

Christ Lutheran Community Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 238 Great Litany

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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O Christ, hear us.

In mercy hear us.

God, the Father in heaven,

have mercy on us.

God, the Son, redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Be gracious to us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

from the cunning assaults of the devil;

from an unprepared and evil death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From war, bloodshed, and violence;

from corrupt and unjust government;

from sedition and treason:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From epidemic, drought, and famine;

from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning, and storm,

and from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth:

Help us, good Lord.

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and suffering;
by your death and burial:
Help us, good Lord.

By your resurrection and ascension;
by the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
Save us, good Lord.

Though unworthy, we implore you
to hear us, Lord our God.

To rule and govern your holy catholic church;
to guide all servants of your church
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;
to put an end to all schisms
and causes of offense to those who would believe;
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful workers into your harvest;
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;
to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand;
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations justice and peace;
to preserve our country from discord and strife;
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;
and to bless and guide all our people:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;
to protect and guide all who travel;
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;
to watch over children and to guide the young;
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;

to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows;
and to have mercy on all your people:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
and to reconcile us to them;
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures
of the earth, the sea, and the air;
and graciously to hear our prayers:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

we implore you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

give us peace. Amen.

O Christ, hear us.

In mercy hear us.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.”

⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my

ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



Psalm 91:11
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- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of [|] the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of [|] the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge [|] and my stronghold,
 my God in whom I [|] put my trust.” R**
- ⁹ Because you have made the [|] LORD your refuge,
 and the Most High your [|] habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil [|] will befall you,
 nor shall affliction come [|] near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge [|] over you,
 to guard you in [|] all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will [|] bear you up,
 lest you strike your foot a- [|] gainst a stone. R**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion [|] cub and viper;
 you will trample down the lion [|] and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;
 I will uphold them, because they [|] know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and [|] honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I [|] satisfy them,
 and show them [|] my salvation. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

^{8b} “The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one

believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

GOSPEL: Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 322 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

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,

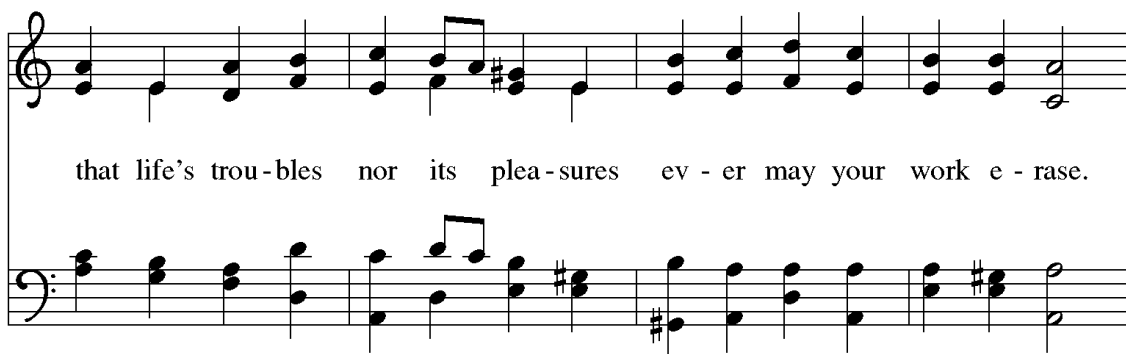
moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

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.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW 811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image
On My Heart Imprint Your Image



