all your help in this!

Come Watch the Praise Band Performance

Join us on March 23rd at 1:30 PM in the Community Room at Glenfields, where the Praise Band will be performing! Everyone is invited.

Dancing Like the Stars Watch Party

Join us for a watch party of "Dancing Like the Stars", 2B Continued's gala to raise money for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The watch party will be hosted by John & Pat Bergseng in the Fellowship Hall be on Saturday, April 13th, at 5:30 PM. Troy & Kelly Higgins and Ryan & Shannon MulQueeny will be performing during the event! There will be food and refreshments provided during the party.

Christian Education Coordinator Position Open!

We are seeking an energetic and motivated individual to join our team at Christ Lutheran Church! The CE Coordinator is a 25 hour/week position. Our Christian Education Coordinator will collaborate with the Pastor and Christian Education Team, creating, planning, and implementing education programs for all groups at Christ Lutheran Church to strengthen their relationship with God, peers, family, and the church. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the church office at 320-864-4549 or email: office@christluth.com. Please feel free to spread the word or refer a friend!



March Mission Focus: McLeod Emergency Food Shelf, Cooking and Baking Items

Each March, the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf (MEFS) participates in the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign. Every dollar and pound collected gets multiplied by the Food Fund. The MEFS saw a nearly 20%

increase in 2023 over the previous year, a record high in its 40-year history. 714,907 pounds of food were distributed to 5,791 individuals and 2,152 households across the county.

The majority of the financial support for MEFS is received from directly from the generous individuals, businesses, organizations, churches (including Christ Lutheran) and schools in and around McLeod County.

This month, we will also focus on cooking and baking items such as flour, sugar, oils, spices, cream soups, etc. These items often don't fit into the food shelf's budget.

We collected donated 105 pounds of pancake mix, syrup and other items in February. Thank you, Christ Lutheran, for your continued generosity!!!

We Need Your Help to Make Personal Care Kits



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Christ Lutheran Women are collecting items to make Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief and then delivered to people in need around the world and the U.S. Collecting will begin on Feb. 25th continuing throughout March.

Please consider donating the items below, or a cash donation for the purchase of these items.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging.

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap

When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty.

Monthly Giving Report

It has been decided to include a brief report on where CLC stands with its budgeted giving amounts vs the actual giving amounts for the year. We hope this information is helpful, feel free to provide us with feedback!

<i>Actual Offering (Through February 29, 2024)</i>	<i>\$77,549.68</i>
<i>Budgeted Giving (Through February 29, 2024)</i>	<i>\$67,378.20</i>
<i>Giving Ahead of Budget</i>	<i>\$10,171.48</i>

Sunday Acolytes

Students don't forget to keep signing up for Sunday Acolyte slots! Our Acolytes are a crucial part of our worship services and help keep everything flowing smoothly. Find the signup form on our Worship Assistants webpage (christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants) or our Confirmation webpage (christluth.com/confirmation).



February Laundry Love Update

Laundry Love for the month of February served 17 individuals/families. A total of \$360 dollars was used for this month's mission. Volunteers were Barb Jenneke, Cheryl McDougall, Connie Heitz, Jane Larter, and Karin Ramige. We want to thank the food shelf for sharing a large amount of bakery goods to be shared with those attending. As always there were many smiles, thank yous, and kind words shared with us from those whom we were serving. Laundry Love is a feel good event! Have you considered volunteering, or writing a Thrivent Grant for funds? Let the church office know and they will share your name with us.

Worship Assistant Schedule

Looking for the worship assistant schedule? There are a number of different places to find it! Each month we post the upcoming schedule on the Informational Hub bulletin board (to the left of the Sanctuary doors) and online at christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants. If you subscribe to our weekly newsletter, we also include a few weeks of

the worship assistant schedule there. Contact Megan our Administrative Assistant or Mckenzie our IT Coordinator if you have any questions!

Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Newsletter Deadline: Tuesdays @ 10 AM

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays @ 12 PM

Worship Service Additions or Alterations: 7 days prior to the affected service.

MN Valley Conference – South Africa Companionship Meeting

Come and Join us on March 21st, from 6 PM to 8 PM! All are welcome. A light supper will be served, with a free will donation.

“UHAMBASANO” - Walking hand in hand with our brothers and sisters in Christ in South Africa. What can we gain from them? Their phenomenal enthusiasm in serving Christ, despite monetary difficulties, is a powerful example to us.

Conference is located at Zion Lutheran Church, 814 West Brooks St. Arlington, MN.

New Auburn Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Come and join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the New Auburn Softball Field on Sunday, March 24th. There will be candy and prizes for attendees. Beverages and snacks will be available.

Children under 4 start at 11:00am

Children 5-8 start at 11:15am

Children 9-12 start at 11:30am

(Special needs individuals over age 12 are welcome to join the event.)

Meet and Greet at McLeod Food Shelf

Join us on April 3rd at the McLeod County Food Shelf from 4pm - 6pm for a meet and greet with our new Executive Director, Carrie Lewis, Board Members, and dedicated Volunteers. Light refreshments will be served.

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