



CHRIST
providence



February 17, 2021

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

TO OUR GUESTS: We're glad that you are with us today! It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence in a meaningful way as we worship together. We invite you to worship with us again. If you are new to Christ Lutheran and would like to learn more about the church, please contact Gretchen Suskovic, *Guest and New Member Coordinator*, gsuskovic@christelca.org.

PRELUDE

Adagio
Leigh Marsh-violin

Williams

Create In Me
Mark Glaeser & Mark Johanson-duet

Johnson

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*stand*)

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

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Nichols & Hassler

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love--the discipline of Lent--help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father:

People: **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Leader: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Leader: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen. (sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12 NIV

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient

ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”

After the reading:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (*Stand*)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. the 7th chapter. (v.36-43 NIV)

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ. (*Sit*)

SERMON

Pastor Drew Goodson

SONG

King of Kings
SpiritSong, Lisa Jeter-solo

arr. Cottrell

NICENE CREED (*Stand*)

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS (DO NOT KNEEL)

After each portion of the prayers:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM (sit)

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Helvey

Leigh Marsh-violin, Mark Glaeser & Mark Johanson-duet

OFFERTORY (Stand)

Sanctuary

Thompson & Scruggs

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

People: **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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. *(sit)*

MUSIC DURING HOME COMMUNION

BLESSING *(stand)*

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Be seated. Ushers will direct dismissal by pews for congregants to receive ashes and communion.)

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION

The imposition of ashes follows. Those who desire to receive ashes come forward and kneel before the altar. The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune

ANTHEM DURING ASHES

Mercy
SpiritSong, Willie Pinson-solo

arr. Duren



Wednesdays During Lent

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 31

† During Lent, we invite you to join us for worship each Wednesday at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The service will also be available at Christ Online.