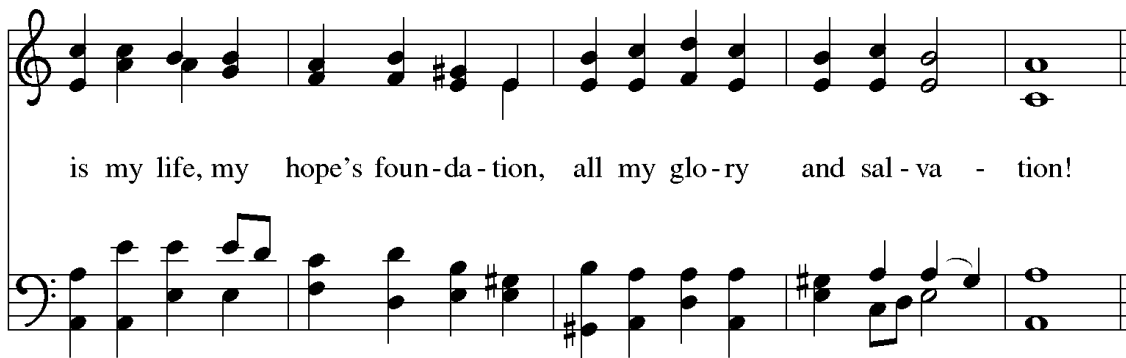
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



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. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a steady bass line.

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, ending with a final cadence.

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 treble staff has a vocal line, and the bass staff has a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing".

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

The final system concludes the piece with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a vocal line, and the bass staff has a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me." The piece ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

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,

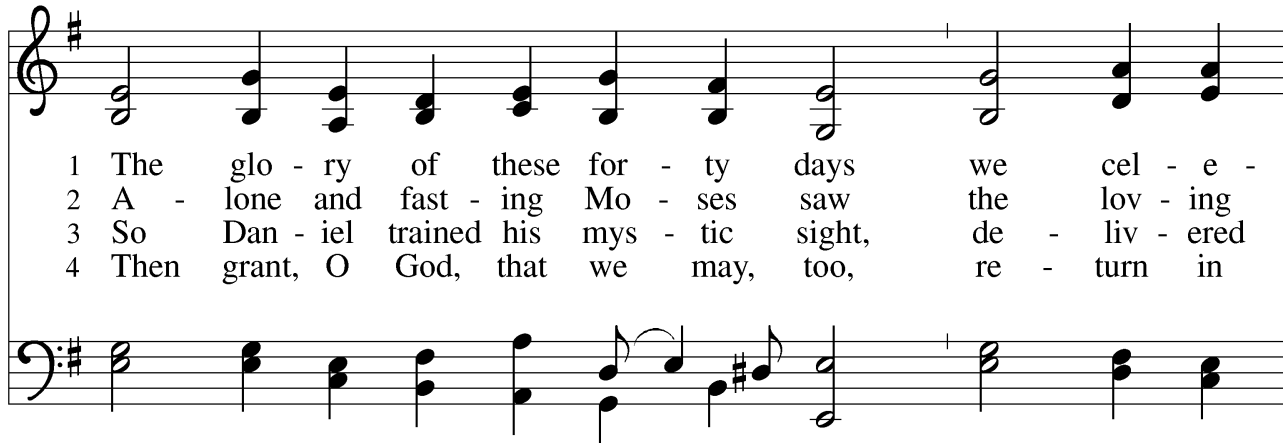
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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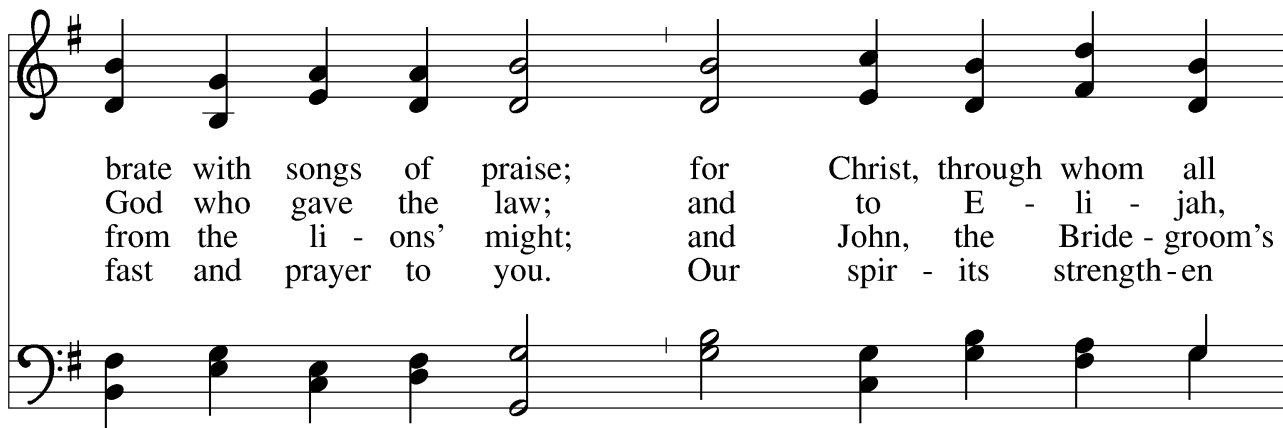
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SENDING HYMN: ELW 320 The Glory of These Forty Days

