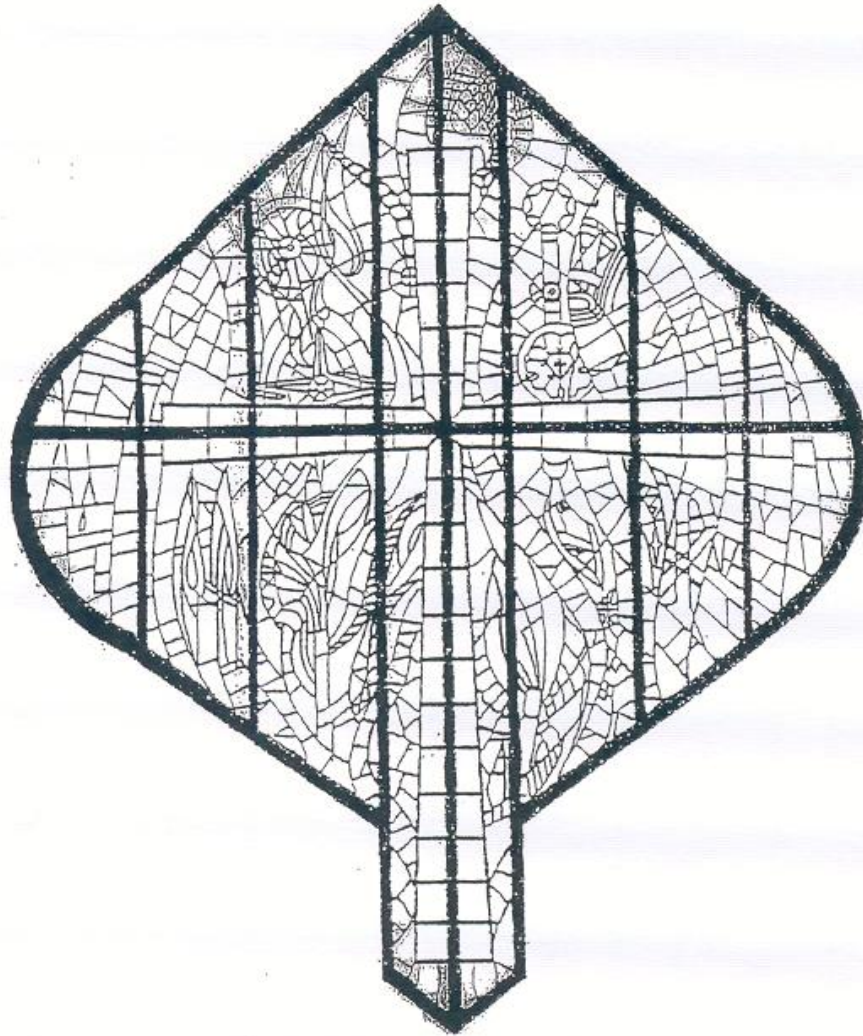


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Here at Christ Lutheran Church we believe, teach and confess that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin, and that He alone is the way to eternal life.

We believe, teach, and confess that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is received along with the elements of bread and wine, and that the reception of this gift in faith is a means through which God Himself forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith, and unites us as His children.

If your own personal beliefs are in complete harmony with these Biblical truths, if you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in these Lutheran confessions, if you recognize the reality of sin in your life and desire to receive God's forgiveness, and if you acknowledge that receiving Holy Communion at our table expresses an implied unity with us in the body of Christ you are welcome to join us at the table of our Lord.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

- Inspirational worship
- Loving service
- Caring fellowship
- Relevant education

so that they may know, and grow in, his love.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Fruit of Jesus - Joy

March 28, 2024

AS WE GATHER

The whole salvation story, woven throughout the pages of sacred Scripture, leads to a feast. As we gather for worship this Thursday of Holy Week, we experience the same: everything leads us to a feast. Who are the ones welcomed to this feast? Only those who are poor, crippled, blind, and lame are invited (Luke 14:21). Only the bankrupt are welcome here. Only those who know they can never repay the Host of this Meal for His loving kindness are welcome to sit at His Table. "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15). How blessed we are to eat His bread and drink from His cup together this day! For in the sacred feast our nail-scarred Host has prepared, we who lack so much are given everything we could possibly need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB #435

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 18:13

Pastor: By means of His Word and Supper, we gather together this day to receive our Savior's mercy and respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and deed, we are spiritually bankrupt

and unworthy of the grace we receive. Yet at the invitation of our loving Redeemer, we come to His Table and take our place with Him. Acknowledging our sin, let us find refuge in our God of grace and say, “God be merciful to me, a sinner.”

In silent prayer, we reflect on God’s Word and confess our sins to the Lord.

Pastor: Together, let us pray:

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, that we may enjoy the fullness of Your presence at the feast You have prepared for all who trust in You. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise again for you so that you may be redeemed and restored. You have been invited to the eternal banquet, the heavenly feast, where our Savior and Host delights us with the richest of fare, the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a servant of Christ and your pastor, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

Pastor: I love the LORD, because He has heard

People: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me,

People: therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish.

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

People: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.

People: **Grant that we who can never repay You for Your mercy may be blessed as we eat with You in the kingdom of God;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:3-11

Lector

(The blood of the covenant was offered for God's people.)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Lector

(A participation in the body and blood of Christ.)

HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB #637

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26

Pastor

(Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire”* LSB #553
(v. 1, 2, & 5)

SERMON Series: The Fruit of Jesus John Stennfeld
 Sermon 8: Joy
 Text: *John 15:11, Hebrews 12:2*

OFFERING

(Please rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us lift up our hearts and voices to the God of all mercy as He has invited us to pray to Him in the name of our Savior and in the way in which He has taught us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, look with mercy upon us, for without Your aid we are spiritually poor, crippled, blind, and lame. Grant us grace that Your holy name is kept sacred among us and that, in all the world, Your Son may be known through the preaching of Your Word to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: King of kings, may Your rule and reign come to us and expand throughout the world. Bring all who are blinded by sin and bound by death to know Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Work through our earthly leaders and public servants so that Your hand of blessing may be known to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: How blessed we are to eat bread in Your kingdom, O God! Lord Jesus, You alone are the Bread of Life, and You alone satisfy our hungry hearts. Grant to us our daily bread and help us to realize that You daily and richly provide for all that we need according to Your own riches and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us. Center our hearts and minds on You alone. As we recognize that we are spiritually bankrupt without Your mercy, grant that the spirit of unforgiveness be removed from us so that we live in peace with You and with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us to take refuge in Your grace. On this very night, You were betrayed by one of Your own and handed over to death. Direct us to follow You to the cross of Calvary, where You laid down Your life to deliver us from the evil one and all his works and all his ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We belong to You, O Lord. Renew us, guide us, and lead us so that we may bless Your holy name and celebrate the feast You have prepared for us,
People: **for Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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 the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”* LSB #434
(v. 1)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”* LSB #618

DISMISSAL BLESSING

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Jesus, Lamb of God, we thank You for refreshing us through the gift of Your body and blood in this sacred Meal.

People: Enable us with renewed minds and hearts to always love and trust in You alone;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB #436

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

According to local custom, the chancel items and communion vessels may be removed, while the congregation may join in a responsive psalm, then depart from the sanctuary in silent reflection.

PSALM *Psalm 22:1–10*

Pastor: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

People: O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Pastor: Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

Pastor: To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

People: “He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”

Pastor: Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

People: On You was I cast from My birth, and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

The congregation departs from the sanctuary in silent reflection.

SERVING TODAY

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