

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

February 25, 2026 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: There is something more,

C: Or something missing,

P: That sends us searching in the dark,

C: Looking for answers,

P: Risking a question.

C: We are drawn here

P: Because God touched us,

C: Gave us hope,

P: Whispered our name.

C: Here in this place,

P: We journey toward grace

C: And know the "something more"

P: Is revealed in the love of Jesus' face.

*** Gathering Hymn 451**

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

*** Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4a*

¹ The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as 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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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*** 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: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 543**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Five Wednesdays of Lent – February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

12-Noon *followed by lunch (Noon only)* Please join us for worship and lunch!
6:30 pm Worship

Church Council has designated our Lenten/Easter offerings for the LaVale Food Pantry.

Please pick up your Lenten Devotional on the round table in the main narthex – A Time of Grace and Peace by Alice Camille and Lent Calendar from the ELCA World Hunger. Please pick up your copies.

Next Sunday, March 1st following worship we will have a Slides, Snack & Sliders!!!

Pastor Daniel, Kathy, Lydia Martin and Sonya Cooper-Lathrop will be showing their slides and talking about their trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. The Fellowship committee will be providing Sliders. *If you wish to bring a finger food (no forks) to go with our sliders, that would be wonderful.*

A sign up sheet is in the main narthex so we know how many sliders we may need. Please sign up and join us for a fun afternoon.

Art & Crafts on Friday, March 6, in the upper kitchen will be hosting a group at 11:00am from Spectrum Support for an easy St. Pats themed craft. At 1:00pm a local casual quilter will come and talk about / demonstrate principles of Easy or Crazy quilt design, and tips and tricks for making beautiful works of art with cloth. You are welcome to join us for one or both. Information see Kathy.

Mountain Maryland Lecture Series

Theme: *Wrestling with God: From Lament to Praise*

What: *Mountain Maryland Lecture Series featuring Dr. Rolf Jacobson*

Who: *open to religious leaders and lay people alike*

When: *Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2026*

Where: *St John's Lutheran Church in Cumberland*

Cost: *\$50 for the entire weekend series*

Don't miss the Mountain Maryland Lecture Series this spring, Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cumberland. The speaker is Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. It is only \$50 for the weekend series.

Please contact Pastor Daniel if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. It is not too early to register! Please see the flyer in the narthex or in last week's bulletin for more information.

