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**Mission Statement**

**United in Christ through Word and Sacrament to proclaim Christ to a waiting world.**



**The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons**  
Seasons of Wondering Who's in Control

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**As We Gather**— The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come," answers any and all doubt we may have about who is really in control of our life, circumstances, and destiny. When we become aware of how out of control things may be, we worry and despair. But when we pray, "Thy kingdom come," our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. In other words, God's kingdom, His control, comes as our faith in Him is strengthened by hearing His Word and promises.

**Image:** "Thy kingdom come." (*The Lord's Prayer*)

**WELCOME!**

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are asked to sign the guest book at the entrance of the church and are always welcome in our midst.

**Order of Worship**—(*as printed in the bulletin*)

**-Ringing of the Bell (Chimes)**

**OPENING HYMN**—"O Christ, You Walked the Road" (*LSB* 424)

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING VERSES**

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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**People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your rule extends over the heavens and the earth. You promise to take care of all things, both big and small, knowing even the number of hairs on our head. Yet in our rebelliousness, we often doubt Your care and protection. Lord, help us to pray,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: We often worry and are anxious about many things. By our sinful nature, we reject Your loving providence. Lord, forgive us for these sins of doubt and unbelief. Lord,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Holy God has in His mercy sent His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*-Sharing of the Peace— (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]*

**HYMN**—"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" (St. 1: LSB 658)

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You rule all things, but without Your help, we are rebellious creatures. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may be strengthened in faith and lead godly lives each day until we see Your eternal throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

**People: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING—1 Timothy 6:12–16 (The Good Confession)

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING John 18:28–37 (Jesus before Pilate)

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CREED**—*Apostles' Creed (as found on the very back page of your bulletin)*

**HYMN** "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" (LSB 651)

**SERMON**— "Seasons of Wondering Who's in Control" (*Second Petition*)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" (Sts. 1, 3: LSB 766)

**PRAYERS**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, may we never be deceived into thinking that we can bring God's kingdom to earth. May we believe that through Word and Sacrament God reveals His kingdom to us. Heavenly Father,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we often doubt Your loving care and protection. Strengthen our faith so that we rest securely in Your promises. Help us not to doubt, but believe. Heavenly Father,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, help us to make use of opportunities to hear Your Word and receive the Sacrament. Help us to lead godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Heavenly Father,

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**CATECHISM REFLECTION** *Luther's Small Catechism*

Pastor: We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come." What does this mean?

**People: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

Pastor: How does God's kingdom come?

**People: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

Pastor: We pray this petition, and all petitions, in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*as found on the very back page of your bulletin*)

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**—"The Day Thou Gavest" (LSB 886)

*At this time we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.*

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY**—

Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Calvary starting at 7:15pm with Soup Suppers from 5:30-7pm and on Thursdays at CELC at 7pm)...

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday Feb. 14th and continues through to Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>—

**The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons (during our Lenten Midweek services)...**

1. Lenten Midweek 4: Seasons of Seeking God's Will, *Third Petition*  
-Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
2. Lenten Midweek 5: Seasons of Thanks for Simple Things, *Fourth Petition*  
-Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
3. Lenten Midweek 6: Seasons for Standing Up to Evil, *Sixth and Seventh Petitions*  
-Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm