

MARCH 3, 2024 | 10:30AM WORSHIP | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thanks for joining us today! Whether you were raised in a home that regularly worshipped, only went to church on Christmas and Easter, or are exploring the Christian faith for the first time – we are glad you are here. If you haven't been to a Lutheran Church before, our worship format might be a unique experience for you. Our service is filled with symbolism and ancient tradition that propels our hearts *upward*. Today, we encourage you to embrace the *extraordinariness* of our *ordinary* worship, where God forgives our sins, the Holy Spirit prepares us for daily life, prayers are lifted, and heaven and earth converge. Sundays may seem ordinary, but they are also filled with extraordinary moments that we should not miss. If you have any questions, our staff, volunteers, and your fellow worshippers are here to answer any questions and help in any way they can.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a solemn season that spans 40 days (not including Sundays), mirroring the biblical 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. Commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Easter Sunday, Lent serves as a period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation. The liturgical color for Lent is purple, signifying penance, humility, and the royalty of Jesus. The season is marked with practices such as fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

If you brought little ones with you today – we are overjoyed to have them here. While your worship might feel more like a wrestling match, a battle of wills, or a circus... your time, efforts, and distracted worship are worth it. Even the messiest and most frustrating days are not wasted. If your little one just needs a place to stretch their legs for a second, we have a staffed **Kid Care** for 0-2-year-olds on the second floor of the courtyard and a **Family Room** in the back of the sanctuary.

WHAT'S A "LUTHERAN"?

Simply put, Lutherans are *Christians*. We are catholic, but not Roman; orthodox, but not Eastern; evangelical, but not Baptist; reformed, but not Presbyterian. We hold to the *apostolic faith* (the faith of Jesus' apostles) and adhere to the principles of the Reformation, emphasizing Christ alone as the way to eternal life. We hold that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and has no error and that through God's Word and Sacraments (Holy Baptism, the Eucharist, and Absolution), we are forgiven, strengthened, and equipped to live as disciples. All of our worship and praise is centered around the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit christlamesa.org/about or lcms.org/about/beliefs.

CONNECTION CARD

Please let us know you're worshipping with us today. You can give us as little, or as much, info as you'd like. There is also a place on the connection card to submit a prayer request, make a comment, ask a question, or express interest in next steps. If you'd like to give an offering, you can do that, too! Scan the QR code or visit christlamesa.org/hello.



SUNDAY SCHOOL + YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School is encouraged for those 3 years old to 6th Grade. Check-in begins at 9:00 am at the back entrance of Christ Lutheran School (near the preschool building). Sunday School starts at 9:15 am and parents pick up at 10:15 am. New students and friends are welcome anytime! Questions? Visit christlamesa.org/learn.

7th-8th Graders meet for Confirmation in Room 202 (second floor of the courtyard) from 9:15-10:15 am. **9th-12th Graders** meet for Senior High Sunday Morning in Youth Center Room 3 from 9:15-10:15 am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Bible studies play a vital role in deepening one's understanding of Scripture and fostering spiritual growth. Please consider attending a study this morning.

- **The Village Bible Study** explores, from a biblical viewpoint, issues that impact our families. It meets in Lucas Hall (Preschool Building) from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Berean Bible Study** engages in an in-depth study of God's Word, verse by verse. It meets in Room 203 from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Focus Bible Study** is a place for seasoned adults to gather around fellowship and God's Word. It meets in Room 101 from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Grace Bible Study** is for 20-30 year-olds to study God's Word and its relevance to everyday life. It meets in the Teacher's Lounge from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.

LOOKING TO SERVE?

Looking to *dive deeper* in your faith journey, using your gifts for God's glory and the world's good? Consider serving on Sunday morning. Wondering how you can serve? Consider taking the spiritual gifts inventory located at christlamesa.org/resources. More information can be found at christlamesa.org/serve.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

In the "Opening Rite" we prepare our hearts to worship God, first by invoking his name, singing praises to Him, confessing our sins, and receiving forgiveness. Please stand, as you are able, for the invocation and opening song.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING SONG | THE LION AND THE LAMB

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE | THE BLESSING

We now enter the "Liturgy of the Word." Since the early days of the church, portions of the Bible have been read during worship so that all may be formed by the Word of God.

