

Third Sunday of Lent

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Welcome to worship! So glad you're here!

To assist in your worship: * means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond together + means you may make the sign of the cross, should you choose.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME:

Peter's courage sent him into the courtyard to witness the events of Jesus' arrest and conviction. Peter's fear made him deny knowing his Lord and friend.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

*Sarabande
Handbell Choir*

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.
Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God, These 40 days we reflect on how our sin bleeds into the world, leaving a mark that we cannot remove. Forgive all we have done and failed to do, and cleanse us from the stain of sin.

Our God is gracious and forgiving. God does not desire that we wallow in the brokenness, but instead cleanses us and makes us new. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sin, and walk in newness of life. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

#857

**Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.**

*GREETING

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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful Lord, **Peter denied knowing you when you needed the love and support of your disciples the most. Help us to show up when we are needed. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Psalm 17

Pew Bible Old Testament Pg. 547

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

*GOSPEL VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL

John 18:12-27

Pew Bible New Testament Pg.116

The Holy Gospel according to John the 18thchapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Ron Nelson

*SERMON HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

#666

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Faithful God, **hear our prayer.**

We call upon you, and you answer us, O Lord. Into your hands we place these, our prayers, and entrust all whom we love, including ourselves and our lives, to your eternal mercy, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Give Thanks

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray, Lord, sometimes all we have to offer is our fear and our brokenness. But we still strive to offer the best of ourselves, even when we feel limited by our humanness. Accept these gifts, offered by a people who are sometimes driven by fear, and sometimes by courage, and always with a deep love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*THE 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, and our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that this is Jesus' table. Jesus is the host of this meal and turns no one away. We serve communion by "intinction." Come forward by the side aisles, receive the bread and dip it in either the red wine or white grape juice. Return by the center aisle. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose that your child not commune, please have them come forward with you to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

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

*SENDING SONG

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

#335

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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It is our joy to worship with you this morning!

CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. A special play area is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the main entry. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the play area. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Christ Is Alive!*

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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