

***Welcome to
Christ Lutheran Church***



**February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
On-Line Streaming Service**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *My Jesus I Love Thee*

arr. by Wagner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus
Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

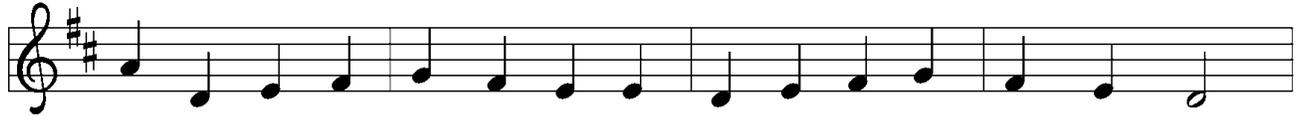
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* ELW 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - ti - ence bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



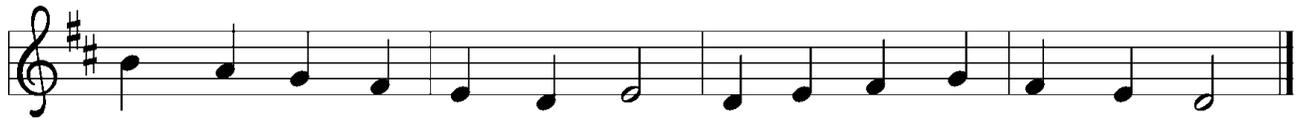
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



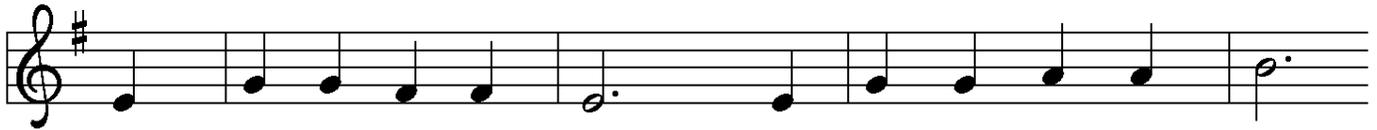
Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

REETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The first reading is written in the 17th chapter of Genesis beginning at the 1st verse.

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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

Refrain (R)



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's |
line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in
their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from
them;**

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear
the LORD.

26The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your
hearts | live forever! R**

**27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to
the LORD;**

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**28For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

**29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in
worship;**

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall
kneel be- | fore the LORD.

**30Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

**31They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet
unborn,**

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

The second reading is written in the 4th chapter of Romans
beginning at the 13th verse.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

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.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Pastor Serena Sellers

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HYMN OF THE DAY:

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LBW 192



1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here you take me hence-forth to be your
3 O faith - ful God, you nev - er fail me; your cov-'nant sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly, re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir; my faith - ful Sav - ior, here you make me
will a - bide. Let not e - ter - nal death as - sail me
Lord, from me. Oh, let me make my vows sin - cere - ly,



a - mong your seed, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
the fruit of all your sor - rows share; O Ho - ly Ghost, you
should I trans-gress it on my side! Have mer - cy when I
and help me your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, I have your Spir - it now with - in.
com - fort me though threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

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.

PEACE

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

Share that peace with those around you.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, so that the community is welcome, the gospel is shared and the hungry are fed.

If you would like to give an online donation to the church, please click this link.

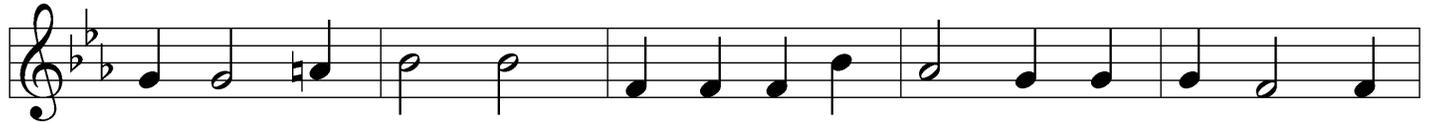
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GIFT OF MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



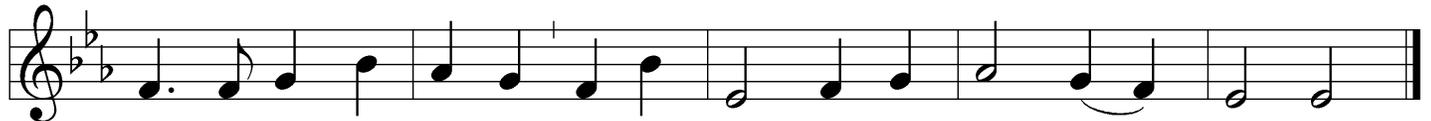
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



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 un - to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,

and lead us to living water, gushing forth to eternal life.

Accompany us on our journey,

that we may pass over from death to life

with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, made in your image, you claim all people as your own, and extend your gift of grace. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. May your love, reflected through your church, draw all people to you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creative God, you claim your whole creation. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Powerful God, your rule claims every nation. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. We pray for our companion synod in Tanzania, for unrest in Myanmar and negotiations in the Middle East. Provide pathways for leaders addressing poverty, health, and security throughout the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever present God, in Jesus you did not abandon us but claimed humanity for yourself by joining us in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression especially Tom Caldwell, Jim D'Amato, David Dilks, Barry Evans, Russ Fischer, Charlie Hoffman, Gary & Deb Johnson-McNutt, Jim & Michele Keyser, Ella Landes, Grace Landis, Ginny

Overholtzer, Karen Pfister, Winnie Reese, Marie Roberts, Ruth Seasholtz, Jakob Strohl and Janice Webb.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Prolific God, you claimed Abraham and Sarah and made them the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless all who provide care and guidance to children. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be claimed by a loving family. Equip ministries and services to families, especially Lutheran Children and Family Services; Kencrest; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; and others.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Claiming God, you call us to be your children and reflect your self-giving love. Help us to wear our baptismal identity boldly. Equip us to take up our cross and show your presence to those who suffer.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, your claim on our lives never ends. In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We await the day of Christ's coming. We praise you for all the saints who have claimed your baptismal promise and joined you in glory. May we also find our lives in you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *God the Father, Be Our Stay* 14th century

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