

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



“And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.” *Acts*  
 3:16

**WELCOME!** We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

**AS WE GATHER:** “*A Lesson from the Leaping Man*”

For the third Sunday in a row we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. We take so long, fifty days, for this celebration, because it is almost too good to be true! Surely as time passes, we can take things for granted, even big things. But this Sunday, the joyful and “marveling” disciples join with a formerly lame beggar now leaping and praising God to remind us of how great our hope is to be in the risen Christ. It is not too good to be true! Christ is risen! Our hope is not just for a pleasant, peaceful life in this world. He gives us the hope of a joyful life now and an eternal life in Him, both when He comes to receive us to Himself and at the Last Day when, in our bodies renewed and restored, we, too, shall leap with resurrection joy.

**Budget Update:** Checkbook Balance 12/31/17: \$176.62

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 16,986	\$ 60,884
Expenses:	\$ 21,630	\$ 66,207
Over/(under):	\$ (4,644)	\$ (5,323)
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 10,977	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,770	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 8,000	
 Total Debt:	 \$ 48,747	

March receipts were not enough to cover expenses. We had to use all of Easter Sunday's receipts, and we are still around \$1200 short. The biggest contributor to the shortfall is the replacement of the heat exchanger for the school furnace, a \$2,265 unplanned expense.

Treasurer, Jerry Kobiske

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**ORDER OF SERVICE** - Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

**Opening Hymn** “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (LSB 464)

**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]

**THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT**

**Collect of the Day**

**Scripture Readings**

+ **First Reading**— *Acts 3:11–21* (Peter speaks in Solomon’s portico.)

**Gradual** (*spoken responsively*)

+ **Epistle**—*1 John 3:1–7* (We are God’s children now.)

**Alleluia and Verse**— “*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.*”

+ **Holy Gospel**— *Luke 24:36–49* (Jesus appears to His disciples.)

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**Sermon Hymn** “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (LSB 483)

**Sermon** “A Very Big Hope” (Acts 3.11–21)

**Sermon Outline**—

3. The leaping lame man indicates that, when it comes to scriptural hope, we have been too guarded.
2. As Peter’s hearers were too quick to reject and hand over Christ, we have been too quick to reject and hand over the full Christian hope.
1. The leaping lame man also indicates that big, biblical hope is both warranted and still offered freely to every beggarly hand turned Christ’s way—even the hands that once refused it!

THERE IS SOMETHING WORSE THAN RISKING HOPES SET TOO HIGH: LIVING OUR LIVES WITHOUT HOPING IN CHRIST NEARLY ENOUGH!

**Offering**

**Prayers of the Church**

*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 208**

**COMMUNION STATEMENT**—(*Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament*). The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Proper Preface**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life’s blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

**Distribution Hymns:**

- “This Joyful Eastertide” (LSB 482)
- “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” (LSB 421)

**Closing Hymn** “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” (LSB 680)

+ **Go in Peace and Serve the Lord** +

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**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 104**

**Officiant:** Pastor John M. Taggatz  
**Organist:** Ila Robbert  
**Elder:** Lee Krause  
**Ushers:** Jeremy & Aimee Lund  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch  
**Acolyte:** Grace Muench

**Church Information—**

**Pastor's E-mail:** [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com)  
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**Church Body's Website:** [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)  
**Church Websites:** [www.clcms.org](http://www.clcms.org) (Calvary)  
[www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com) (Christ)

**REMINDER! Pastor's Office Hours for Christ & Calvary**

**Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm**  
**Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm**  
**Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm**  
**Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm**  
**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**  
**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

*For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.*

*For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.*

**Our Prayer List:** Samuel Cartwright, Pleasance Robbert's father; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm; Maggie Ollmann, granddaughter of Rita Thews; Dirk Niebaum (cancer) friend of the Taggatz family; Sam Ives friend of Ms Reindl (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems) relative of the Taggatz family; Tom Utecht (healing); Doris Behm; Bud Keller (surgery); Tammy Velasco (hospitalized with heart problems) niece of Myron and Lydia Wacker.

**In the Military:** Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Our Shut Ins:** Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Doris Behm, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:** Gratefully acknowledges the memorial gift given in memory of Robert Brazil. The family has given altar candlesticks and candles in memory of their husband and father. A monetary of \$1,240 will be designated to the cushion fund.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!** We rejoice with Steve & Joanne Loehrke on the birth of their new grandson, Cooper, who was born on Good Friday. We pray that God our Heavenly Father would keep watch over little Cooper, especially as he awaits to be baptized, so that Cooper may grow up in the knowledge of God His Heavenly Father and the grace and mercy found in His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Our regularly scheduled Christ Lutheran Council meeting is on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our May Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School are deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST**

<b><u>Sunday – April 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>COMMUNION</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday Brunch 1:00 PM Piano Recital at Hahn's
<b><u>Monday – April 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – April 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>SWD Pastor's Conference in Manitowoc</b>
<b><u>Monday – April 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> 6:00 PM PTG Meeting
<b><u>Tuesday – April 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> 8:30 AM Chapel
<b><u>Wednesday – April 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> 3:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting at Christ
<b><u>Thursday – April 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study at Calvary
<b><u>Friday – April 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> 6:30 PM "The Case for Christ" showing at Christ Lutheran gym
<b><u>Sunday – April 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class

**Scholarship Money Available.** Each year the LWML-SWD awards scholarships to young women from South Wisconsin District who are undergrad students at one of our synodical institutions and studying to be full time church workers in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Information is available at [www.lwml-swd.org/scholarships](http://www.lwml-swd.org/scholarships). Applications must be postmarked by **April 30, 2018**. If you know of a young woman who is eligible, please share this exciting opportunity with her!

