

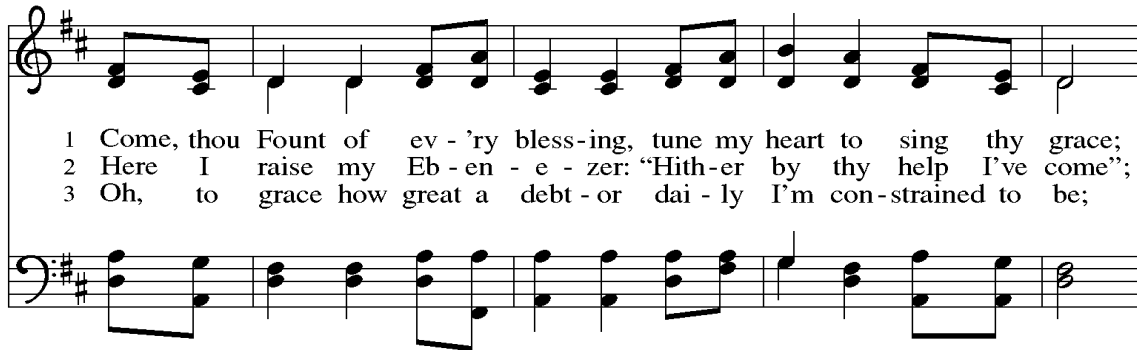
Christ Lutheran Community Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 807 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing



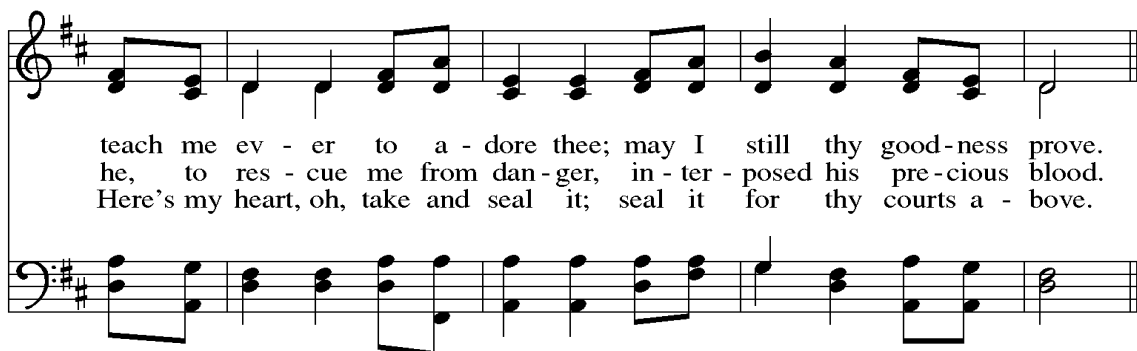
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

PSALM: Psalm 32



Be glad, you right-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

⁹psalm 32:11

⁹psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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¹ Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile! R**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them. R**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;**

but mercy embraces those who trust^l in the LORD.

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice^l in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are^l true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and

has been found.'”

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 606 - Our Father We Have Wandered

Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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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 a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

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 continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated for each of the three parts, with the same musical notation and alignment.

