

Christ Lutheran Community Church

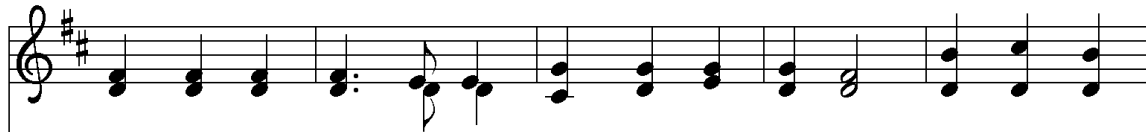
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 733 Great is Thy Faithfulness

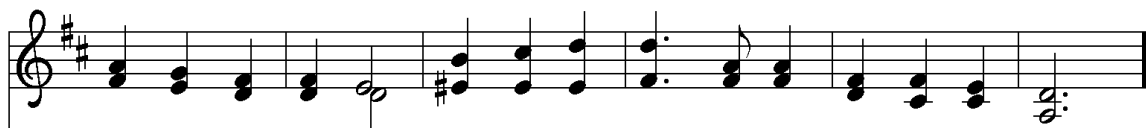
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

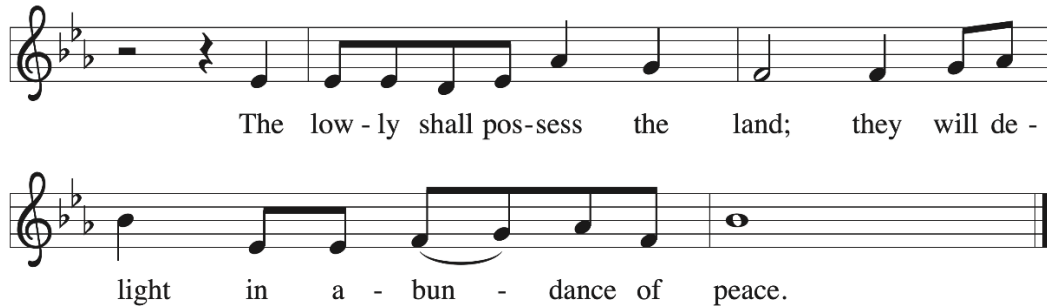
FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and

to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



Psalm 37:11
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- ¹ Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart’s desire. R**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. R**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- ¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.
- ³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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OFFERING HYMN: ELW 184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 493 Taste and See

Taste and See

Refrain - All

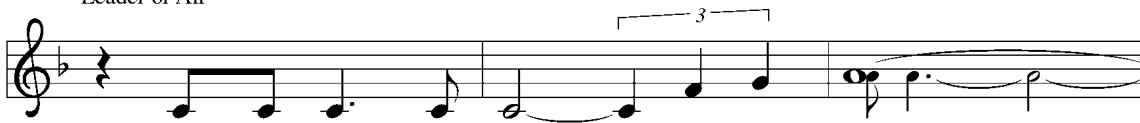


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth-ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

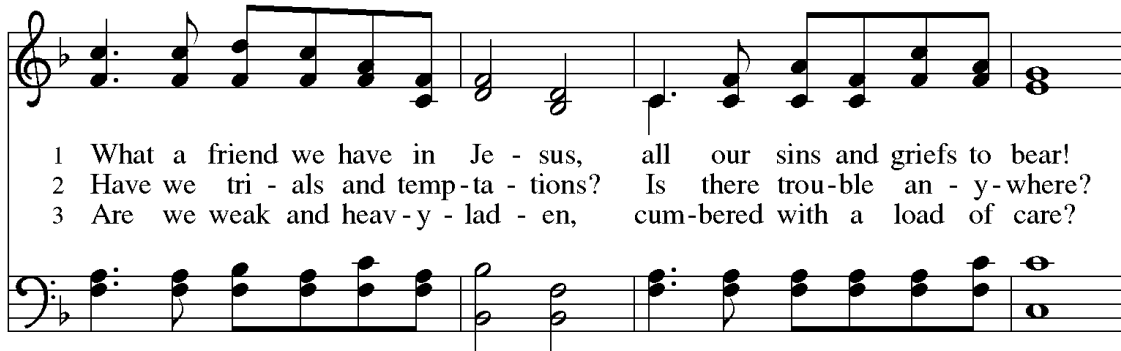
Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

