

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

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

March 18, 2026 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Come to this holy space and time in humility.

C: We come with heads bowed and hearts open.

P: Center mind and heart on the journey of Jesus.

C: We take on the mind of Christ Jesus.

P: Still the voices that make noise in the head.

C: We turn our attention to you, O Christ.

All: We worship with awe the one who takes us to Jerusalem.

*** Gathering Hymn 328**

“Restore in Us, O God”

*** 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**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon

these slain, that they may live.”¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.” 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 396**

“Spirit of Gentleness”

*** Dismissal**

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

Only Two Wednesdays of Lent – March 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.

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

We will hold a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm followed by our service at 7:30pm. Please sign-up for Seder Meal on the poster in the main narthex.

On Easter Sunday, April 5 – we are going to have a **EASTER BREAKFAST of Sausage and Pancakes before service from 8:30-9:30am.** Please come and bring friends for this celebration. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up!!!

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 for more information.



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**

Lilies

\$19.00_____

Tulips

\$19.00_____

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

By: _____