

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Mission Statement – “Loving God, Loving People”

Wednesday Healing & Lenten Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)

March 4, 2026 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

* Call to Worship

P: Now is the time

C: To wake from our sleeping,

P: Throw off our fears,

C: Discard our excuses.

P: Now is the time

C: To walk toward freedom,

P: To believe in new life,

C: To turn away from dead ends,

P: To live new possibilities,

C: To sing new songs.

P: Now is the time

C: To open our hearts to our awesome God.

* Gathering Hymn 1049 ACS

“Before the Waters Nourished Earth”

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry, and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing, can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody
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*** 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**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 95

- ¹ Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker.**

⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep [|] of God's hand. Oh, that today you would [|] hear God's voice!

⁸ **“Harden [|] not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah [|] in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors [|] tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had [|] seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- [|] ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not [|] know my
ways.’**

¹¹ Indeed I swore [|] in my anger,
‘They shall never come [|] to my rest.’ ”

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

* Prayers of the People

Anointing and Laying on of Hands – *Please come to the altar rail and kneel as you are ready. Please feel free to remain seated, if you do not desire the laying on of hands*

* 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 457**

“Waterlife”

*** Dismissal**

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

Four Wednesdays of Lent – 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.

Easter is coming! Our Social Ministry Committee is inactive at the present time. **Council is considering giving market food gift cards to needy family. If you would like to contribute to these cards, please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets. We give to 25 families. Please donate by Sunday, March 22nd.** Thank you for your help.



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, March 26th.

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 5th

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

By: _____