

Sunday - March 1, 2026
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.

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

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,

and gives you life and peace.

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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING & KYRIE

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Musical notation for the first Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the treble staff.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

Musical notation for the second Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Christ, have mercy.' are written below the treble staff.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

Musical notation for the third Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the treble staff.

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

1 The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4a So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

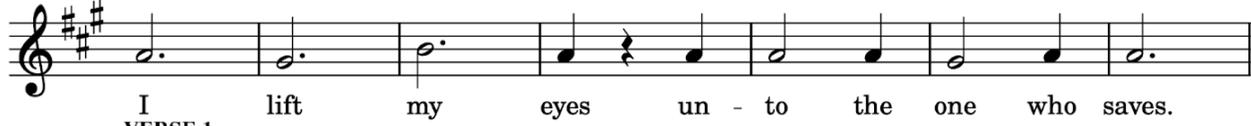
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

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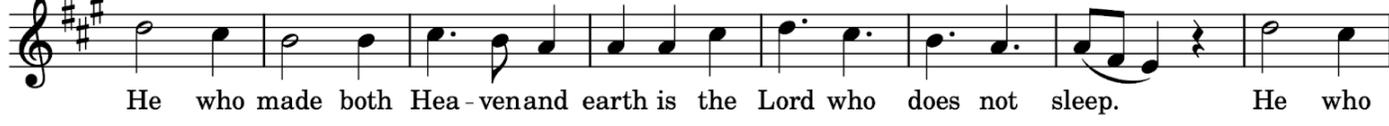


I lift my eyes to the one from whom sal - va - tion comes.

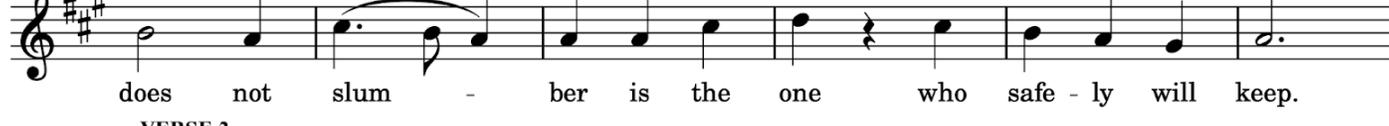


I lift my eyes un - to the one who saves.

VERSE 1



He who made both Hea - ven and earth is the Lord who does not sleep. He who

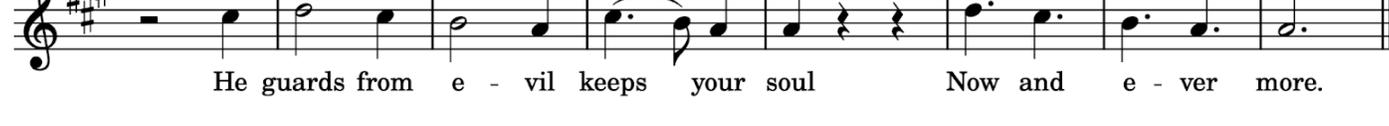


does not slum - ber is the one who safe - ly will keep.

VERSE 2



The Lord will watch your go - ing out and your com - ing in the door.



He guards from e - vil keeps your soul Now and e - ver more.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the 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. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise

is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

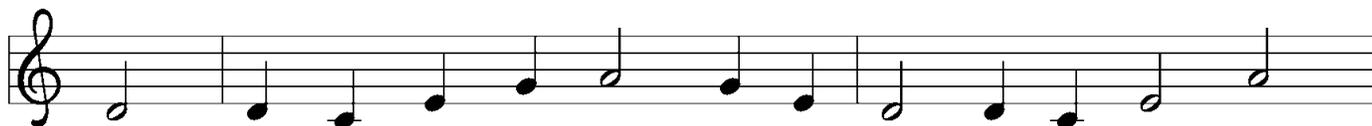
17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

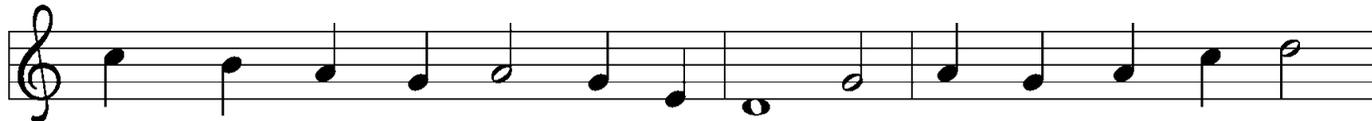
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON- Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW 666: *What Wondrous Love is This*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

APOSTLE'S 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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., the family and friends of Jacque Emmert, Mike and the family and friends of Liz Smith. . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Choir Anthem: For God So Loved the World

OFFERTORY- Abraham Journey to a New Country

Abraham journeyed to a new country;
Sarah went with him, journeying too.
Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army;
Ruth left the home and people she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order;
Soldiers were coming! They had to flee.
Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border;
So was our Lord a young refugee.

Some heard the promise — God's hand would bless them!
Some fled from hunger, famine and pain.
Some left a place where others oppressed them;
All trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger?
Who shared a home or gave them some bread?
Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger?
Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?

God, our own families came here from far lands;
We have been strangers, "aliens" too.
May we reach out and offer a welcome
As we have all been welcomed by you.

OFFERING PRAYER & 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... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

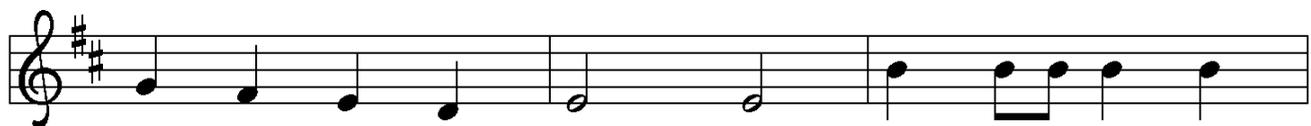
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



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.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 & AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN- LSB 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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
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
do. Of old your voice did pierce the dark, through bar - ren
grave. Then came the morn, the emp - ty tomb, our sins are
wombs and har-dened hearts: "Fear not, for I shall be with
paid, our hope re - newed; You call to us, we rise with
you," your ev'-ry word proves e - ver true. Praise the one whose pro-mi-ses are
"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. Believe the good news.

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

Lenten Soup Supper this Wednesday March 4 at Hope.

March 11 at CLC- Volunteers Needed.

April 12- Congregational Meeting

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Kim Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Dee Flowers: Coffee Hour:</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Soup Supper at Hope</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

<p>Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Carolina S. Karen H.</p>	<p>Laurie P. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Girija and Mami Jimmy D. Vince Thelma & Mike G.</p>	<p>Mark Chris Phil C. Helen C. Family and friends of Jacque E. Mike and the family and friends of Liz S.</p>
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