

CHRIST



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**. During your time at church today we recommend that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for all who wish to use them.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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,

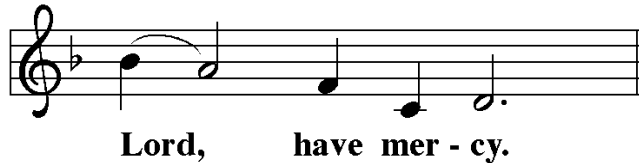
and restores the promise of life

through + Jesus Christ.

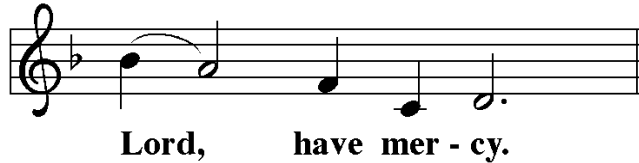
Amen.

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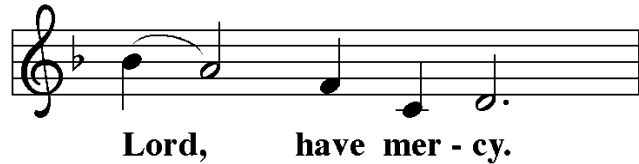
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



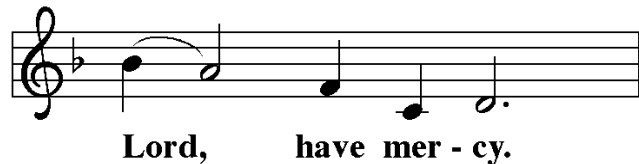
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



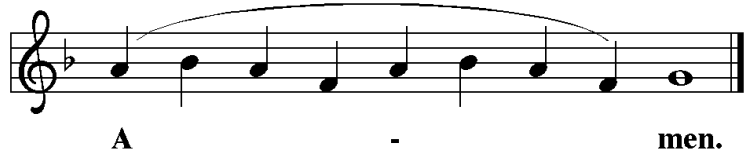
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GATHERING HYMN — ELW 358: *Great God, Your Love has Called Us*



- 1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
- 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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 God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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

FIRST READING—GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

PSALM 22:23-31

The congregation joins in singing the refrain:



I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!" R

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the Lord;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him. R

To him alone shall bow down

all who sleep in the earth;

before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust. R

And to him my soul shall live;

my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the Lord

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born

the justice he has shown. R

SECOND READING— ROMANS 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when

he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

"Word of God, Word of Life." **Thanks to be God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

♫ *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world .

♫ *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL—MARK 8:31-38

The Gospel According to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

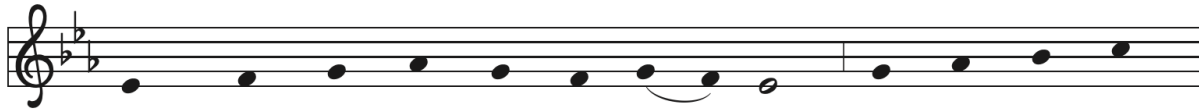
³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON—PR DEE EMMERT

HYMN OF THE DAY— ACS 1093 *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,
breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
glimpse your face,
of the Lamb,

THE 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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved especially those we name now on our lips or in our hearts. . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others especially Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, whom we commemorate today. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.

For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC— Handbell Ensemble: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav -
en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your res - ur -
 rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a gain.

O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, O
 Lord, un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a gain.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
 with the earth and all its creatures,
 with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God,
 blessed and holy Trinity,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

ANGUS DEI

1., 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. Grant us peace, grant us peace.
2. Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
mun-do, ten pie-dad deno-so-tros. Da-nosla paz, da-nosla paz.

COMMUNION HYMN— ELW 487: *What Feast of Love*

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| <p>1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!</p> | <p>2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!</p> |
| <p>3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!</p> | |

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements

BLESSING

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 HYMN— *Every Word*



1. O God of truth all you fore - told, no pow'r can sway, no trial o'er -
2. Je-sus your voice, al-might - y balm, it wakes the dead, the waves it
3. To-mor-row's cares are in your hand, you will pro - vide each day's de -



throw; from age to age it stands un - moved, all you have sworn you sure-ly
calms; my life you lived, your life you gave, three days of si - lence in the
mands; In you we have our ev' - ry need, you ne'er for - sake, help us be -



do. Of old your voice did pierce the dark, through bar - ren
grave. Then came the morn, the emp - ty tomb, our sins are
lieve. O God com - plete what you've be - gun, sus - tain us



wombs and har-dened hearts: "Fear not, for I shall be with
paid, our hope re - newed; You call to us, we rise with
till our race is run; through life and death, oh bring us



you," your ev'-ry word proves e - ver true. Praise the one whose pro-mi-ses are
you, your ev'-ry word proves e - ver true.
through, till ev'-ry word proves e - ver true.



"Yes, a - men!" You a - lone, your faith - ful - ness will ne - ver end. We will



stand se - cure, for your ways are sure. O God, your e - v'ry word is true.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

During the season of Lent our worship concludes without a postlude, as we await the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

Facebook Livestream: Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

Online Bulletins: Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

And Don't Forget Your Offering: Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tiekou at 510-290-2125

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 28th— Soup Supper/Evening Prayer @ Hope, El Sobrante 6:30pm

Feb 29th— GRIP Meet & Greet 5:30pm
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

March 9th—Bridges Conference 1:30-3:00pm to elect a new dean at CLC.
Volunteers needed to bring refreshments.

April 20th—Church Clean Up

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-Anon

Monday

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

4:30-5:45 PM Tai Chi

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

Tuesday

4:00-5:00 PM Tai Chi

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Wednesday

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

Thursday

5:00-6:00 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Christine Hult-Lewis

Coffee Hour: CLC Potluck

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

Flowers:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Fred	Roz
Mike and Liz S.	Marty S.	Pat
Chad B.	Molly B.	Duwayne
TJ Baar	Scott & Carol F.	Joan
The Vale Community	Mark M.	Pastor Doris Ng
Robin & Wendy	Ted & Jacque E.	Evie D.
George G.	Dee	
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Anna
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	The friends and family of Dan L.
Orlando G.	Michael H.	friends and family of Shirley
Karen H.	Heidi	Cosgrove
Laurie P.	Jan	

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