



SUNDAY MARCH 16TH, 2025

SECOND 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 Chochoeny.

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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— LSB 745: *In God, My Faithful God*



1. In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2. My sins as - sail me sore, but I de - spair no more.
3. If death my por - tion be, then death is gain to me
4. O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, so meek in deed and word,
5. "So be it," then I say with all my heart each day.



though man - y woes o'er - take me, yet He will not for - sake me.
I build on Christ, who loves me; from this Rock noth - ing moves me.
and Christ my Life for - ev - er, from whom death can - not sev - er.
Thou once didst die to save us be - cause Thy love would have us
We, too, dear Lord, a - dore Thee, we sing with joy be - fore Thee.



His love it is doth send them and, when 'tis best, will end them.
To Him I all sur - ren - der, to Him, my soul's De - fend - er.
Come when it may, He'll shield me, to Him I whol - ly yield me.
be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness when ends this life of sad - ness.
Guide us while here we wan - der un - til we praise Thee yon - der.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of 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— GENESIS 15:1-12

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great." But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus. Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them. This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

God said to Abram, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession." But Abram said, "Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

God said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn't split the birds. When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. That day the Lord cut a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates.

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

PSALM 27

Choir - Marty Haugen

I need you to listen. I need you to answer.

*Oh God, I need you to-I want to see your face.
It is this love I have. It makes me search for you.*

*Do not avoid my eyes or let me anger you.
Do not toss me aside. Oh God, do not drop me.*

*You are the only hope I have, Father, Mother.
They can leave me orphaned but your love must never.
Lead me to you, oh God, along the smoothest road*

*There are those who hate me. Do not leave me to them.
They eat my life away by lying under oath or twisting evidence.*

*I trust your love. I will see your beauty after death in your land of life.
My love will wait for you. It will be strong, waiting.
Oh God, my love will wait!*

SECOND READING— PHILIPPIANS 3: 17-4: 1

Beloved siblings, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way, you can use us as models. As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our humble bodies to a glorious body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection. Therefore, my siblings whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

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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! _____

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

GOSPEL—LUKE 13:31-35

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

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.” Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it’s necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

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

SERMON— PR. RON



HYMN OF THE DAY— *Our God Will Go Before Us*



Our God will go be - fore us And guide us by His pre - sence What



con - fi - dence this pro - mise is We will ne - ver walk a - lone Through


Verse 2-3



un-known paths, through sha - dows Our hearts fear not to - mor - row For e - very step His
e - vil forms a - gainst us All hea - ven will de - fend us The gates of hell shall



faith-ful-ness Is the truth that lights our way Our God will go be - fore us The
not pre-vail For the bat - tle is the Lord's



Lord of hosts is with us O praise the one who leads us on For his grace will bring us

1.

2.

Verse 4



home Though home Now send us with your pre - sence And lead us on to



hea - ven Where songs of sor-row strain no more And our e - very breath is praise O let our



e - very breath be praise Our God will go be - fore us The lord of hosts is

1.



with us O praise the one who leads us on For His grace will bring us home Our

2.



home For His grace will bring us home

APOSTLES CREED

As we reflect and nurture our baptismal promises during Lent, all are invited to recite this ancient baptismal creed. Visitors, please feel free to participate at your own comfort level.

I believe in God the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's chosen one, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried, and descended to the dead. Christ rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Sarai, Abram, and Paul, to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need, especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., the family and friends of Ken R., and the family and friends of Derek H. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Chosen One, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to 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.

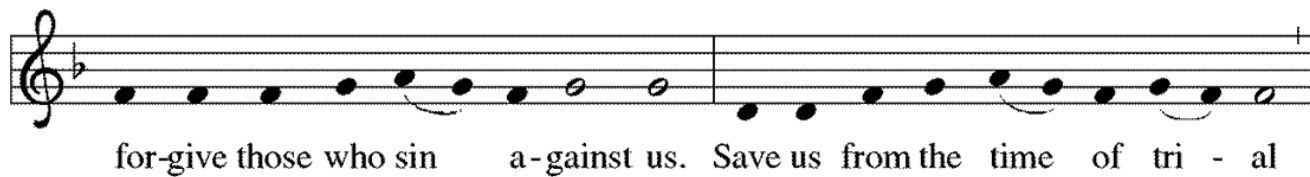
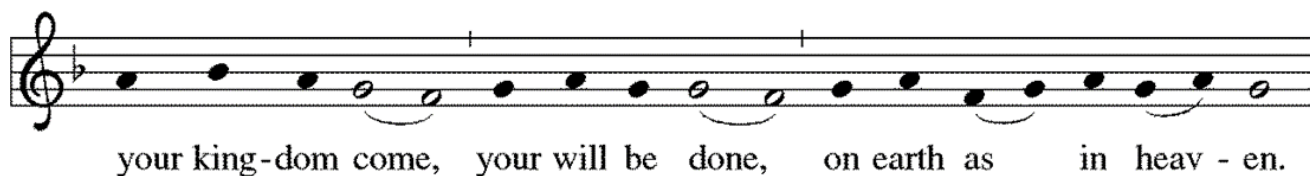
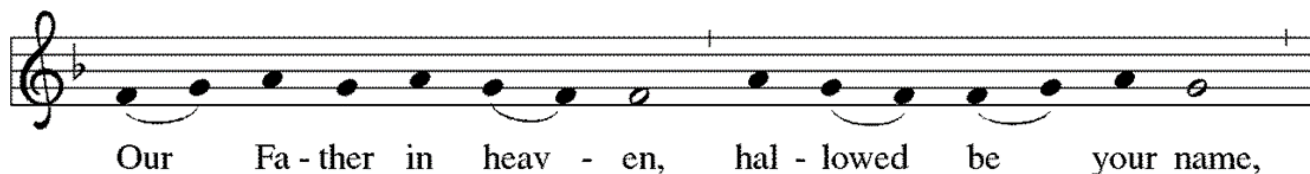
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OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way _____ the sins of the world,

1, 2
have mer - cy _____ on us.

Final
grant us peace. _____

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN— *Save Your People. O Lord* - Jim Farrell

Refrain

Save your peo-ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come

home. We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your

peo-ple, O Lord.

Verses

1. One thing I ask, O
2. For you will hide me in the
3. Lis - ten, O Lord, to the
4. Thus will I bless you all the

1. Lord, this I seek: to dwell for - ev - er in your
2. shel - ter of your wings and from the ar - rows of my
3. sound of my call, for I ac - knowl - edge my of -
4. days of my life. Lift - ing my hands, I call your

1. house, that I may gaze on your love - li - ness
2. foes. You set me high on a moun-tain-top,
3. fense. Wash me and I shall be pur - i - fied.
4. name: "O Lord, re - mem - ber your in - her - i - tance.

to Refrain

1. all the days of my life.
2. saved me from my dis - tress.
3. I shall be whit - er than snow.
4. Save your peo - ple, O Lord!"

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 6:30 PM Lenten Soup & Community Schedule:

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

Vigil of Easter: University Lutheran 9pm

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

March 31st-April 6th

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Julie D.	Carolina S.	Dee
Diane L.	Karen H.	Anna
Lysle P.	Laurie P.	Jerome S.
Mike & Liz S.	Fred W.	Carla L.
The Vale Community	Molly B.	Vince
Robin & Wendy	Chad B.	Thelma & Mike G.
Cindy & George F.	TJ B.	Family and friends of Avery G.
Sandy Z.	Evie D.	Family and friends of Marcia K.

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

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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

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