



SUNDAY MARCH 9TH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C



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**.

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 Chochochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

GATHERING

During the season of Lent, we observe a time of silence within the sanctuary. We encourage you to embrace this quiet space for prayer, meditation, and reflection. Please be mindful and maintain silence inside the sanctuary before worship begins. If you wish to converse, the fellowship hall is available for gathering and fellowship. Let us honor this sacred time together.

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical
hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and
again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN— ELW 322: *Oh, Love, How Deep*



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

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

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right of the Father to intercede for us.

Lord, have mercy. Lord have, mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING— DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for God's name to reside. Go to the priest who is in

office at that time and say: "I am declaring right now before the Lord my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God's altar. Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God: "My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors' God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. God brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land full of milk and honey. So

now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me."

Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

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

PSALM 91

He who dwells in the secret place
of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge
and my fortress; My God, in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.
He shall cover you with feathers and under His wings
shall you take refuge; Oh
He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings
shall you take refuge;

His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
Nor the pestilence that walks in the darkness,
Nor of destruction that lays waste at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.

**Living in the Most High’s shelter, camping in the Almighty’s shade,
I say to the Lord, “You are my refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God, the one I trust!”
Because you’ve made the Most High your refuge and dwelling place,
no evil will happen to you, no disease will come close to your tent.
God will order messengers to help and protect you wherever you go.
They’ll carry you with their hands so you don’t bruise your foot on a stone.
You’ll march on top of lions and vipers;
you’ll trample young lions and serpents underfoot.
God says, “Because you are devoted to me, I’ll rescue you.
I’ll protect you because you know my name.
Whenever you cry out to me, I’ll answer.
I’ll be with you in troubling times. I’ll save you and glorify you.
I’ll fill you full with old age. I’ll show you my salvation.”**

SECOND READING— ROMANS 10:8-13

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, All who have faith won’t be put to shame. There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on God. All who call on the Lord’s name will be saved.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus
Christ! Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord
Je - sus Christ!

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL—LUKE 4:1-13

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

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, People won’t live only by bread.”

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the dominions of the world. The devil said, “I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these realms. It’s been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It’s written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only God.”

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Heir, throw yourself down from here; for it’s written: God will command angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.”

Jesus answered, "It's been said, Don't test the Lord your God." After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

This is the Good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON— PR. RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— *As Your Spirit in the Desert*



As your spi - rit in the de - sert led the Christ to dust and
Though wild beasts may lurk in sha - dow, and dire thirst may sear and
God of sil - ence, God of speak - ing, God whose voice shakes earth and



stone, so in - still our hearts with cou - rage now to cross where Christ has
sting, you have pro - mised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing for us at the
sea, through the storms and through the still - ness, teach us, Lord, to trust in



gone. As your fire and clou - dy pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to Canaan led, may your
spring. Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's pull and strife, where be -
thee. God of de - sert, God of pro - mise, you have bid us jour - ney on through the



pre - sence be our com - fort, may your man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
yond our fear and cling - ing stand the thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
days of dust and dark - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross in - to the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the wil - der - ness
wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the wil - der - ness
wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone. Let us cross out of the wil - der - ness



with God's man - na as our bread, with God's man - na as our bread.
to the waters of the spring, to the waters of the spring.
to the ris - ing of the dawn, to the ris - ing of the dawn.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., the family and friends of Ken Reid, and the family and friends of Derek H. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life . Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

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

For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.

CHORAL OFFERING—*Return to God*

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;

Come seek the tender faithfulness of God

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;

Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,

A heart of compassion and love.

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the prisoner free;

If you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost;

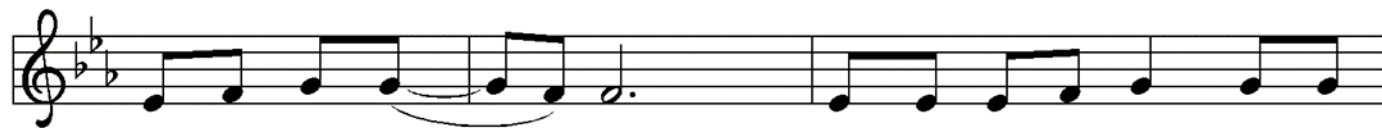
Give shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

OFFERTORY- ELW 185: *Create In Me A Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

In the night in which he was arrested.... let us pray as Jesus taught us

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.
grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN— *Here I Sojourn*

1. Here I so - journ as a
2. Here I so - journ, here in
3. Here I so - journ, 'neath Your

strang - er in a land that's not my own. To that fair and bet - ter count - ry, to my
ex - ile through a world of pleas - ures vain. Ne - ver far from sin and sor - row; deep - est
shel - ter, all my days are in Your hand. Till I come to see the riv - er, and to

rest and fin - al home. Through the val - ley, to'rd the pro - mise, let Your
joys yet marred with pain. In the fire You will not leave me, ev' - ry
gaze the prom - ised land. Christ my shep - herd, mine for - ev - er, He will

word a - light my way. When I wand - er, guard my steps, Lord, nev - er
need Your grace will fill. He who bore my cross is with me and He
bring me safe - ly home. There my eyes will see the Sav - ior, O take

let me go as - tray. Oh Christ my guide stands at my side. Praise the Lord, He's won the
bears my burd - ens still. heart, He's ov - er - come.

night! Our bless - ed hope will keep His own to the end so we wait for Him al -

one.

1. Here I
2. Here I
3. Here I

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Please feel free to stay and observe a moment of silence before you leave the sanctuary. This is also a good time to light a candle at our prayer corner in the back of the sanctuary. For those who wish to visit, please make your way to Fellowship Hall so as not to disturb others.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

Monday

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM Senior Center

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 PM Lenten Soup & Community

Thursday

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 6:30 PM Lenten Soup & Community Schedule:

March 12th – Christ Lutheran

March 19th - Shepherd of the Hills

March 26th - Hope Lutheran

April 2nd - University Lutheran

April 9th - Christ Lutheran

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

Good Friday: Christ Lutheran 7pm

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Elsa-Jennie

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

Flowers:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Julie D.	Mark M.	Brook
Mike and Liz S.	George G.	Jerome S.
Chad B.	Philip Y.	Barbara LM
TJ Baar	Maryann H.	Robin
The Vale Community	Heidi Jan	Will K. George & Cindy F.
Robin & Wendy	Roz	
Sandy Z.	Pat	Thelma & Mike G.
Carolina S.	Duwayne	Diane L.
Orlando G.	Joan	Carla L.
Karen H.	Pastor Doris Ng	The family and friends of Derek H.
Laurie P.	Evie D.	
Fred	Dee	
Molly B.	Anna	

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

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](#).

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