FIRST READING | EXODUS 17:1-7 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 101

SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-4 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1633

GOSPEL READING | JOHN 4:3-10 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1514

APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed serves as a timeless and foundational expression of the Christian faith, offering a sense of shared identity as we confess our belief regarding the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY | STRIKE THE ROCK

OFFERING | CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

Giving an offering is an active participation in the redemptive work of Jesus in this world and an act of worship. Members of Christ Lutheran support the mission through their giving of time, talents, and treasures. If you are a guest joining us, please know there is no expectation for you to contribute. Your presence is what matters to us.

OFFERING SONG | COME TASTE AND SEE

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG | THRIVE

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THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Travis Ferguson; **Liturgist:** Deacon Jacob Sitze; **Children’s Message:** Cheri Selander; **Acolyte:** Aaron Lieber; **Reader:** Don Mathiowetz; **Music Leader:** Kathy Barkett; **Livestream, Sound, and Media:** Mark Arzillo, Joseph Arzillo, and Dennis Johnson; **Welcome Team:** Mark Gould, Steve Kunkel, Bill McNally, and Jan McNally

IN OUR PRAYERS

Celebrating a birthday this week: Mark Arzillo, Sandy Linn, Karen Evans, Charlie Flannery, Grant Hoover, Jeff Patterson, Abigail Cott, Michelle Fuson, Heidi Lancaster, Andy Floros, Keira Rall, and Jerry Tilton. **Healing:** Glen Kewley, Katha Kuspa. **Mourning:** Comfort and peace for the Moorman, Powell and Lancaster families who have recently lost loved ones. **Others:** That college students will be “salt and light” on campus.

OUR STAFF

 <p>Travis Ferguson <i>Pastor</i></p>	 <p>Jacob Sitze <i>Deacon</i></p>	 <p>Patti Maass <i>Director of Operations</i></p>	 <p>Cheri Selander <i>Director of Youth Ministries</i></p>	 <p>Brandon Heath <i>Minister to Youth</i></p>
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 <p>Craig Barkett <i>Director of facilities</i></p>	 <p>Kathy Garces <i>Administrative Accountant</i></p>	 <p>Emily Lieber <i>Human Resources Specialist</i></p>	 <p>Kathy Johnson <i>Worship and Music Assistant</i></p>	 <p>Kim Voss <i>Administrative Assistant</i></p>

To contact a staff member, please visit christlamesa.org/about

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATHER + GROW LENT EDITION | 5:30-7:00 PM | GYM – On Wednesday evenings through Lent we will **Gather** to enjoy a meal together and **Grow** as we dive into a study series called “Love in Chaos” by Bob Goff. This week’s supper will feature a variety of delicious homemade soups, salad, and dessert. Scan the QR code for online tickets and donations. Tickets are also available at the door. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry.



THE 2024 MEXICO HOUSEBUILD | SATURDAYS IN APRIL AND MAY – As a church, we partner with AMOR Ministries to build a home for one family in Mexico. Join us on April 13, 27, May 11, and 18 as we help our neighbors to the South! Anyone over 8 years old with a valid passport may come to serve on a build Saturday. Friends and family are welcome to join. Scan the QR code to sign-up.



2024 EASTER OFFERING | HELP US PACK 100,000 MEALS – Easter is just around the corner... but millions around the world have difficulty thinking about the joys of Easter because their bellies are growling from hunger. Help us change that this Easter. Our goal is to pack 100,000 meals - and we need your help to do it. Make a difference. Donate to the Easter Offering today! At tinyurl.com/easteroffering2024.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – Mark your calendars for our Holy Week and Easter Worship. March 28th: Maundy Thursday with First Communion at 7pm; March 29th: Good Friday Stations of the Cross Liturgy at 7pm; March 30th: Easter Saturday with Communion at 5 pm (same sermon and readings as Sunday); March 31st: Easter Sunday at 8 (Communion) & 10:30 am



GRIEF JOURNEY – a safe place to talk openly about the loss of a loved one. The group provides emotional and moral support to one another with love. When: 1st Wednesday of the Month - Where: Starbucks 7966 La Mesa Blvd - Time: 6:30-7:30pm - Contact Debi Ridulfo for information at 619.415.5330

To see more upcoming events, visit christlamesa.org/calendar.