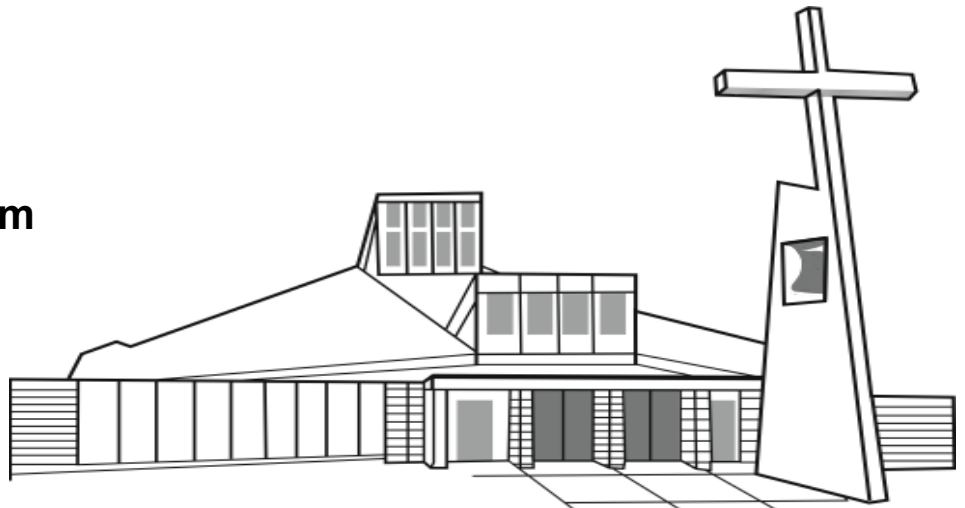


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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 19 – 8:30am and Monday, March 20, 2023 – 5:30pm
ELW, Setting Ten - Holy Communion

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the

name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

**GATHERING SONG: *Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness* –
ELW 843 (vs. 1,3)**

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

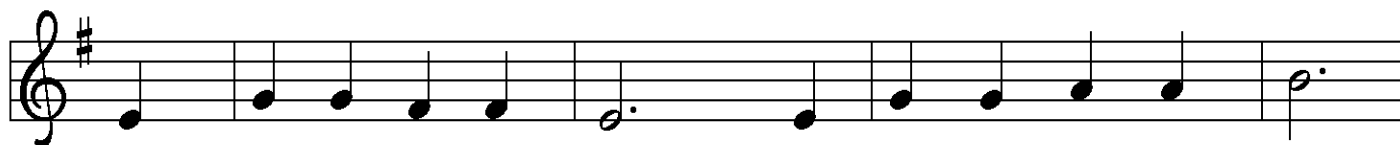
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE - ELW p.203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

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We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said,

“Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light, which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light

becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

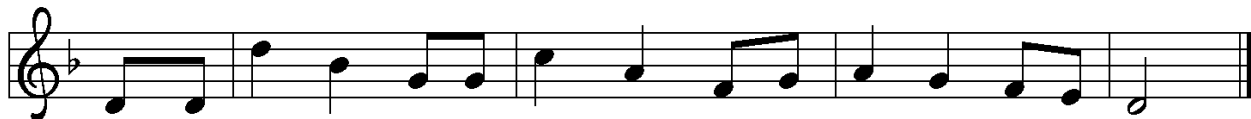
L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW p. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had

formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them,

“If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P The gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

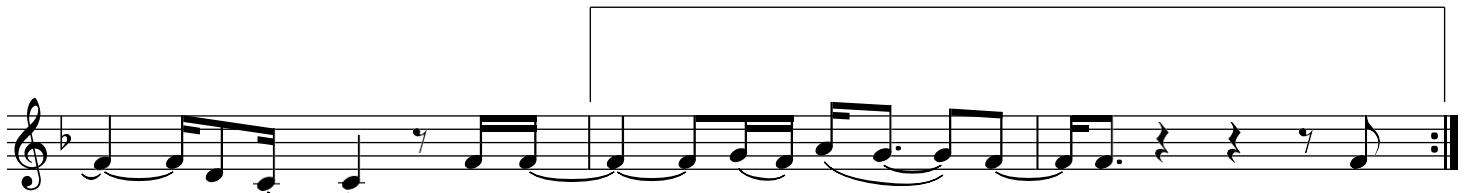
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*



1. A - maz - ing — grace, how — sweet the sound, that saved
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace



A wretch like me I once was lost, but now
my fears re lieved. How pre cious did that grace



