

**March 19, 2023** 8:00 a.m. Traditional



### **GATHER+GROW AT THE**

# LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM

## •WEEKLY MENU•

MARCH 1 - MEXICAN NIGHT
MARCH 8 - SOUP AND SALAD
MARCH 15- BREAKFAST FOR DINNER
MARCH 22 - SOUP AND SALAD
MARCH 29 - BURGERS AND DOGS

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HELP US REACH OUR EASTER OFFERING GOAL OF \$30K TO PROVIDE 100K MEALS FOR PEOPLE IN PERU. GIVE TODAY AT CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHER + GROW IN LENT**

Every Wednesday during Lent we will have the opportunity to Gather + Grow with our Lenten Suppers. Dinner will be served at 5:30-6:15 p.m. and the study will be from 6:15-7:00 p.m. To find more information, or get your dinner tickets in advance, visit **christlamesa.org/lent**.

#### **EASTER OFFERING**

Help us raise \$30,000 this Easter to pack 100,000 meals for Su Refugio – Peru! You can give online now at **christlamesa.org/give** or by using your pink offering envelope designated "Easter Offering".

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families: mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Harry Griffen Park on April 1. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the *hunt* begins at 10:00 a.m. Hotdogs will be served after the hunt.

#### **FAMILY CAMP IS BACK!**

Join the Christ Lutheran community May 26-29, 2023 at William Heise Campground for Family Camp! Spots are going fast – so reserve yours today at christlamesa.org/familycamp.

#### **AUGUST MISSION TRIP**

In August, a mission team will be going to Peru with Su Refugio Ministries to help serve meals at fifteen feeding centers around the country. More information is at **SuRefugio.org/join-us**. Applications are due by April 3.

#### Let Us Know You're Worshipping With Us!



Or visit christlamesa.org/hello

#### **AS WE GATHER**

"Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain" (LSB 431:1). We can only be saved through Christ's blood. Consider these words, penned by Isaiah and promised by God, "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25). "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist" (44:22). Jesus cleanses us from sin through His blood. Blood was all He had. His disciples had deserted Him. His garments had been gambled away. Even His Father had turned His back. Blood was all He had, but the blood of Jesus is all we need. "Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove; we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing His bleeding love" (LSB 431:5).

#### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

#### **OPENING HYMN**

#### LSB 435, COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within; From infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin, Wash your robes and make them white; ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind; Here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled, peace may find. Health this fountain will restore; they that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever; 'tis a soul-renewing flood. God is faithful; God will never break His covenant of blood, Signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when He was glorified.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us.

People: But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will

forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-reflection and confession)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful

and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Leader:

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending His Holy Spirit to shed abroad His love among us. Receive His pardon and peace – your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Please be seated)

#### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 48:17-22 PEW BIBLE PAGE 1045

Reader: Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah, the 48<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>17</sup> This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. <sup>18</sup> If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. <sup>19</sup> Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me."

<sup>20</sup> Leave Babylon, flee from the Babylonians! Announce this with shouts of joy and proclaim it. Send it out to the ends of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob."

<sup>21</sup> They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and water gushed out.

<sup>22</sup> "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

#### 1 PETER 5:6-11 PEW BIBLE PAGE 1732

Reader: Our second reading is from 1 Peter, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 18:7-9 PEW BIBLE PAGE 1401

Reader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand. The Holy

Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and

earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### MESSAGE HYMN

LSB 610, LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; From worldly passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; Let me Your loving servant be and taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me that, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share Your joy at last.

#### MESSAGE GET OUT

#### **OFFERING**

#### CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#### THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

#### (CHOIR):

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

#### (ALL):

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

#### PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

#### PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION 2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Leader: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times

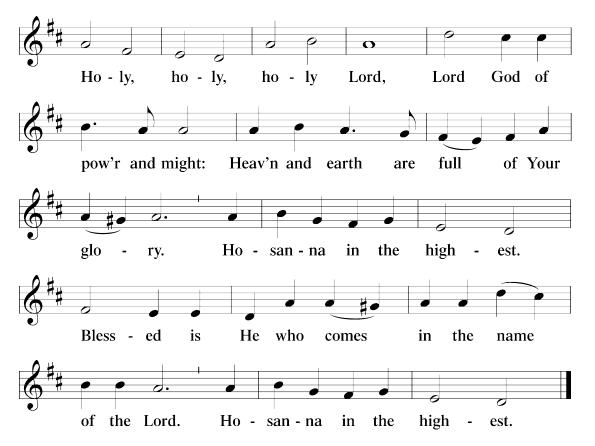
and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to

celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with

angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)**

#### ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9



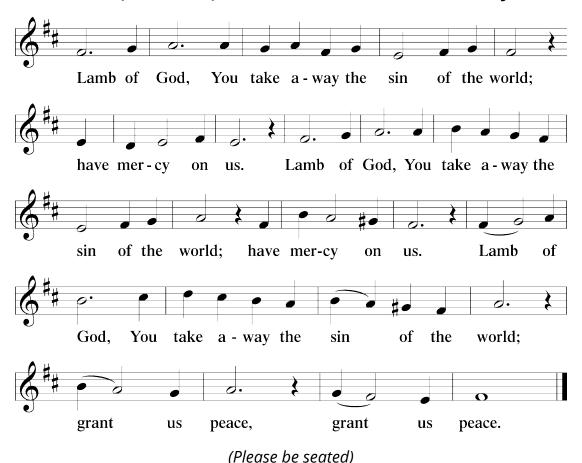
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**MATTHEW 26:26-28** 

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Reader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



We believe Communion is Medicine for the sick, not a reward for the perfect. We believe that we are sinful, in need of grace, and want to do better. We believe, as Jesus said, that the bread and wine are truly and physically His body and His blood, which is the ultimate mystery of faith. If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

What we believe about Holy Communion

#### **HYMNS**

#### LSB 622, LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared this feast for our salvation; It is Your body and Your blood, and at Your invitation As weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing That Your true body and Your blood our lips are here receiving. This Word remains forever true; all things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.

Lord, I believe what You have said; help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace and day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

#### LSB 809, GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *REFRAIN* 

REFRAIN Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *REFRAIN* 

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *REFRAIN* 

#### PRAYER OF DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen

and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine

on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you peace.

People: Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### LSB 427, IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

#### **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 8:00AM**

**Preacher & Worship Leader Children's Message**Pastor Travis Ferguson

DCE Cheri Selander

**Acolyte** 

**Welcome Team** 

**Reader** Zachary Spicer **Music Leader** Kathy Barkett

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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### **TODAY | March 19**

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 am—Sunday School

3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance

Confirmation—Room 202

Senior High—Youth Center Room 3

• 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour

Focus—Room 101

Bereans—Room 203

Village—Lucas Hall

Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge

- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
- 2:30 pm—Senior High Roller Skating—Derby United
- 4:00 pm—Divorce Care & DC4K—Rooms 201 & 202

#### **MONDAY | March 20**

• No Events Scheduled

#### TUESDAY | March 21

• 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

#### WEDNESDAY | March 22

- 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 5:30 pm—Lenten Supper and Study—Gym

#### THURSDAY | March 23

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room

• 7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal—Room 200B

#### FRIDAY| March 24

• No Events Scheduled

#### SATURDAY | March 25

• 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

St. Paul says in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." As we seek to be a praying community, please join us in lifting up the following petitions to our heavenly Father...

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life. We give you special thanks for the lives of **Trenton Giles**, **Abigail Herm**, **Christy Holden**, **Linda Ackerly**, **Paul Arzillo**, **Bob Anderson**, **Gordon Geddes**, **Lucas Johnson**, **Jordan Chisum**, **Joyce Natasha**, **Joseph Arzillo**, **Alex Miller**, **Betty Prestage**, **and Eric Westphall** who are celebrating birthdays this week, and are rejoicing in all the gifts you have given them. Bless them with Your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you.

King of kings, we pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. We especially ask you to be with **Joseph, our President, Gavin, our Governor, and Mark, our mayor.** 

Merciful Father, revive those who live under the weight of anxiety, despair, or illness especially, **Pastor Richard Burkey**, **Dennis Kelso**, **Jared Cole**, **Steve Hahn and Lucinda Mello**. Carry their burdens and uplift them by your compassionate Spirit.

Sovereign God, establish Your justice through the work of judges, attorneys, juries, and officers of the court. Bless them, and those whom they serve, so that Your goodness will flow through them.

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**Craig Barkett** Director of Facilities



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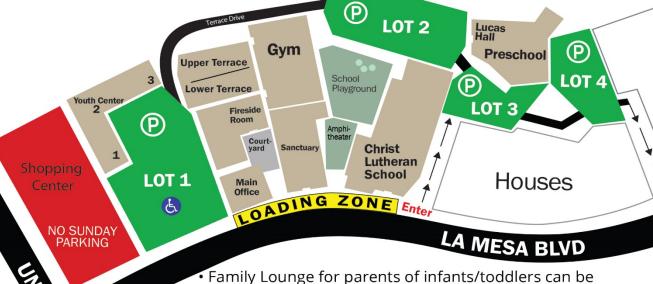
Kathy Johnson Worship and Music Assistant



Kim Voss Administrative Assistant



Stuart Gardner Director of Community and Communications



- found at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Music Rooms and Rooms 201-203 are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

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