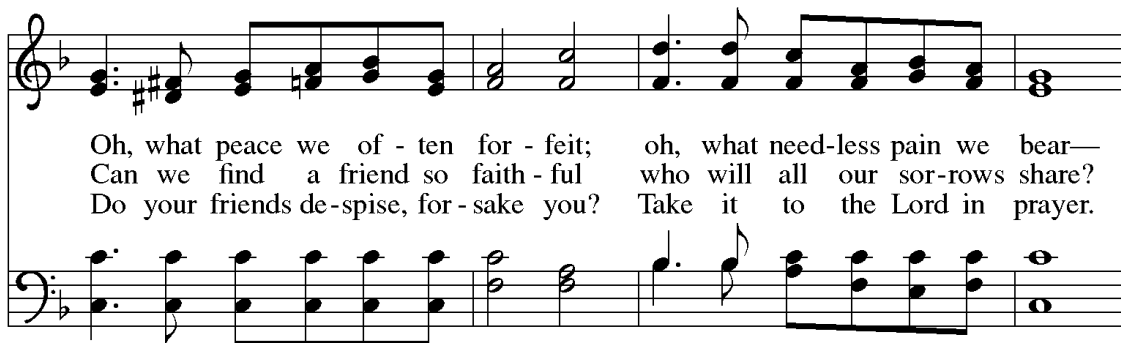
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 623 We've Come This Far by Faith

We've Come This Far By Faith

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this
far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

1 Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.

2 Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.

Text: Albert A. Goodson, 1883-1947

Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson

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CLCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 23, 2025

PRE-LENTEN BOOK GROUP

Ritter Room, Wednesday Feb 26th at 6:30PM

Pastor Randolph will be leading a group through The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Pfatticher's book *Praying with the Church: An Introduction to Prayer in Daily Life*.

CLCC FELLOWSHIP

Sundays, February 23rd and March 2nd between the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

You are invited to come to a brief period of fellowship and conversation.

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7AM Imposition of ashes only
- 12PM Spoken Eucharist with imposition of ashes
- 7PM Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes

LENTEN BOOK GROUP

Ritter Room, Wednesdays during Lent: March 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 9th at 10:30 am.

Pastor Randolph will be leading a group through The Rev. Marjorie J. Thompson's classic book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*.

FIRST COMMUNION AND NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Sundays in Lent: March 9th, 16th, 30th, April 6th at 9:15AM

Pastor Randolph will be leading **First Communion Classes during Lent**. Please send an email to Pastor Randolph at rev.randolph3@gmail.com so that the correct number of books can be ordered.

For adults interested in becoming members (and those who just want to learn more about being Lutheran Christians) **Pastor Randolph will be doing New Member Classes through Lent**. If you are interested, please send an email to Pastor Randolph at rev.randolph3@gmail.com no later than today, **February 23rd**. Classes will start during Lent and end before Easter. **Class time is dependent on availability of participants.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Lois Johnston in Memory of John Johnston, Sr. and in honor of grandson John, granddaughter Tiffani, great-grandson Daeglan, & great-granddaughter Reilly

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for all in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Daryl, Penny, Marian, Darlene, Toni, Claude, Travis, Lauren, Gracie, Charles, Ron, Pat, Ben, Kenaé, Sherrell and her family, Carlos, Barbara, Marie Josie, Carolyn, Clifford, Maria, Nisha, Sal, Colleen, Peggy, and Dianne.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

USHER: Victoria Foster Lee,

READER: Lois Johnston

PRAYER LEADER: Steven Korvah

ZOOM HOST: Ryan Savitz

A/V: Jacob Fobay

HOSPITALITY: Lois Johnston

FINANCE UPDATE

DECEMBER 2024

**INCOME \$30,684.38 EXPENSES \$20,244.71
NET \$10,440.27**

YTD (THRU 31 DEC 2024)

**INCOME \$216,450.08 EXPENSES \$197,863.61
NET \$18,586.47**

FOOD MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Fresh For All: Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent

Senior Boxes: Wed, March 5th, 10-12AM

CLCC Food Closet: Thurs, March 13th, 4-6PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you can help with any of these, please let Alice Kaplan know

- Organize Emergency Food Closet
- Cleaning, dusting
- Sand & stain banister
- Pick up litter outside the church

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