I'm found, was blind but now I see. 2. 'Twas
ap pear, the hour



I first be lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set



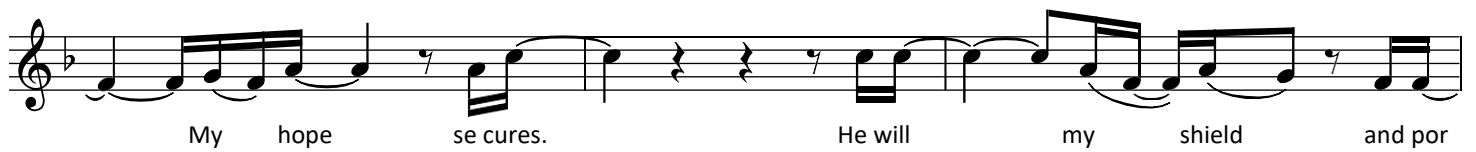
free, my God, my Sav ior has ran somed me. And like a



Flood His mer cy rains, un end ing love, a maz ing grace.



3. The Lord _____ has prom ised good _____ to me, His word



My hope se cures. He will my shield and por



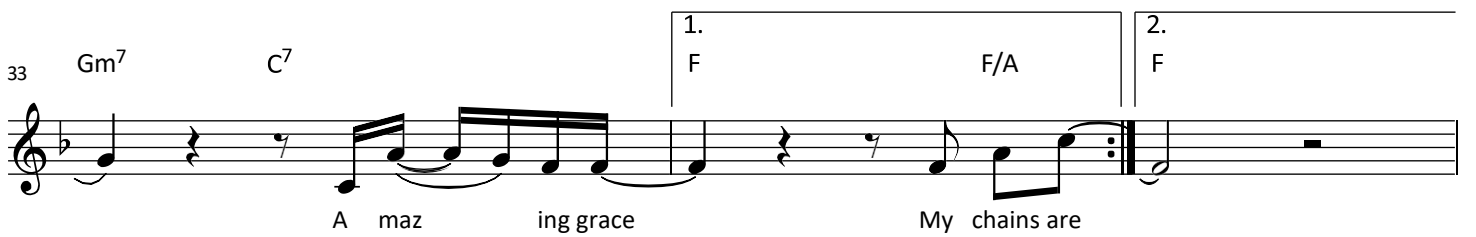
tion be, as long as life en dures. My chains



gone. I've been set free, my God, my Sav ior has ran somed



me. And like a flood His mer cy rains, un end ing love,




33 Gm⁷ C⁷ 1. F F/A 2. F
A maz ing grace My chains are



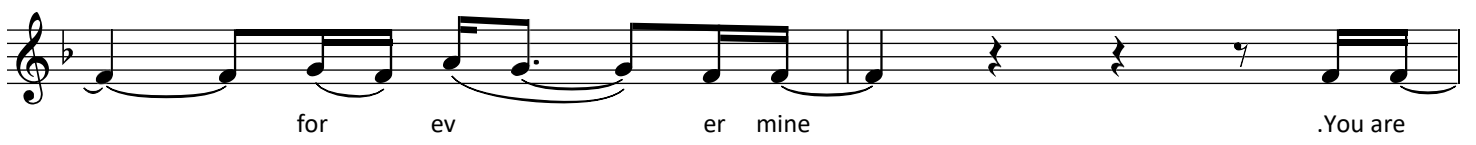
4. The earth shall soon dis solve like snow, the sun



For bear to shine. But God, who called me here



Be low, will be for ev er mine, will be



for ev er mine .You are



for ev er mine.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: "Merciful God,," please respond "receive our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Please share a greeting of peace with each other as you feel comfortable)

MEAL

OFFERING

As an act of worship, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us.

OFFERTORY – ELW 583 (vs. 1-2)

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN: *Here is Bread* – ELW 483



P Here is bread, here is wine,



C Christ is with us, He is with us.



P Break the bread, taste the wine,



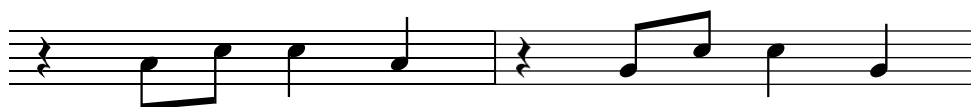
C Christ is with us here.



P In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for ev - er.



C In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.



P Here is grace, here is peace,



C Christ is with us, He is with us.



P Know His grace, Find His peace,



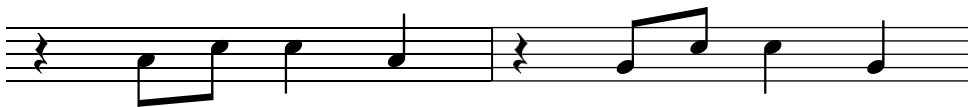
C Feast on Je - sus here.



