

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

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

March 25, 2026 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: The road to the cross may be steep -

C: Journey on.

P: We may lose our way -

C: Listen for inner direction.

P: The path may be rocky -

C: Walk lightly.

P: There are twists and turns -

C: Follow closely.

P: There is danger and risk -

C: Be alert, stay focused.

P: There will be an ending -

C: It isn't far.

P: Walk on -

C: Trusting as you go.

*** Gathering Hymn 803**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*** 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**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
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 581**

“You Are Mine”

*** Dismissal**

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

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

This Sunday, April 29th following our Palm Sunday service, Pastor Daniel, Kathy and Lydia Martin will be showing their pictures from their trip to Ecuador. Kathy will be serving foods from there. Please stay and enjoy!

We will hold a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 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.

Holy Week Services –

March 29 – Palm Sunday – 10:00am

No Wednesday Service

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday – Seder – 6:00pm

Service – 7:30pm

April 3rd – Good Friday – Service – 7:30pm

April 4th – Saturday – Vigil of Easter – 8:00pm

April 5th – Easter Sunday – Breakfast – 8:30-9:30am

Service – 10:00am

Please join us!



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: _____