

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 24th, 2019

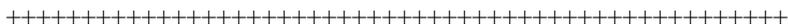


“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me.” *Ezekiel 33:7*

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

AS WE GATHER—*"The Watchman for the House"*

Someone's always watching. At least it seems that way, doesn't it? In a world full of security cameras and alarm systems, there seem to be millions of ways to keep your property secure and guard your valuables from intruders who would seek to cause trouble. But what are your thoughts about having someone—an actual living, breathing person—to watch over you and your family at all times and in all places? Lest we think that a security detail like that is available only to the rich and the powerful, listen to what the Lord God said to Ezekiel: "Son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 33:7). The entire house of God, which has been watched over by the prophets of old, is now under the authority and care of the Son of God and Son of Man, Jesus Christ. In grace, He's appointed other watchmen, including your pastor, to safeguard your well-being and proclaim God's Word to you. His ministry leads you to Jesus, your ultimate watchman, who guards and protects you from the threats of the evil thief who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Place yourself under the watchful eye and merciful care of this watchman today! Watch Him, hear Him, and receive Him as He serves you in His Father's house and fills you with the life that He alone can provide.



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OPENING HYMN—"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (LSB 563)

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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] ***Recognizing health concerns, we value verbal greetings as well as handshake greetings.***

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

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: page 190

+ **First Lesson**—*Ezekiel 33:7–20* (The prophet serves as a watchman for the house of Israel.)

GRADUAL

+ **Epistle Lesson**—*1 Corinthians 10:1–13* (Our faithful God provides the way of escape to help us endure our trials and temptations.)

VERSE

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"[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

+ **Gospel Lesson**—*Luke 13:1–9* (Jesus warns us that we will all perish unless we repent.)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE—"God's Warning Light"

HYMN OF THE DAY—"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (*LSB* 707)

SERMON—"Light in the Dark Age" (Judges 2:6-23; 21:25)

Sermon Text—*Judges 2:6–23; 21:25*

⁶When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. ⁷And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. ⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110 years. ⁹And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. ¹⁰And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

¹¹And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹²And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. ¹⁴So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. ¹⁵Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

¹⁶Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so. ¹⁸Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. ¹⁹But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. ²⁰So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded

their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, ²¹I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, ²²in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the LORD as their fathers did, or not.” ²³So the LORD left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 21:25—²⁵In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

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OFFERINGS/ATTENDANCE

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

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for sending Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into this world to bear our sins and be our Savior. Under His watchful eye, we live as Your children, protected from all danger and guarded in heart and mind. In Your great love for all who dwell in Your house, You appoint pastors, teachers, and other servants of Your Word who call us to repentance and faith. Grant that as we are confronted with the reality of our sin through the preaching of Your Law, and as we are comforted with the reality of Your forgiveness through the preaching of Your Gospel, we daily turn to You with hearts of worship and obedience.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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CLOSING HYMN—“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” (LSB 722)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 70

Officiant: Rev. John M. Taggatz

Organist: Chris Cutts

Elder: Lee Krause

Ushers:

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Xavier Lind

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Church Websites: www.clcms.org (Calvary)

www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com (Christ)

Douglas Fleischfresser, LPC—Clinical Christian Psychotherapist through Lutheran Counseling & Family Services at Calvary Waupaca—For appointment call: (920) 420-2117 or (toll free) 888-867-4840 or online at www.lcfswi.org. Douglas Fleischfresser's email: dfleischfresser@lcfswi.org

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: Michael Muench (healing); Louis Hartzke (hospice); Samuel Cartwright; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Dirk Niebaum (cancer); Sam Ives, (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems); Bud & Judy Keller; Michael Felske (rehabilitation); Daryl (cancer); Bonnie Mitchell (healing); Todd Monroe (cancer); Judy (brain tumor) friend of Fred Monroe; Chris Schliepp (healing); Pete Fishbach (strength and healing), friend of Jerry & Rene Dorsett; Laverne Lipke (healing from surgery).

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

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

We Mourn with those who have lost loved ones— Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, especially the family of Ryan Timm, as they mourn the death of his Mother, Bonnie Mitchell, and Uncle, Curt Nelson, and the family of Stacy Mundschau, as they mourn the death of his Grandma, Lois. O Lord, please be with these families whose loved ones were recently called home to heavenly rest, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Amen.

In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregation's worship service has been cancelled.

