

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Wednesday Lenten Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)**

March 26, 2025 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

**\* Call to Worship**

P: Gather together to worship God!

**C: We gather to reunite with God's purposes.**

P: Gather together to walk with Christ!

**C: We gather to make our way to the cross.**

P: Gather together as disciples committed to holy life!

**C: We gather to live the faith fully in our lives.**

**\* Gathering Hymn 606**

**“Our Father, We Have Wondered”**

**\* 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.**

**\* The Prayer of the Day**

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading: Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near  
you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **Homily**

Pastor Daniel Swanson

### **\* Prayers of the People**

### **\* Words of Institution**

### **\* The 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 THE SACRAMENT**

### **\* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in  
God's grace.

**C:** Amen.

**\* Blessing**

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\* Sending Hymn 328**

**“Restore in Us, O God”**

**\* Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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**Wednesdays of Lent**

12-Noon *followed by lunch (Noon only) March 26, April 2, 9!*

*(Please sign-up to donate soup or desserts on round table in the main narthex)*

6:30 pm

**Church Council has designated that all Lenten/Easter offerings** go to Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration Services)

**Would you like to go to Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly? It will be held Friday, May 30, through Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 Carrol Street, Westminster, MD.** If you are interested in being one of our delegates, please let Pastor Daniel know before April 6<sup>th</sup>.

*We need to hold a brief congregational meeting on April 6th following worship to clarify the way that we will pay for our new roof. Please stay for this brief meeting. Roofers are to be starting work soon.*

**Interested in Planning for Christ Lutheran’s Future?** At the January Congregational meeting, a motion was made and passed to establish a committee to take an in-depth look at the church. The purpose is to do long term planning for our future. Topics could include potential building maintenance issues and how to save for them, services we offer now and in the future, our aging congregation and declining membership to name a few. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this Committee. **If you are interested in serving, please notify Shirley by March 30<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks for your continued support.

**Your Social Ministry team is preparing to distribute Easter food baskets to 25 or more needy households in our area.** We’ll begin the collection of cash and food items on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and will conclude when we assemble the food baskets on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Our plan is to use cash donations to purchase grocery store gift cards (for a main course like ham or turkey) and we’re also hoping for donations of non-perishable items that we’re collecting on a table in the Narthex (under the bulletin board). ***Sign-up sheets are present for each of the requested non-perishable items, which need to be brought to church no later than Sunday, April 13th.*** Cash donations can be sent to the office marked “**Easter basket.**” **A donation of \$45** would cover the cost of a whole basket, but cash donations in any amount are appreciated.

If you have any questions, or would like to help us shop for groceries and assemble the food baskets, please reach out to Ruth Chiarenza at 301-729-5070. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

**Last few days - Thrivent Choice Dollars - Thrivent Members** – Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran. **If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars that you have not designated for 2024, please do so before March 31, 2025.** In April, their year begins and previous year's money will not be available. This money is an enormous help for our fundraising needs. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state “Thrivent Choice®”

**On behalf of the Church Council,** I would like to thank everyone who helped with the joint funeral service held for Jim and Shawn Miller on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. We anticipated a large funeral, and it lived up to those expectations. As we do in times like these, Christ Lutheran members pulled together to make this happen seamlessly. We had over 30 members contributing to the overall effort. We had members getting the church ready beforehand, decluttering, setting up chairs, rearranging pews, etc. On the day of the funeral, our musicians were here (organist and choir). There were members in the parking lot directing traffic. We had ushers, communion assistants, IT team and food servers. All giving their time to help a grieving family. We received numerous compliments and thank yous from the family and other attendees. Thanks also to Pastor Daniel for his time spent with the family and his part in the overall coordination. Collectively, we gave an effort of which we should all be proud. Thanks again, Dianne Short, Church Council president.

**Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry!** For the month of March, we'd like to encourage you to donate cooking oil! Any size or variety would be appreciated. You are still welcome to donate any shelf-stable, unopened and unexpired food items.



**IF YOU WISH TO HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER, please fill out this sheet and return with your payment.**

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church; place payment and this form in envelope. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS is Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary for the Easter Worship Services. You may pick-up your flowers to take home after the 10:00 Service on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

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\$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips  
\$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God, in Memory of, or in Honor of:

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