

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool March 29, 2024

## Good Friday

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### All Are Welcome – All the Time!

You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to participate in any part of worship.

If you wish to take communion, we ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus.

His body and blood were given and shed for you.



Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool is a community committed to the work of equity and inclusion, bringing justice and support for all of God's beloveds. We welcome those who are seeking God's love and grace for the first time or as a life-long believer.

We welcome because Jesus shows us how to welcome, regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, economic resources, relationship status, health challenges or anything else that too often divides us. It is in our welcome which we commit ourselves to being an anti-racist space, a space where we seek daily to deepen our work of inclusion in the life of our church. Our unity is in Christ. All are welcome here.

## **INVOCATION & KYRIE**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Lord have mercy upon us. **Lord have mercy upon us.**  
Christ have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.**  
Lord have mercy upon us. **Lord have mercy upon us.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*– Silence for reflection –*

*Most merciful God,*

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit  
that Christ may live in our hearts. **Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.  
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times  
find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SONG: Go to Dark Gethsemane – #347, vs 1**

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

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## **PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN**

*Silence is kept after each reading. Lights will be dimmed.*

### **JESUS PRAYS FOR THE PEOPLE – John 17:1-5, 25-26**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

#### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

### **THE ARREST – John 18:1-14**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

#### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

### **PETER'S DENIAL – John 18:15-27**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

#### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## **JESUS BEFORE PILATE – John 18:28-32**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## **PILATE QUESTIONS JESUS AGAIN – John 18:33-40**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## **JESUS IS FLOGGED – John 19:1-16**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## **JESUS IS CRUCIFIED – John 19:17-30**

*After the reading, a candle is extinguished and silence is kept*

### **SONG: Jesus, Remember Me – #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## **JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB – John 19:31-42**

*The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.*

### **SONG: Were You There – #353, verses 1 & 2**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

### **REFLECTION – Rev. Joleen Gleasman**

### **SONG: Now Behold the Lamb – #341, verse 1**

Now behold the Lamb. The precious Lamb of God.  
Who bore all my sins that I may live again,  
The precious Lamb of God. *(repeat)*

- **BRIEF SILENCE IS KEPT FOR REFLECTION**
- **CHIME SIGNALS END OF WORSHIP**
- **WE LEAVE IN SILENCE**
- **PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY AT 9:30**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Decorate for Easter** – Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. Please decorate butterflies (available on the info table) that we will use to decorate the church. Consider sharing pots of spring flowers for Easter. Thank you.
- **Easter Sunday Worship** – March 31 at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship
- **PreSchool Birthday Bash & Bazaar – Saturday, April 27 from 10 to 2.** Please come and shop! Invite your friends!
- **Mother's Day Bags April 28** – Sue's Pantry asked if we could create a treat for the many women she serves. Holly is gathering items for us to pack gift bags. Assembly date tentatively planned for April 28 after church. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the items, please reach out to Holly ([HollySJ@earthlink.net](mailto:HollySJ@earthlink.net)). Thank you.
- **Caring Hands** – April TBD, May 18, June 15 from 9 to noon.
- **Encampment Collection** – Thank you to all who contributed to our deliveries to the Chicago homeless encampment near Pastor Pdraig's house. We continue to collect blankets/sleeping bags (new or gently used/clean), socks, hand warmers, gloves, feminine products, and Mariano's gift cards (store closest to camp).
- **Sanctuary Support** – For asylum seekers living in Chicago shelters. New wishlist diapers, formula, coats, children's clothes (baby to teen), children's/adult cold medicines, cough drops, Advil,/Tylenol, shoes, coats, strollers, book bags, suitcases, storage bins with lids.
- **Sue's Pantry** – Looking for small sizes of flour, cooking oil, sugar. Also anything needed to keep a home and family clean – dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo.
- **Love INC** – Housewares, nonperishables and volunteers. Want to learn more? Have a child or family in need of a bundle of clothes or housewares? Give the details to Natalie she will get us covered! (Thanks, Natalie.)
- **COOL Ministries** – We support the COOL pantry in Waukegan as well as Vernon Township Pantry with non-perishables. Collection bins in hallway or give online.
- **BSA Troop 273** – Thank you for supporting our partner Scouts as they have supported us. **Looking to restart Cub Scout Pack 273!** Children/families ages Kindergarten through 4th grade are encouraged to reach out to Theresa ([tcalabrese98@gmail.com](mailto:tcalabrese98@gmail.com)).
- **Prayer concerns?** Please consider reaching out so that our network of Prayer Warriors can pray. You may remain anonymous. Please email [ChristLutheranVH@aol.com](mailto:ChristLutheranVH@aol.com) with your request. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Team, please send an email.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.** Your presence in worship is very important. Thank you for being part of this community of faith. If you would like to support the efforts of this community, we welcome donations, which can be provided by credit card or Paypal through the link at the bottom of our webpage, [ChristLutheranVH.org](http://ChristLutheranVH.org). Thank you.