

Christ Lutheran Community Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 333: Jesus is a rock in a weary land

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; eager-¹ ly I seek you;



O God, ea-ger-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

² Psalm 63:1

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my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there¹ is no water

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name. R**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹ est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with¹ joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you up-¹ on my bed,
and meditate on you in¹ the night watches.**

⁷ For you have¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I¹ will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being¹ clings to you;
your right hand¹ holds me fast. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

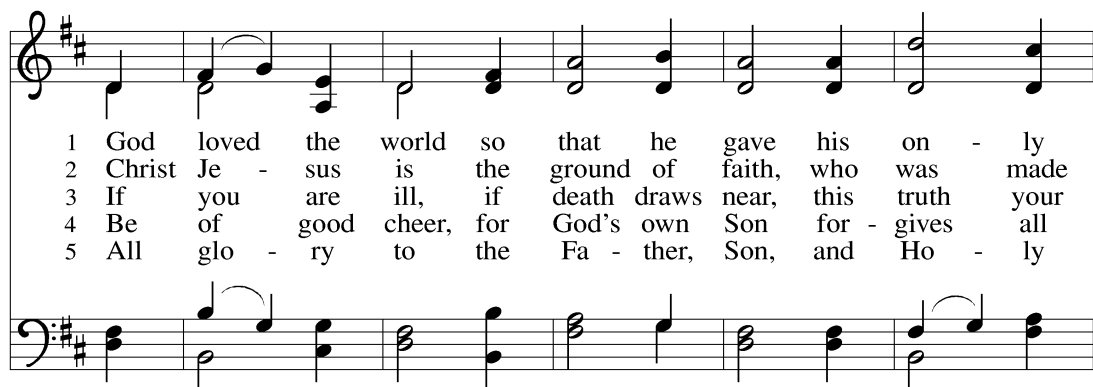
GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans

suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

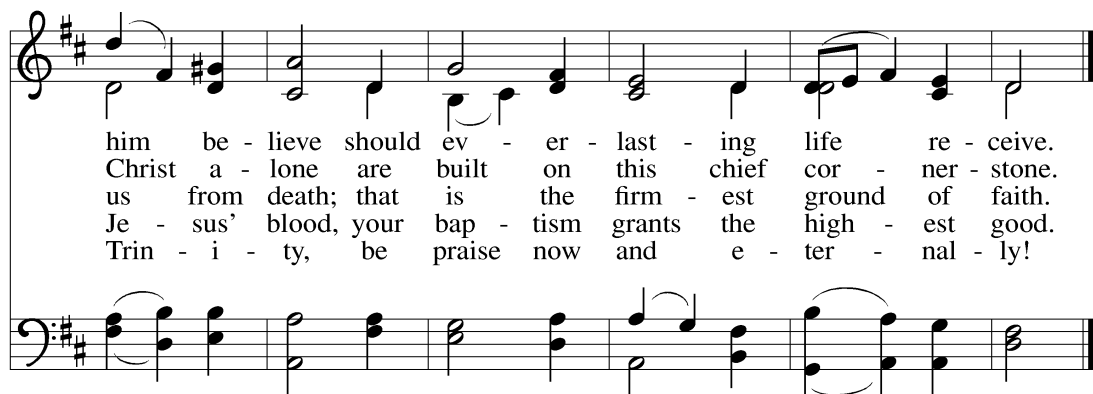
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 323: God loved the world



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

OFFERING HYMN: ELW 811: On my heart imprint your image

On My Heart Imprint Your Image



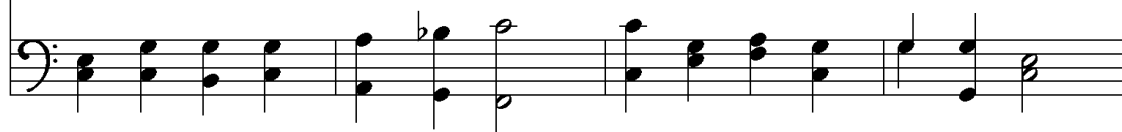
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three parts indicated by the words 'let us'.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The refrain section begins with the word 'Refrain' in italics. The melody and accompaniment continue, with the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing' written below the treble staff.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the hymn. The melody and accompaniment continue, with the lyrics 'sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.' written below the treble staff.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 325: I want Jesus to walk with me