Refrain

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

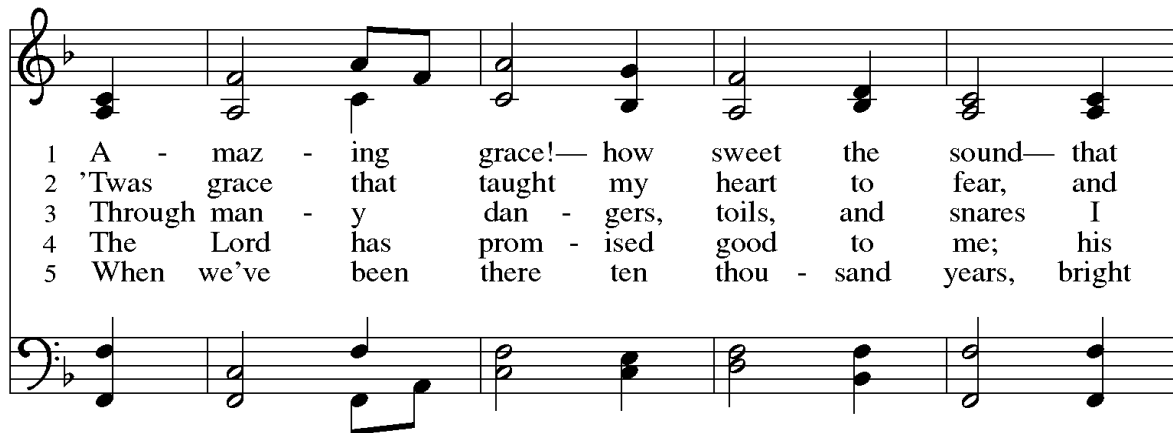
The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with a hyphen indicating a syllable that spans across two notes.

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

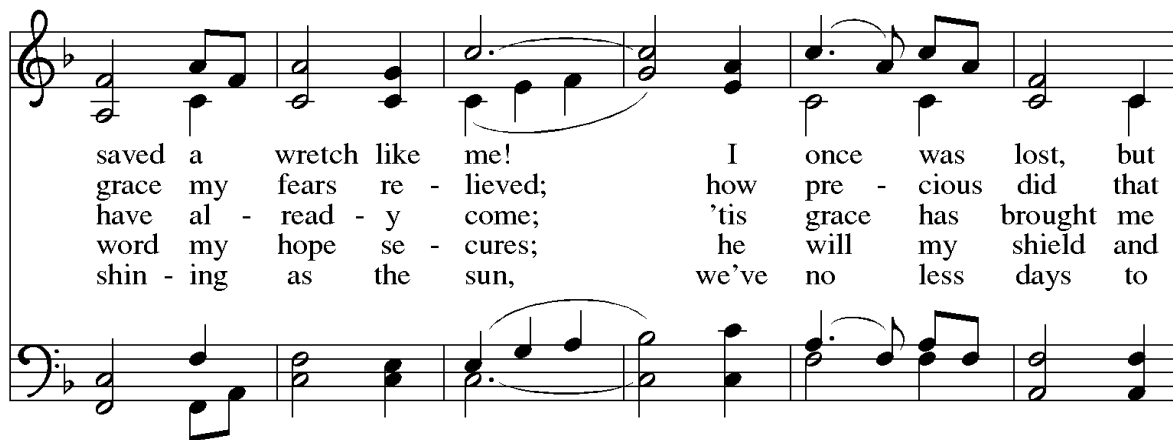
The final system of music concludes the piece. The melody and accompaniment continue from the previous system, ending with a final chord in the bass staff.

COMMUNION HYMN: COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 779 Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

DEDICATIONS

Sanctuary Lamp & Votive Candle

In memory of Alex Forte, my father, by Allie Knight

SERVING THIS WORSHIP

Ushers: Victoria Foster

Reader: Rebecca Wilharm

Prayer Leader: Stewart Mahan

Zoom Host: Susan Pursch

A/V: John Moore

Hospitality: Lois Johnston

CLCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS

Our church comes alive with the beauty of Easter lilies on the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. The lilies on the altar will be an important factor in our In-Person or Zoom Easter Worship experience. Now is the time to place your lily order for this glorious festival day! Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Orders are due by April 13th

CHOIR TO SING ON EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20TH - Join us for the following rehearsals:

- Rehearsal– Sunday 3/30 @ 12:00 PM
- Rehearsal – Sunday 4/6 @ 12:00 PM
- Rehearsal – Easter Sunday 4/20 @ 9:30 AM

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

Victoria Foster-Lee and Andrea Rees are celebrating birthdays this week.

FINANCE UPDATE

January 2025

INCOME \$20,662.49 EXPENSES \$22,678.10

NET -\$2,015.61

FOOD MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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