P In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for ev - er.



C In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.



C Here we are joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.



We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -



fied. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

P Come, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

(Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*—ELW 452 (vs. 1,5)

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus

P Grow

C Together

P Serve

C Others

P Go in Peace. Share the Good News!

C Thanks be to God!

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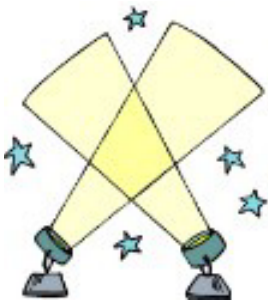
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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 9:30am, March 19, 2023, in the sanctuary for the purpose of calling a new pastor.

March's spotlight is Lutheran Campus Ministries to UW-Stout and Luther Park Bible Camp.



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES TO UW-STOUT (LCM) invites students to put their faith into action, by providing opportunities for growth, and fellowship. Christ Lutheran is a covenant congregation of LCM along with Our Savior's and Peace Lutheran.

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP ministers in a natural setting to all ages which encompasses two campuses, Luther Park on Prairie Lake in Chetek and Luther Woods near Birchwood. Our donations help keep the costs of camps and retreats down by helping to cover part of the costs of keeping the camp open and updated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19

Sunday, March 19

- * 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
- *9:30am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 20

- * 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 22

- * 3:30pm The SPOT
- * 5pm CLC FoodShelf
- * 5pm Wednesday's Table in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 22(continued)

- * 5:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Service
- * 6:15pm Christ Time

Saturday, March 25

- * 8am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 26

- * 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
- * 9:45am Faith Formation

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored today in honor of the birthday of Kaye (Kuester) Olson on March 17 from Larry, Vickie and Kyle Kuester

MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Byron Anderson; Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Kathy Falk; Marian Ford (Gerry Miller’s mother); Paul Haviland; Gordy Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Lily (Dan Tye’s great-niece); Sharon Larson; Jone Lindbo (friend of Arla & Darrin Falk and family); Rob Mathis (Kathy Hinzman’s son-in-law); Dale Schmitz; Frank Smith; Dema Sorenson; Shawn Stary; Twila Tiller; Chelsea, Cassandra & Kenny Tye; Luke Tylee (Linda Tylee’s husband); Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahm’s brother); Cindi Wieman; the family of Beverly Waller; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimway and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Beverly Waller who passed away March 2. A graveside service is scheduled for June.

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU for March 22 is egg bake and bread pudding. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

Memorials

3/12 – Furnace Fund in memory of Joan Labs from Kelly & Diane Stevens; from Shirley Browning; from Arlene and Sharon Mork;

3/12 – General Fund in memory of Joan Labs from Jeff & Mary Merritt; from James Litsheim; from Jerry & Jan Traxler; from Cheryl Lowery; from Lawrence & Janice Dahms; from Kathi & Tim Lehmann; from John & Paula Litsheim; from Arby Brown

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are available on the table in the narthex (near the guest book). The deadline for orders is Monday, March 20.

THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at CLC will be Friday, April 14. We need volunteers to work check-in and keep the treat table filled that day as well as people to bring treats. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the church office. We also need people to give blood. There continues to be a significant shortage. Please sign up on the Red Cross webpage or call the church office.

CLC WILL HOST A BAKE SALE during the election on April 4. Plenty of baked goods will be needed.

YOUTH NEWS

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING to call a new PASTOR for CLC is March 19th following 8:30am worship.

DEADLINE: Registrations for Luther Park MUST be to Josie no later than March 26! She has now heard that there may be limited placements per week, so registrations are being accepted early bird AND first come first serve.

Luther Park Spring Work Day: Saturday, April 22 8am-4pm. Josie is taking a group of youth to Luther Park Bible Camp for their Spring Clean Up day. We will need to leave at 7am that morning. Please let her know if you're available to join us.

Christ Time Graduate Members: Confirmation photos are available. Please see Josie or the church office to pick yours up. Each child's prints are \$20.

Sunday Worship: 8:30am

Sunday School: 9:45am

Lenten Wednesday Worship: 5:30pm-6:15pm (March 22, 29)

Christ Time Confirmation: 6:15pm

Maundy Thursday Worship: 5:30pm with First Communion

Good Friday Worship: 1pm

Palm Sunday Worship: 8:30am, 9:45am Sunday School

Easter Sunday Worship: 8:30am



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