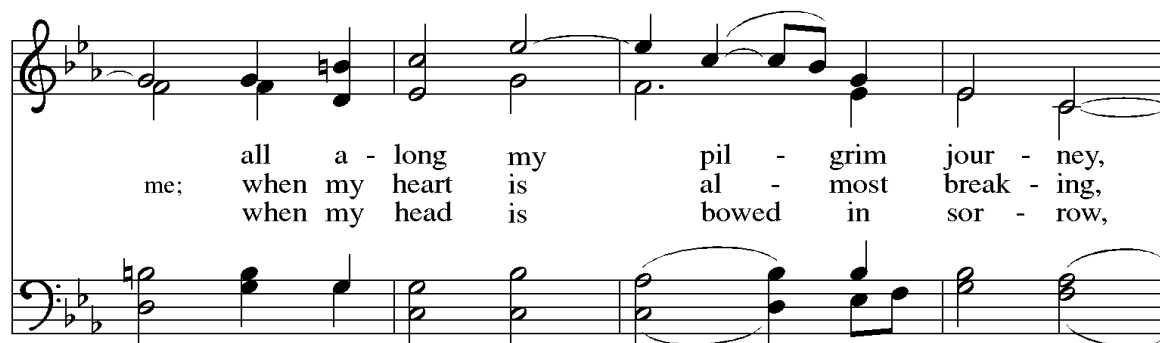
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



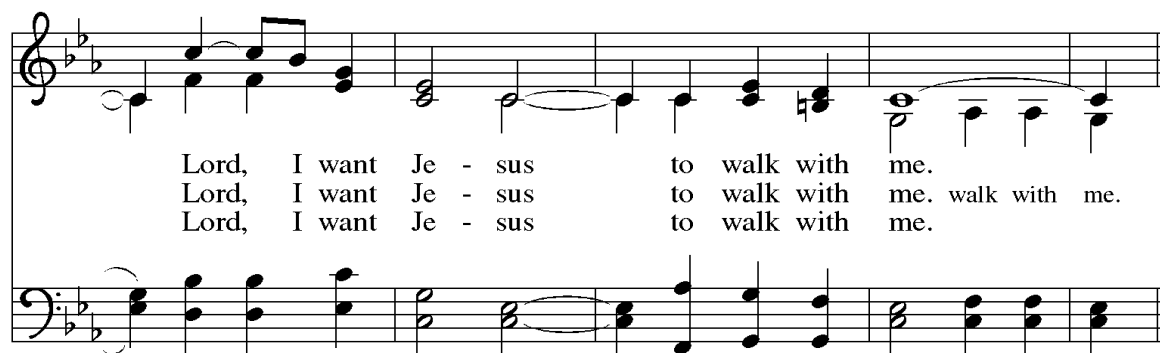
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

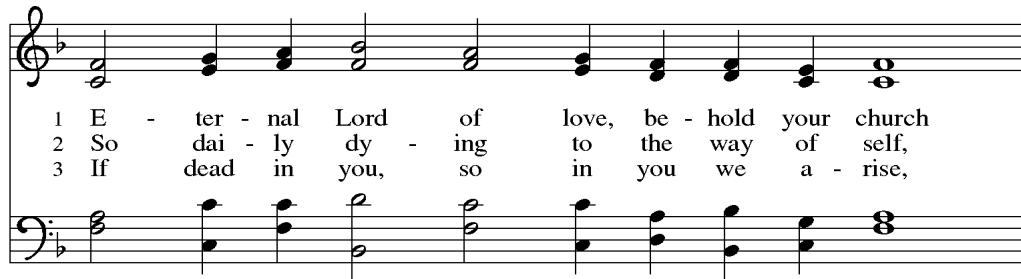
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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

