

Christ Lutheran Church
ELW Holy Communion
March 6, 2022, 10:00 am
First Sunday of Lent
The Rev. David Hulse, presiding



Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.

PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

***GATHERING HYMN** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW 325

+ GATHERING +

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

“Be still, and know that I am God.” During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

HYMNS TODAY:

ELW 325

ELW 333

ELW 807

ELW 473

ELW 666

ELW 807

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought
them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son,
we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life
you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy ...

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving
you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,
²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you
harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you
shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will
choose as a dwelling for his name.

The Prayer of
the Day,
formerly called
the "Collect,"
gathers the
theme of each
Sunday's
worship, each
phrase rich in
meaning.

God's living and enlivening word comes both to us and through us, proclaimed in spoken word, psalm, sermon and hymn- singing.

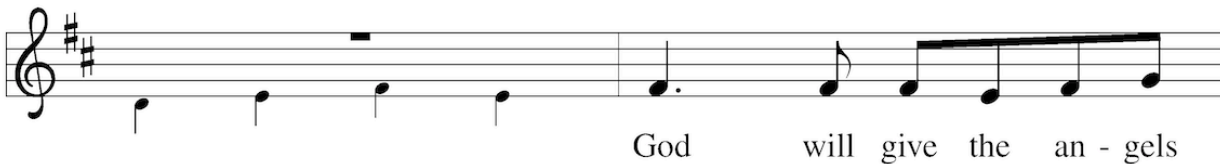
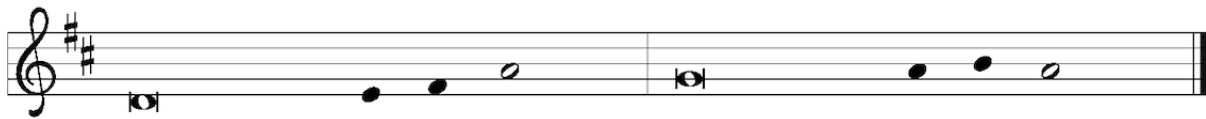
³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” R**
- ⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**
- ¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R**



The psalms were the first hymns of the people of God and express hope and despair, trust and tribulation, anger, joy and praise.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans...

^{8b}“The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to
greet our Lord
Jesus Christ as
he comes to us
in the Holy
Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*
ELW 333 v 1

***GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus Is a Rock in as Weary Land*
ELW 333 v2 and v3

The congregation participates in the proclamation of God’s Word in singing the Hymn of the Day, the assembly’s principal song.

***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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all those who are sick and those who grieve *especially...* Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lutherans celebrate the priesthood of all believers. The intercessory prayers are one way for lay persons to exercise the priestly role. Members of the assembly are encouraged to read the printed petitions, add their own intercessions, and to voice their assent in the responses.

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.

(Worshipers are invited to voice their petitions.)

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.

(Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.)

Let us pray. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Shifting Winds* Ross Petot

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
ELW 807 v 1

***OFFERING PRAYER**

**Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

Much more than a polite greeting, the exchange of peace is God's answer to our prayers in the presence of the risen Christ and part of our preparation to receive him in his holy supper.

For the time being, please nod or signal to one another as a sign of peace.

Our monetary offerings are an act of worship, symbolic of our whole lives placed at the disposal of God's reign in response to God's self-giving to us in Christ Jesus.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOG**

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.

***PROPER PREFACE**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Sung or spoken, in any translation, the Lord's Prayer, which may be a pattern for all our prayers, here serves as our table prayer before we share in the Lord's Supper.

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food.

Communicants normally receive the bread in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross).

Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.

For persons who exclude gluten from their diet, all wafers are gluten-free.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* ELW 666 v 1

COMMUNION MUSIC *When the Sun Comes Out* Harold Arlen

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
ELW 807 vv 2 and 3

***DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Deep River*

“Go in peace.” The Postlude is a musical ‘sending’ that concludes the service, helping us to transition back into the wider world. Congregants are invited to stay and listen or to leave respectfully.

Please hold in prayer:

We pray for the family of Mary Kay Aberth, Jim Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Erica Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Matt M, Laraine Marthinsen, John Melin, Jon Nelson, Arvind Raja, Deb Ream, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Louann Smith, Jay Virshbo, Polly Weston, Shirley Wong, and Ellen Zagajeski; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Nadia Salerno and Martha Cronin
Assisting Minister	Cathy Gallagher
Reader	Joyce Simon
Communion Assistant	George Hall
Tellers	Audrey Colson and George Hall
Altar Guild	Joyce Simon and Carol Virshbo
Cantor	Kim Petot
Guest Musician	Ross Petot, piano
Audio Visual Team:	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg

Announcements

Jazz pianist and CLC member Ross Petot is offering his unique improvisations this morning on the congregation's hymns and liturgy. Kim Petot is serving as Cantor.

Quoting from his *New England Jazz* bio, "Ross is a regular member of The Blue Horizon Jazz Band, John Clark's Wolverine Jazz Band, Back Bay Ramblers, and more recently, Swing Times Five. He currently teaches at the All Newton Music School in Newton Massachusetts and performs frequently throughout the New England area," across the US and around the world! From *Wikipedia* "Ross Petot is an American ragtime, jazz and stride pianist and composer. He is considered the predominant stride piano player in all of New England." Check out his cd "Ragtime and Other Stuff" at <http://nejazz.com/oldsite/RossRagtime.htm>



Don't forget that during Lent Tom Berryman and Russell Pollard and Revs John Stendahl and Richard Hurst are creating weekday devotions with locally curated music.

If you are having a hard time finding these daily emails in your email service, try doing a search in your inbox, spam and trash folders. The subject heading is always: "Need some inspiration today?" These are also available on the Christ Lutheran Church home page on the website, www.christnatick.org.

Upcoming Commemorations

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 Monday, March 7, 2022

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.



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