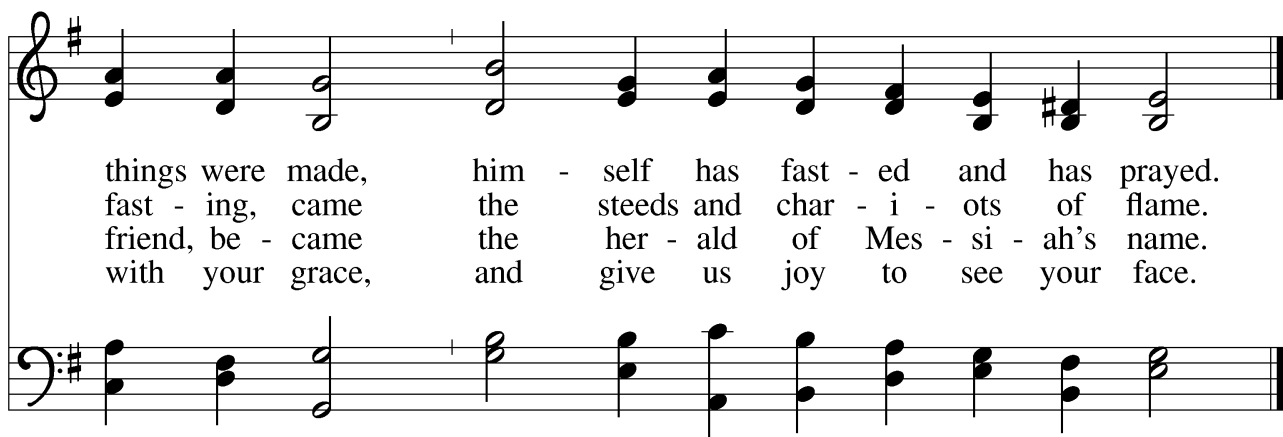
The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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DEDICATIONS

Sanctuary Lamp & Votive Candle

Given in memory of the Wiggins Sisters by India DiValerio

PLEASE NOTE

During Lent there will be no flowers on the altar. The Sanctuary Lamp or the Votive Lamp can be dedicated to loved ones. Cost for candle dedication is \$5 each.

SERVING THIS WORSHIP

Ushers: Victoria Foster Lee,
Reader: Rebecca Wilharm
Prayer Leader: Imani Hall

Zoom Host: Susan Pursch
A/V: John Moore
Hospitality: Nancy Moore

CLCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 9, 2025

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sundays in Lent: March 9th, 16th, 30th, April 13th at 9:15AM

Pastor Randolph will be 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

Ritter Room, Wednesdays during Lent: March 12th, 19th, and 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*. – Please sign up on bulletin board

NEW MEMBER CLASS

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 on March 16th, March 30th, and April 13th after the 10:30AM Service (11:45 anticipated start time)**. The goal and intent will be to receive new members at **the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 19th at 8PM**.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

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

**Chrism Service, Tuesday of Holy Week, 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.

FINANCE UPDATE

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

FOOD MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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