



SUNDAY APRIL 6TH, 2025

FIFTH 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 Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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 750: *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos - om bear me home,



with ten - der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

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— ISAIAH 43:16-21

The Almighty says, who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and battalion; they will lie down together and will not rise; they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick. Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor

me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones, this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.


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

PSALM 126


REFRAIN




The Lord ____ has done great things for us; we are



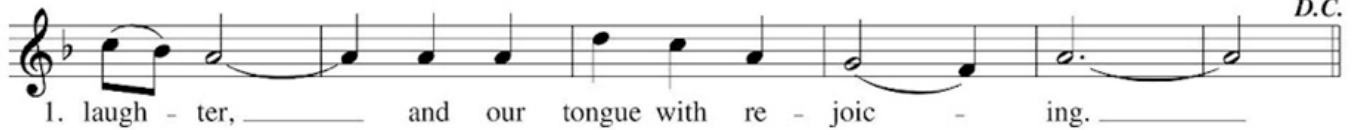
filled ____ with joy. ____



1. When the LORD brought back the cap - tives of Zi - on,




1. we were like *peo - ple dream-ing. Then our mouth was filled with




1. laugh - ter, ____ and our tongue with re - joic - ing. ____

D.C.


VERSE 2




2. Then they said a - mong ____ the na - tions, ____ "The"



2. LORD has done great things for them." ____ The LORD has




2. done great things for us; we ____ are glad in -



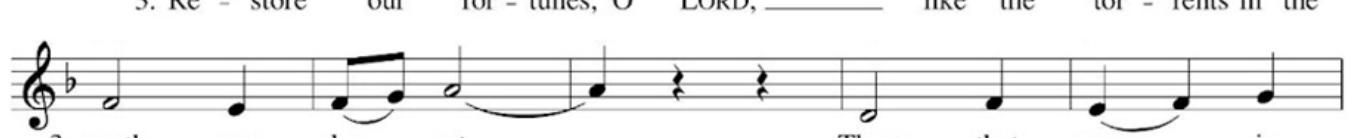
2. deed. ____

D.C.

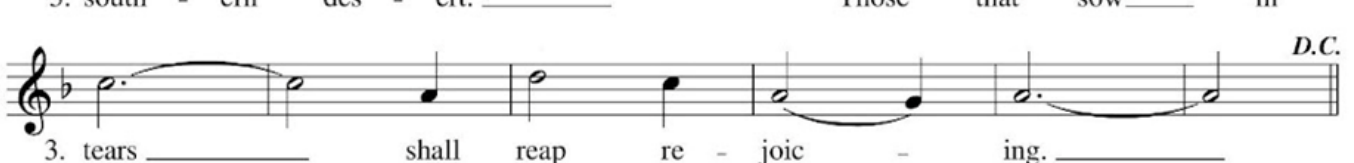
VERSE 3:



3. Re - store our for - tunes, O LORD, ____ like the tor - rents in the



3. south - ern des - ert. ____ Those that sow ____ in



3. tears ____ shall reap re - joic - ing. ____

D.C.

