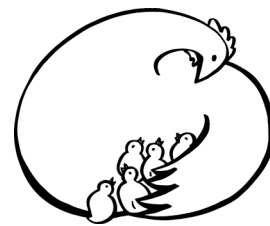


Christ Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Lent
ELW Holy Communion, Setting XII
March 13, 2022, 10:00 am
The Rev. David Hulse, presiding



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 Thy Holy Wings

***GATHERING HYMN** *The God of Abraham Praise* ELW 831 v 1 and 2

+ 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.

"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 831
ELW 613
ELW 186
ELW 724

Amen.

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.

***KYRIE**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise
everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms,
and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we
share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

+ WORD +

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis ...

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

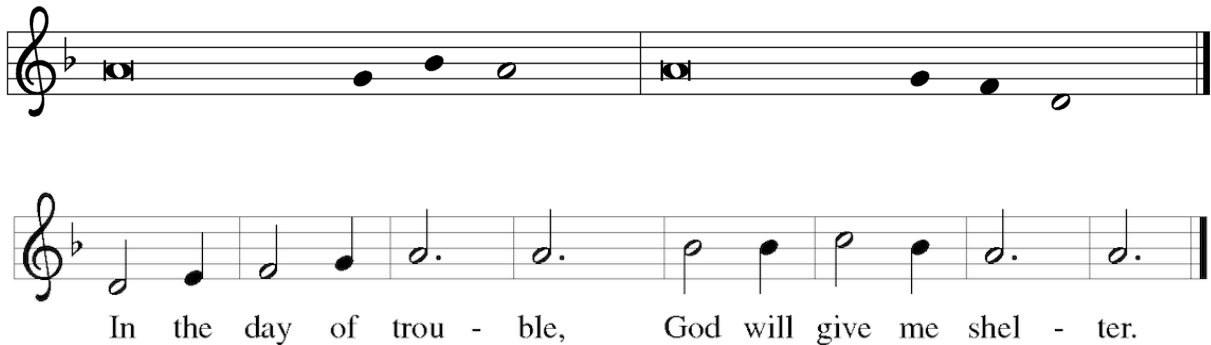
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 27

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
⁴**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to
seek God in the temple. R**
⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden
places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.
⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing
and make music to the Lord.**
⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will
seek. R**
⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast
me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my
salvation.
¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.**
¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my
oppressors.
¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the
living!
¹⁴**Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord! 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: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A reading from Philippians...

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

*GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,

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

‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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** *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 613 vv 1 and 3

***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
as 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

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

* 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.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving *especially*... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. 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.

(Worshippers 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.

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. 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 *Be Still and Know That I Am God* Karen Marroli

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW 186

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.

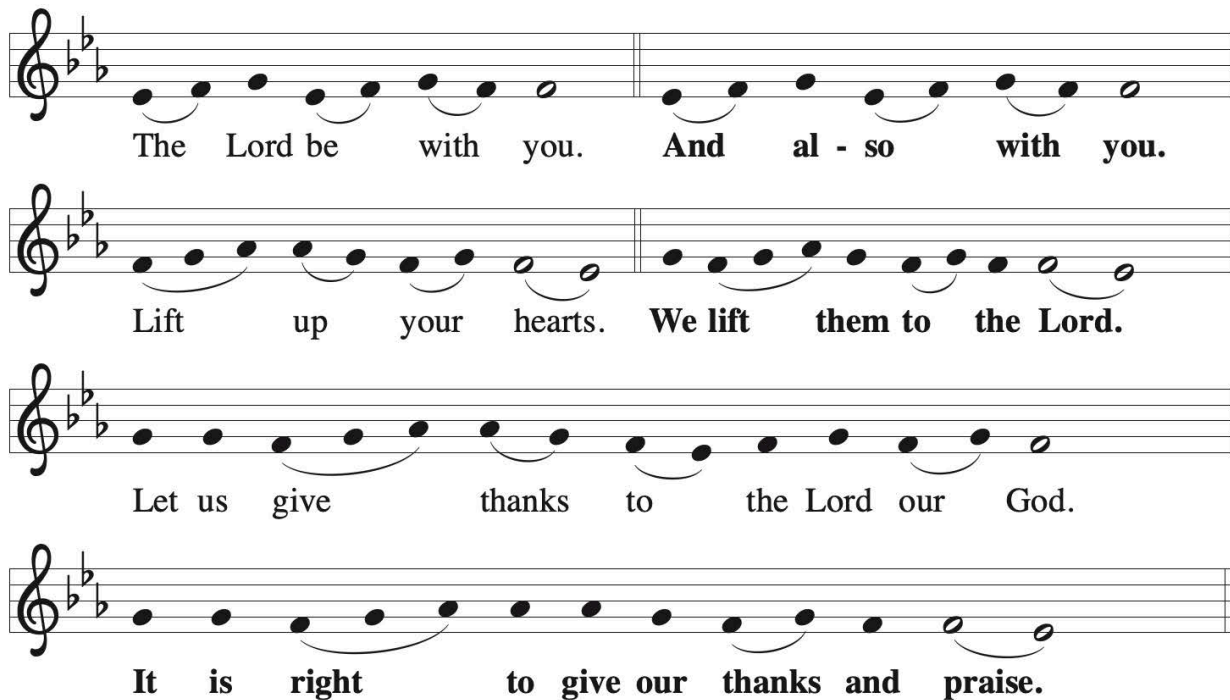
For the time being, please nod or signal to one another as a sign of peace.

***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.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOG**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and'. The second staff continues: 'God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your'. The third staff: 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff: 'Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff: 'Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The sixth staff: 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The score ends with a double bar line.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Communicants are seated and begin to gather around the table as "Lamb of God" is sung.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION MUSIC *Give Me Jesus* Tom Trenney

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING**

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*
ELW 724 vv 1 and 4

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach

“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 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, and Shirley Wong; 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	Patricia and Debra Bianco
Assisting Minister	Joyce Simon
Reader	Amy Lousararian
Communion Assistant	Robin Hurst
Tellers	Frank Miller and Hilding Hedberg
Altar Guild	Mary Avalos and Patricia Bianco
Cantor	Gail Weston-Roberts
Audio Visual Team:	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg
 Today's musicians:	 The CLC Choir

Upcoming Commemorations

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

Thursday, March 17, 2022

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

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