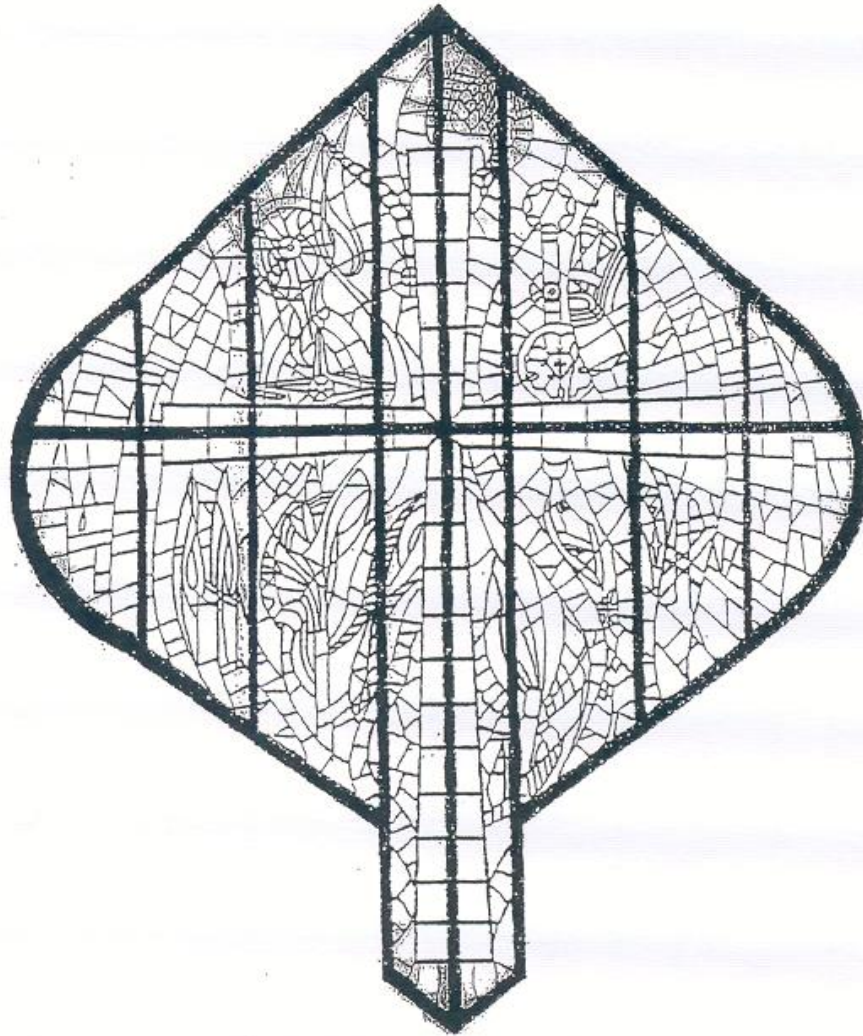


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

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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GOOD FRIDAY

The Fruit of Jesus – Self Control

March 29, 2024

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. "By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ's, and the righteousness of Christ is ours," Luther writes. "He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness" (*Select Works*). Let us give Jesus glory for the "wonderful exchange" He has made with us at the cross!

HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB #440

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with His stripes we are healed.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.

Pastor: Gracious Father,

People: have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus,

People: take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.

Pastor: Renewing Holy Spirit,

People: Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

People: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

People: and Your hand has come down on me.

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;
People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;
People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

KYRIE

Pastor: Suffering Savior,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Crucified Christ,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Merciful Messiah,
People: grant us Your peace.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,
People: with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13-53; 12* Lector
(The Messiah “was numbered with the transgressors”
and “bore the sin of many.”)

SERMON HYMN “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” LSB #439
(v. 1-5)

SERMON

Series: The Fruit of Jesus
Sermon 9: Self-Control
Text: Isaiah 53:7

John Stennfeld

OFFERING

TENEBRAE

PASSION READING

John 18:1-27
(Jesus is arrested; Peter denies Him)

Lector

The first candle is extinguished.

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:6-8

(God's Suffering Servant is described.)

Pastor: Behold, My servant shall act wisely;

People: **He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.**

Pastor: As many were astonished at you -

People: **His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind -**

Pastor: so shall He sprinkle many nations;

People: **kings shall shut their mouths because of Him;**

Pastor: for that which has not been told them they see,

People: **and that which they have not heard they understand.**

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

People: **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Pastor: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

People: **he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.**

Pastor: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested?

People: **For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.**

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN*"The Lamb"*LSB #547
(v. 1-4)*The third candle is extinguished.***PASSION READING**

John 18:28-19:18

Lector

(Pilate questions Jesus)

HYMN*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*LSB #450
(v. 1 & 7)*The fourth candle is extinguished.***PASSION READING**

John 19:19-22

Lector

(The title over the cross)

HYMN*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*LSB #451
(v. 1-3)*The fifth candle is extinguished.***PASSION READING**

John 19:23-24

Lector

(Soldiers divide Jesus' clothes)

*The sixth candle is extinguished.***RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalms 31:1-2, 4-5, 9-10*

Pastor: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

People: deliver me in your righteousness.

Pastor: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

People: be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Pastor: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

People: for you are my refuge.

Pastor: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

People: deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

Pastor: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;

People: my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

Pastor: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;

People: my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

HYMN*“Were You There”*

LSB #456

*The seventh candle is extinguished.***PASSION READING**

John 19:25-27

Lector

(The death and burial of Jesus)

HYMN*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*LSB #437
(v. 1 & 2)*The altar candles are extinguished.*

(Please rise)

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.**

PASSION READING

John 19:28-30

Lector

*The Christ candle is extinguished.***STREPITUS****SLAMMING OF THE BOOK****SOLO***“O Darkest Woe”**(The congregation is asked to leave in silence)*

SERVING TODAY

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