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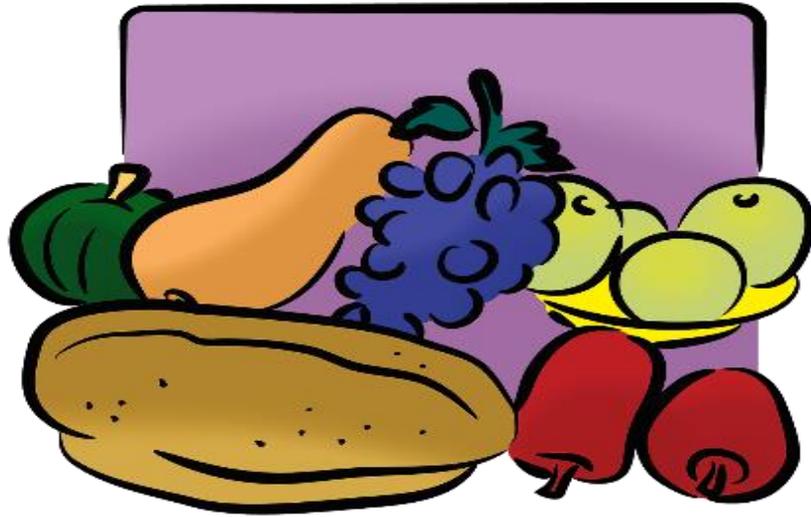
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**Mission Statement**

**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 Thanks for Simple Things

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**As We Gather**— Often as we look around each day, we fail to see all good things as blessings coming from the hand of the Lord. From the simple to the complex, the major to the minor, all that is beneficial for our bodies, lives, and spirits, we can sum up in thanksgiving and continued requests when we pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Yet in our Lenten journey, we also are called to see and know the eternal and life-giving bread given for us in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His proclamation “I am the bread of life,” would come to its fulfillment in His giving of His body and blood on Maundy Thursday, His Passion, and His death. From the earthly to the eternal, we pray continually for the Lord to give us this season, and every season, our daily and life-giving bread.

Image: “Give us this day our daily bread.” (*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**—“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (Sts. 1–4: *LSB* 420)

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING VERSES**

*Psalm 147:1–11*

Pastor: Even in this penitential, reflective, and somber season of Lent, we gather in worship and praise as we journey with Jesus to the cross. As we see the Lord give us all we need for this body and life through “daily bread,” we join with the psalmist in thanksgiving to the Creator and Provider of all things.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.**

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**People: He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills.**

Pastor: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**People: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,**

Pastor: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before You, heavenly Father, as people who do not always see all things from You. Often we think only about ourselves who have earned, achieved, and attained the blessings in our lives. Drawing our hearts and minds to Your continued provision, forgive us for our selfishness and help us to humbly pray,

**People: Give us this day our daily bread.**

Pastor: We come before You, heavenly Father, in this penitent season of Lent, ashamed and aware that we have not always recognized nor given thanks for Jesus, the bread of life. We have at times been apathetic to Your Word of life, we have not sought to be fed by His life-giving bread, and we have sought other ways to find fulfillment and peace. We seek Your forgiveness, that we may cling to bread that lasts in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hear us as we pray,

**People: Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus, resisting all temptation, said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God,” and, “The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” We have been given life through the death of Jesus, as God has given His Son, Jesus, 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—**“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (St. 7: LSB 420)

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, all good things come from Your creating and providing hand, the greatest of these being Your own Son, the living bread from heaven, who would give Himself for the life of the world. Continue to bless us in this Lenten time to find our sustenance and new life in Him alone, Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### ☩ WORD ☩

**FIRST READING—Exodus 16:4-21** (Israelites are given bread from heaven.)

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

<sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

<sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**—*John 6:51–69* (“The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”)

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who

those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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 hymnal)*

**SERMON HYMN**—“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” (*LSB* 602)

**SERMON**—“Seasons of Thanks for Simple Things” (*Fourth Petition*)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Sts. 1, 5: *LSB* 766)

**PRAYERS**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, we come to You in prayer for the people of God and for all people according to their needs. We come before You in thanksgiving for bread that never spoils, that Your Son, Jesus Christ, the bread of life, has given Himself for the life of the world. Keep us ever firm in the faith that we may go to Him alone for the sustenance of our souls and the foretaste of the feast to come. We pray,

**People: give us this day our daily bread.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, all we have, all we see, and all we are come from You. Bless our stewardship and managing of all You have entrusted to us for the furthering of Your Word of life. Help us to be a blessing to others, having care and compassion for those who are in want and need. Realizing all we have and need for this body and life are a gift from You, we pray,

**People: give us this day our daily bread.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, as many near and dear to us face trials and illnesses, grant Your comfort and peace upon them that their faith may remain firm. Give to them what is needful, and we pray for Your healing according to Your will. For our own health and well-being, we pray,

**People: give us this day our daily bread.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: *We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean?*

**People: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

Pastor: What is meant by daily bread?

**People: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

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 hymnal*)

**BENEDICTION** *John 6:35, 40*

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. . . . Everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life." The blessing of our true almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and go with you, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**—"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (*LSB 923*)

*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 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
2. Maundy Thursday (6:30pm at Calvary Waupaca): Commandment Three, Mark 14:12-26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
3. Good Friday (7pm at Christ West Bloomfield): Commandment Two, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
4. Easter Day (8:30am Christ Lutheran & 10:30am Calvary): Commandment One, Mark 16:1-8