

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00am

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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Johann Krebs

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Silence is kept for reflection, kneel as you are able.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

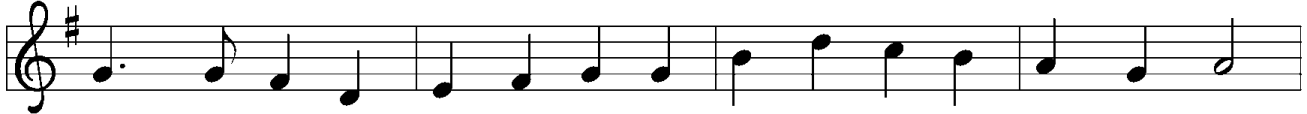
You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

HYMN ELW #339

Christ, the Life of All the Living

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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.**

KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen, Amen.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all 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**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Pew Bible Page 586

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R).

Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

R 
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

- ¹ When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with | shouts of joy.**
**Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done
great | things for them.”**
- ³ The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**
- ⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible Page 954

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible Page 874

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN ELW #323

God Loved the World (see page 11)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence is kept for reflection, please kneel as you are able.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (*especially*). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Hide Me Under the Shadow of Your Wings

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sam Batt Owens

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

I call to you, O God; Incline your ear to me.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Stand

OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take a cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you. O Jerusalem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*

**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #337

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed (see page 12)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *On My Heart Imprint Your Image ELW #811*



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

On A Hill Far Away, The Old Rugged Cross (see page 13)

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

J.S. Bach

Offering: Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

Giving options are:

- 1) **QR Code** (*secure.myvanco.com*), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal** service to the church address.
- 3) Share your offering when the **plate** is passed during the service.



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Serving Today 11am

Greeter: Goody Freeman, **Ushers:** Sherry and Brian

Communion Assists: Diane Shelton, Brian Ricci

Reader: Diane Shelton, **Flower Delivery:** Wanda & Greg Hoge

Communique: Thursday April 24 @ 9am, Sue Berry, Helen Kleven, Alice Spoerl and Buck Buchanan.

The Altar Flowers: *Given in memory to Matt Vail- 7th year in heaven, By Sue & Tim Vail.*

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located opposite the Preschool office door or email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Children's Bulletins: Activity bulletins based on today's readings are found as you enter the Narthex when picking up service bulletin and communion, emails sent out each week with the Children's bulletin attached.

Parlor for Parents & Infants/Preschoolers: Our Parlor has been set up as space for you to come during 11:00am worship time if you need to bring your child out for a while during the service. We have child-proofed the room and provided a basket with books & toys. Speakers are in the room so you can continue to follow the worship service. Please let the Ushers/Greeters know if you need assistance.

Worship Kits: These are age-appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school children and the brown kits are for early elementary.

Devotionals: for the 2nd Quarter 2025, April, May, and June are available in the Narthex.

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God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

On a Hill Far Away *The Old Rugged Cross*



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958
 Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958