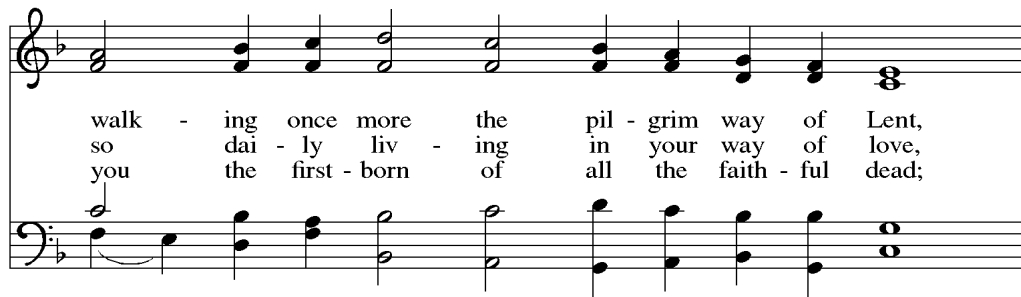
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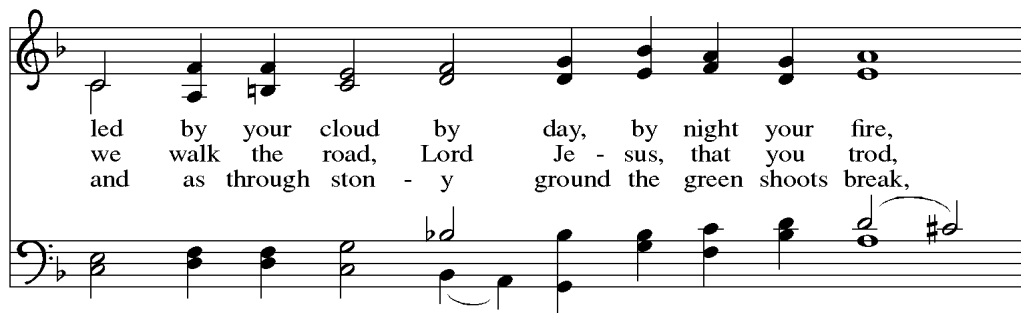
SENDING HYMN: ELW 321: Eternal Lord of love, behold your church



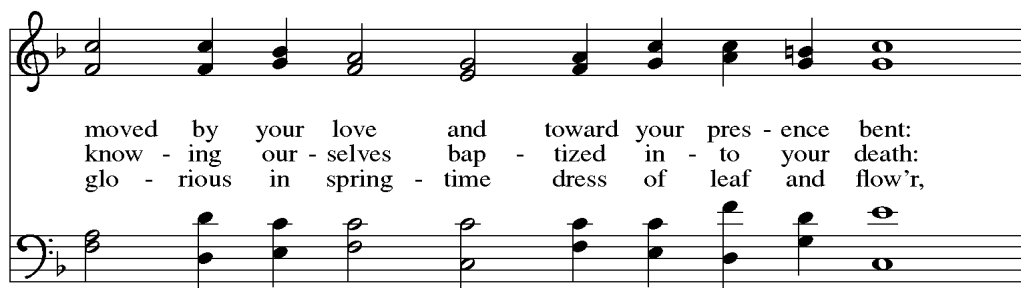
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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DEDICATIONS

Sanctuary Lamp & Votive Candle

Given to the Glory of God by Paul Boateng

SERVING THIS WORSHIP

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer

Ushers: Victoria Foster

Reader: Lois Johnston

Prayer Leader: Stephen Korvah

Zoom Host: Ryan Savitz

A/V: Jacob Fobay

Hospitality: Lois Johnston

CLCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a thank you to Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer for leading us in worship today at the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (no class on the 23rd)

Sundays in Lent: 30th, April 13th at 9:15AM

Pastor Randolph is leading **First Communion Classes during Lent**. Members of the class will receive First Communion at the **Maundy Thursday Service on April 17th at 7PM**.

LENTEN BOOK GROUP Meets again April 9th

Ritter Room, Wednesdays during Lent April 9th at 10:30AM. 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***. The group will be reading chapters 1-3 for the March 19th class. – Please sign up on bulletin board

NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member Classes continue to meet on March 30th, and April 13th after the 10:30AM Service For adults interested in becoming members (and those who just want to learn more about being Lutheran Christians) Led by **Pastor Randolph**

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

There are 3 opportunities to attend Lutheran Night at the Phillies. Check the bulletin board for more details.

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL, May 13: Calling lawmakers to join in the work of reconciliation, restoration, justice on behalf of our neighbors. – see Bulletin Board

AFRICAN DECENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY - July 24-27, Phoenix AZ. Early Registration until May 15.

FINAL LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Lenten Vesper Service,
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
6:30 pm**

**Palm Sunday, April 13th
10AM only**

**Chrism Service, , April 15th
10AM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Aston PA**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th
7PM**

**Good Friday, April 18th
-12PM Self-Guided Stations of the Cross
7PM Service**

**Easter Vigil April 19th
8PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 20th
10AM only**

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.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Doreen Samuels-Bryan is celebrating a birthday this week.

FINANCE UPDATE

January 2025
INCOME \$20,662.49 | EXPENSES \$22,678.10
NET -\$2,015.61

FOOD MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

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

Senior Boxes: Wed, April 2nd, 10-12AM

CLCC Food Closet: Thurs, April 10th, 4-6PM

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