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, "*The Augsburg Confession Today*" a Bible Study from the Lutheran Confessions. This is a study that helps people to understand the basics of our Lutheran teachings today from a Biblical perspective in our 21st Century modern world.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

Sunday – March 24 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday – March 26 8:30 AM Chapel
Wednesday – March 27 6-7 PM Public School Confirmation Class 7:15 PM Christ's Lenten Midweek Service
Thursday – March 28 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Calvary 5-6 PM Calvary's Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Calvary's Lenten Midweek Service
Friday – March 29 Pastor's Day Off
Saturday- March 30 10:00 AM VBS planning meeting at Christ 9AM-12PM LWML Rally @ Shepard of the Hills Greenville NWD
Sunday – March 31 8:30 AM Worship Service W/ Holy Communion Meeting after Worship 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal

A hearing loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users, to use please switch to "T."

SAVE THE DATE—Interested in helping build the church body at Christ Lutheran? There will be a meeting to discuss ways to grow membership following worship on Sunday March 31. Please plan on attending.

EASTER FLOWERS: For all those who wish to donate Easter flowers “in memory or honor of” you’ll find the forms on the table in the Church’s Narthex. We again giving you a option of either a Lily or Tulip plant. If you wish, monetary gifts are being accepted towards larger plants as well.

You may leave the form (envelopes provide next to forms) in my church box, I’ll be checking it often. If you choose to drop off a plant, please put in the church basement. I appreciate if you could leave your name and form with the plant. This way I can get the correct information in the church bulletin. Looking forward to decorating the church on Easter Sunday with all the beautiful plants.
Thank You, Susanne Utecht

SCRIP AT CELC—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

THRIVENT CHOICE GIVING FOR CHRIST & CALVARY— Giving back has always been important to our Thrivent members. Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$170 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010. The Thrivent Members of our congregations of Christ & Calvary are eligible to give to the charitable organization of their choice, including our churches of Christ & Calvary Lutheran our own Christ Lutheran School of West Bloomfield, WI!!! Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your local congregation. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

To make a donation on the Internet you can go to this secure link:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

If you are interested in becoming a Thrivent Member you can contact Jessie Fenske for further information. He is a Thrivent Representative for our area. He can be reached at: +1 (920) 209-7577 or at: jesse.fenske@thrivent.com

SPRING MUSICAL: Christ Lutheran School’s spring musical “The Greatest Story Ever Told” will take place on **Sunday, April 7th at 10:00 AM**, after the church service. There will be a **potluck at 11:30 AM** shortly after the musical performance. PTG will be supplying the ham sandwiches and we are asking that everyone who attends bring a **dish to pass**.

*We will have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 PM for anyone who wishes to attend.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

On Sunday, April 14th your children will be waiting for you after Sunday School today in the commons. There will also be a short survey for you to fill out. This is for making predictions about the future enrollment of our day school.

Even if you have children under 3 we would still like your input.

Below are the questions that will be on the survey.

1. What are the ages of your children?
2. If you have a child under the age of 3, do you foresee them attending Christ Lutheran School in the future? If no, why?
3. Does your school age child(ren) attend Christ Lutheran School? If not, why?

ROAST PORK DINNER: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi is hosting a dinner to raise funds in support of the David & Rachel Baker Ministry in Mongolia & Kazakhstan on April 13th from 4 to 7 pm (or until gone) in the fellowship hall. Adults \$6.50, children 5-10 yr. \$5.00, carry outs \$7.00. Please refer to the poster in the Narthex for more information.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops. The proceeds from the box tops go towards the Parent/Teacher Group for the school, it allows us to take field trips and fund events for the students. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them on Jennifer's desk in the school/church office. Thank you!

CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2019. 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).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"Death Doesn't End the Story" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some accept death as the end; others, as a new beginning. Jesus turned death into a sign that points us to the Author of life. (John 11) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: 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)

"The Virgin Mary's womb became the dwelling place of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word by whom all things were made. Within the first month, the heart of the Logos in human flesh was beating, like ours, with electrical impulses, pumping blood through His body, blood He would later shed for our sins. But the full miracle of the Incarnation was not just in seeing the Man in the flesh but much more. In Mary's

Son we saw with our eyes real things that are only visible by their effects: divine mercy, love, compassion, faith, meekness, and justice.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life’s post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday March 24th, 2019, The Third Sunday in Lent

Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

Verse of the week: John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 25

Hymn of the week: (LSB 718) “Jesus, Lead Thou On” (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Strong Man Delivers Us from Satan’s Kingdom—Luke 11:14-28

Monday— Luke Passion: Palm Sunday—Luke 19:29-48

Tuesday— Luke Passion: The Preparation of the Passover—Luke 22:1-13

Wednesday— Luke Passion: Jesus Celebrates the Passover—Luke 22:14-30

Thursday— Luke Passion: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane—Luke 22:31-46

Friday—Luke Passion: Jesus’ Arrest—Luke 22:47-55

Are you celebrating a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or remembering a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord? If so, you can donate flowers on the altar for that particular week you are celebrating a special occasion or remembering a loved one. Please call Susanne Utecht if you are interested in donating flowers at: (920) 867-4225.

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 “*The Incredible Race*” from Answers in Genesis. We are looking to have Christ Lutheran’s VBS on July 22nd-26th. Calvary’s VBS will be the week of June 24th-28th from 5-8pm Monday through Friday. Our next planning meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday March 30th at 10:00am. Please join us if you would like to help out with VBS this coming Summer!!! If you would like to help out please speak with Chantel Mundschau at Christ or Krisann Marcy at Calvary.

If there’s a prayer request for Christ or Calvary please be sure to keep us updated as to how they are doing. If someone is feeling better, we would certainly want to give a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing as well...

LWML Mission Project: Agape Help Center:

Time is Short

During the last several months. We have been collecting baby items and money for the Agape Help Center in Waupaca. Thank you for all the items that have been donated so far! This project will be completed on the last Sunday of March. At that time, the bassinet and all of the donations will be presented to Kelly Koch, the head of Agape. If you have been unable to contribute anything thus far due to weather or health issues, please consider being part of this final push to fill the bassinet. Your gifts will help babies, mothers, and families in crisis right here in this area. Thanks again for your help!

Agape- The Parent Project will be hosting a series entitled “The Parent Project,” that helps empower parents with resources for parenting teens and strong-willed children. This 10- week series started March 12th and will be offered again in the fall. If you’re interested, please see the handout in the Narthex or call 715-942-8288 to sign up for a class.

Stewardship Minute— The giving of our money is an important part of being faithful stewards. Mature Christians who are under the control of the Holy Spirit understand the importance of giving and do so willingly and cheerfully. Jesus gave us the greatest and the most perfect gift by offering Himself on the Cross. With hearts filled with God’s love for what He did for us, we become “givers” rather than “takers.” Giving is an expression of our love for the Lord. In light of what God has done for us through His Son, how can we not give freely to Him?

IN THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL, WE SEE THAT OUR PRIORITY MUSTNOT BE WEALTH OR SECURITY BUT IN BEING RICH TOWARD GOD.

“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:20-21).



INTERESTED IN SINGING AT CELC DURING THE LENTEN & EASTER SEASON??? Then, you are in luck!!! Chris Cutts will be conducting choir rehearsal here at CELC on Sunday mornings after worship on March 24th, 31st, April 7th, and 14th, from 9:45am-10:30am. Please come and join us as we prepare to observe the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through joyous song and praise to our LORD!!! Also, if anyone is interested in playing special music during the Lenten & Easter seasons please talk to Andrea Muench & Chantel Mundschau.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY—Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Christ starting at 7:15pm and at Calvary on Thursdays at 6:30pm with Lenten Suppers from 5:00-6:00 pm)... Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 6th and continues through to Easter on April 21st—

“A Lent to Remember” Lenten Midweek Services...

Lenten Midweek 4: Remember the Covenant, Psalm 105:8

-Wednesday March 27th @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday March 28th @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Lenten Midweek 5: Remember Sins No More, Jeremiah 31:34

-Wednesday April 3rd @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday April 4th @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Lenten Midweek 6: Remember Steadfast Love, Psalm 98:3

-Wednesday April 10th @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday April 11th @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday: Remembrance of Me, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

-Thursday April 18th @ Calvary Waupaca @ 6:30pm

Good Friday: Remember Me, Luke 23:39–43

-Friday April 18th @ Christ Lutheran @ 7pm

Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, 2 Timothy 2:8, 11

-Sunday, April 21 @ Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, our normal Sunday morning Worship times