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** –Is having our Sunday Brunch TODAY April 15 starting at 10:15 AM. We will have a free will offering. With all the money collected, it will be going towards the purchase of meat for the upcoming truck and tractor pull in July. Join us today for some fun, food, and fellowship!!!

**Fellowship/Community Outreach:** Do you have ideas on how to promote fellowship and community outreach here at Christ? If so, we would love to hear them! The Church Council is looking for people who have ideas and passion towards outreach and fellowship. It can be as much or as little as you want. No need to be involved at Council level or report at the Voters Meeting. Fund raising efforts to support your ideas would be led by Stacy Mundschau. If interested, please contact Pastor Tagatz or Stacy.

**CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--**We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

**If you would like to worship at one of our parishes of Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, here is information regarding their addresses and worship times:** Calvary Lutheran is located at: E1887 King Rd. Waupaca, WI 54981 (Calvary is located near King Veteran's home and is close to County Rd QQ). Calvary worships at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. Christ Lutheran is located at: N6412 State Road 49 Weyauwega, WI 54983, and they worship at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Also, if you drop your offering envelope into our sister parish on Sunday morning, your offering will make it back to the church that you are a member of.

**We will be showing the movie, “The Case for Christ” at the Christ Lutheran Gymnasium on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm with popcorn and refreshments, the movie will follow at 7pm.** Come see the real story of investigative reporter Lee Strobel of the Chicago Tribune. Strobel, during the 1980s was bothered by his wife's unyielding belief in Christianity. As an investigative reporter and devout atheist, he sets out to use verifiable facts to poke holes in her Christian faith. In the end, like the great Christian apologist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century CS Lewis, Strobel succumbs to the Christian faith and becomes a Christian himself. Come see this film and invite your friends to do the same!!!

**Church Announcements Deadline:** The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

**“The Challenges of Islam”** is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics.

**Children's Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches.** These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY?** Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God's Word together! We are currently studying God Connects: An Overview of Luther's Small Catechism through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**BOX TOPS AND MILK CAPS:** This is just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and Kwik Trip milk caps, bag tops, glazed donut ovals and ice cream bar codes. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them in Aimee's church mailbox or on her desk in the school office. Thank you!

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:** You will find a Flower Committee sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. We are looking for one or two people to take care of flowers/plants for a month. The person(s) would be in responsible for Altar flowers and watering the green plants. If you are interested, please sign up or contact Susanne Utecht.

**The Vacation Bible School Volunteers have met from Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches and we have selected a program for the summer for our two churches.** We will be doing the VBS Program “Shipwrecked” from Group Publishing. We are looking to have Christ Lutheran's VBS on Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-11:30am Monday through Friday with registration on Monday beginning at 8am. Calvary's VBS will be either the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> or the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm Monday through Friday. Our next planning meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. We have applied for two Thrivent Actions grants to cover the supplies for Vacation Bible School, one for Christ and the other for Calvary.

**A REMINDER FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:** Please make sure you are putting your names on your envelopes. It is very important for double checking names.

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:** Wishes to thank and acknowledge members who have served in the following ways to Christ Lutheran Church. March Communion: Stacy & Chantel Mundschau, March Church Care: Laverne & Ila Robbert. April Communion & Church Care: Tom & Diane Hartzke.

**CONCORDIA CEMETERY:** The annual meeting will take place Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 pm in the Christ Lutheran School Library.

**Christ Lutheran School is forming a Call Committee** – in order to meet staffing needs for Christ Lutheran School for our Preschool through Kindergarten teaching position. If anyone is interested in being on the call committee, please call Aimee at the school office at 920-867-3263 or email Kelly Buchholtz at [kcbuchholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcbuchholtz@gmail.com). Please let us know by April 30.

**The Congregation at Prayer Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Catechism:** To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

**Verse of the week:** Romans 8:31b-32, *“If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 23

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 483) “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (stanza 1)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**— Jesus, the Good Shepherd—John 10:11-16

**Monday**— Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias—John 21:1-14

**Tuesday**— Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25

**Wednesday**— The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel—1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20

**Thursday**— The Ark of the Covenant Is Captured—1 Samuel 3:21—4:18 (19-22)

**Friday**—The Ark Brings Judgment upon the Philistines—1 Samuel 5:1—6:1

“When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God’s Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): ‘On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.’ Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that ‘seem to be weaker are indispensable!’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**—“Peace to You” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Christians often say, “The Lord be with you.” What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus’ visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. (Luke 24:36-49)The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)

7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)

8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)

10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

## **OUR GOAL IN WITNESSING AND SHARING IS FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED.**

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13).



**Stewardship Minute**— In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that our Heavenly Father expects moral behavior from His people. Moreover, He expects that behavior to be motivated by proper motives and attitudes. *“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God...”* (1 Peter 2:12). God is looking for us to do the proper things not because we want to please others, but so that He may be glorified. Paul wrote, *“We speak, not to please man, but to please God Who tests our hearts”* (1 Thessalonians 2:4b). As redeemed people, we strive to do right, because God deserves nothing less from us.