VERSE 4

4. Al - though they go forth weep - ing, _____ car - ry - ing the

4. seed to be sown, _____ They shall come back _____ re -

4. joic - ing, _____ car - ry - ing their sheaves. _____ *D.C.*

SECOND READING— PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

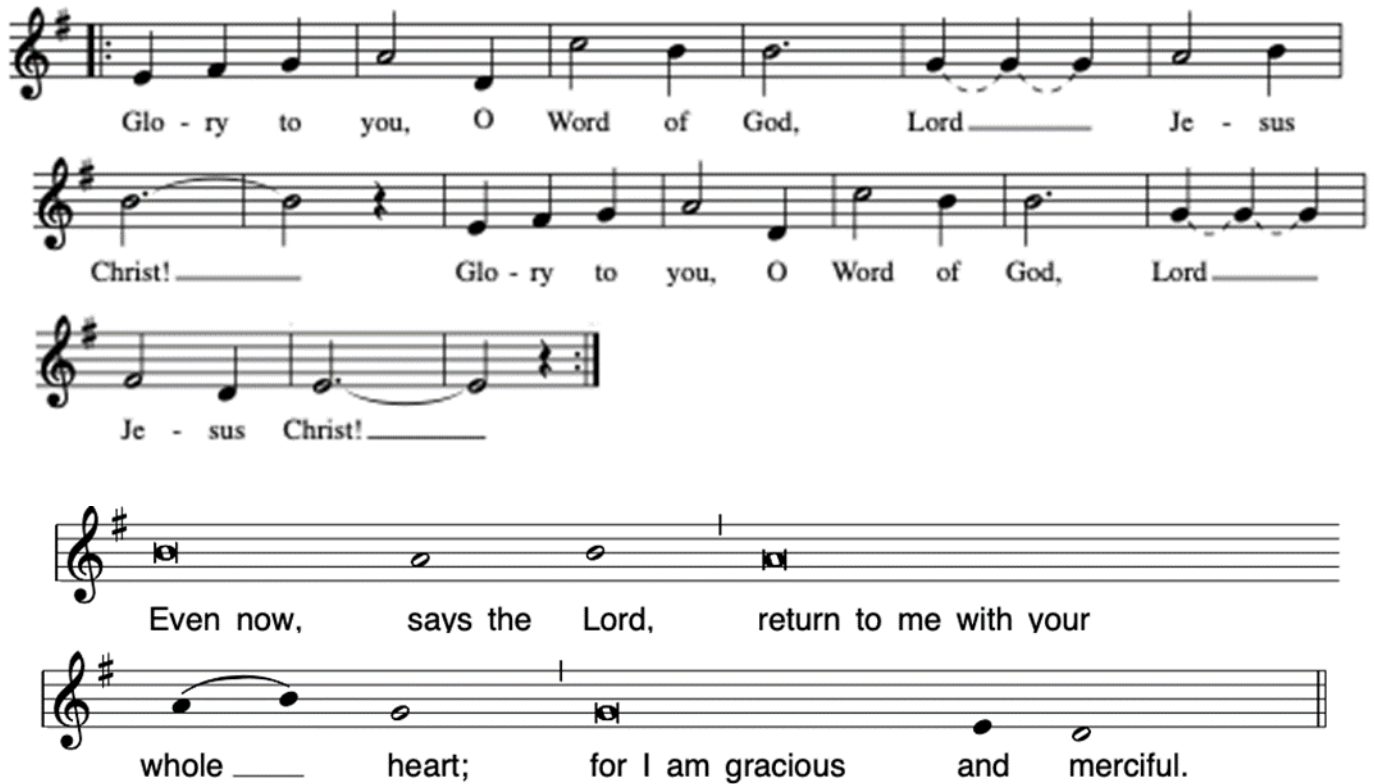
If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee. With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my savior. I have lost everything for Christ, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in Christ. In whom I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of the resurrection, and the participation in Christ's sufferings. It includes being conformed to Christ's death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Siblings, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

“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! _____

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your

whole _____ heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

GOSPEL—JOHN 12:1-8

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

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume.

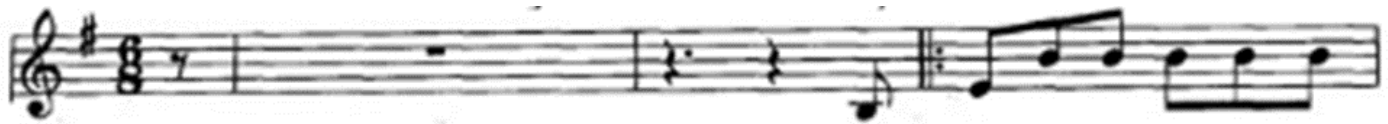
Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

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

SERMON— MC MILLER

HYMN OF THE DAY— *Said Judas to Mary*



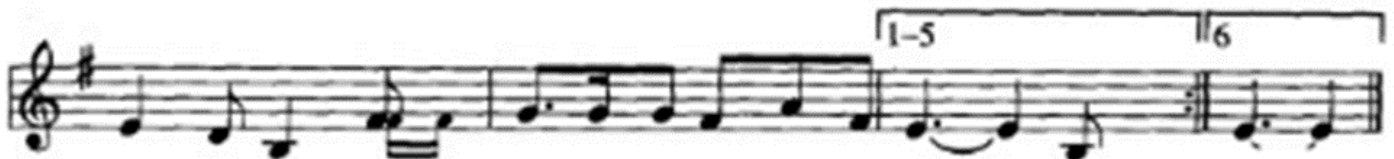
- 1 Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now
- 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O
- 3 "To - mor-row, to-mor-row, I'll
- 4 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your



what will you do with your oint-ment so rich and so rare?" "I'll
think of the poor. This oint-ment, it could have been sold; And
think of the poor; to - mor-row," she said, "not to - day; For
love is so deep, to - day you may do as you will. To -



pour it all o - ver the feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it a-way with my
think of the blan-kets and think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and
dear-er than all of the poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a -
mor-row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you



hair," she said, "I'll wipe it a-way with my hair." (2 "O" (6-way.")
gold," he said, "you could buy with the sil - ver and gold." (3 "To-
way," she said, "my love who is go - ing a - way." (4 Said)
still," he said, "my bo - dy I leave with you still." (5 "The)

5 "The poor of the world are my bod-y,"
he said,
"to the end of the world they shall be.
The bread and the blan-kets you give
to the poor
you will know you have giv-en to me,"
he said,
"you'll know you have giv-en to me."

6 "My bod-y will hang on the cross
of the world
to-mor-row," he said, "not to-day.
And Mar-tha and Mar-y will find me
a-gain
and wash all my sor-row a-way,"
he said,
"and wash all my sor-row a-way."

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.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, your Chosen One prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., and the family and friends of Cindy Fosselius. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. 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.**

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.

OFFERING- *Chris the Life of all the Living*

1. Christ the life of all the liv - ing, Christ the death of
2. You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it
3. Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, treat - ing Thee with
4. Then, for all that bought our par - don, for the sor - rows

death, our foe, Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fi - xion,
cru - el scorn, Ev'n with pier - cing thorns they crowned Thee;
deep and sore, for the an - guish in the gar - den,

to the dark - est depths of woe: through your suff' - ring,
ful - ly to a - tone for me; for you chose to
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, has borne, Thus didst Thou my
I will thank you e - ver more; thank you for the

death, and mer - it, life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
be tor - men - ted that my doom should be pre - ven - ted.
soul de - li - ver from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

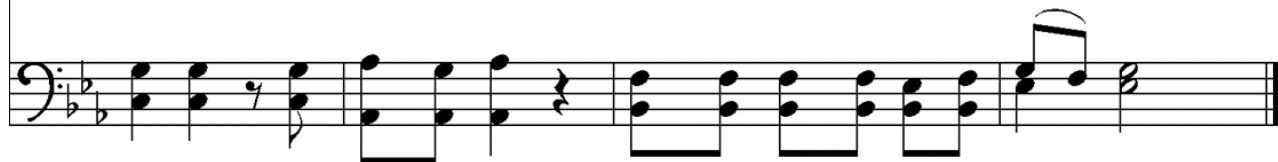
LAYING ON OF HANDS



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN— *Wood and Nails*

1. O hum - ble car - pen - ter, down on your hands — and — knees,
 2. O lo - ving la - bor - er with the sweat u - pon your face,

look on your han - di - work and build a house so you may dwell in
 o build a ta - ble that I too may join you in the Fa - ther's

Me, so you may dwell in Me. The work was done
 place, oh, in — the Fa - ther's place!

with no - thing but — wood and nails — in Your — scar - borne hands

— O show me how to work and praise — trus - ting that

— I am Your — in - stru - ment. —

The work was done
 The king - dom's come
 The dead will rise
 The curse is done,

with no - thing but — wood and nails — in Your — scar - borne hands
 and built u - pon — wood and nails — gripped with — joy - ful - ness —
 and give You praise — wood and nails — will — hold them down!
 the bat - tle won, — swords bent down — in — to plow — shares,

— O show me how to work and praise — trus - ting that
 — So send me out with in Your ways — know - ing that
 — These wood - en tombs, we'll break them soon — and fa - shion them
 — Your scar - borne hands we'll join with them — ser - ving at —

— I am Your — in - stru - ment. —
 — the task is — fi - nished —
 — in to — flo - wer — beds. —
 — the ta - ble — You've pre - pared. —

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

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

March 31st-April 6th

April 21st-May 4th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 6:30 PM Lenten Soup & Community Schedule:

April 9th - Christ Lutheran

Holy Week:

April 17th: Maundy Thursday: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran 6:30pm

April 18th: Good Friday: Christ Lutheran 7pm

April 19th: Vigil of Easter: University Lutheran 9pm

April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt after worship

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR OFFERING

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