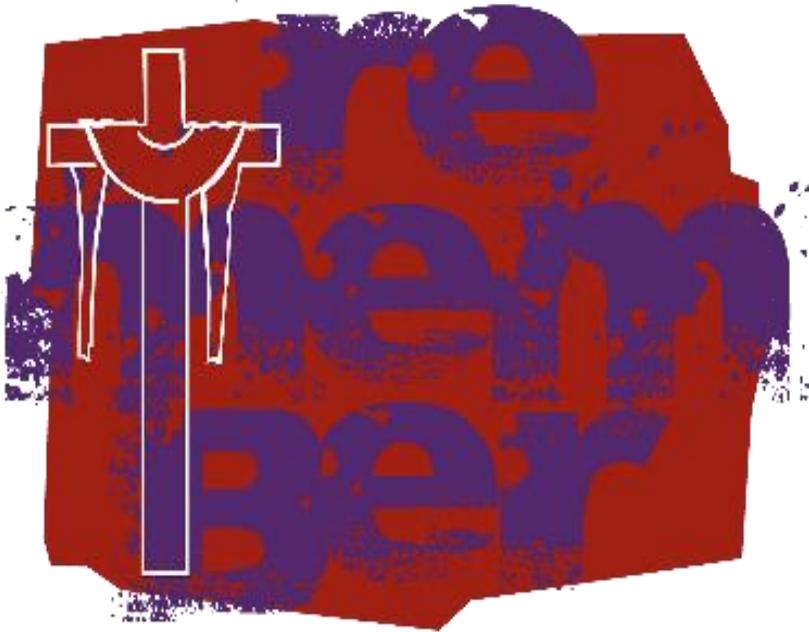


***“A Lent to Remember”***  
**Lenten Midweek Series**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



**As We Gather— *“Remember the Covenant”***

As we gather for worship, the decisions of other people shape how we will express our faith in the service. The choice of what hymns will be sung, what lessons will be read, and what prayers will be spoken have been made by other people. But those choices will be a blessing for us. Even more important, the choice that God has made for us and about us is the greatest of blessings. His covenant choice is to grant us spiritual blessings in Christ both here on earth in time and for eternity. Thank God for the choices He has made!

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**Mission Statement**

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

**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)**

**-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.**

**OPENING HYMN**—"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" (LSB 421)

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING VERSES**—*Psalm 105:1-8*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

Pastor: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**People: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

**People: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, because You know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**PSALM**—*Psalm 28:1–2, 6–9; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

**People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary. Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**People: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!

**People: Be their shepherd and carry them forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

## HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Although the major themes of Lent are drawn from the New Testament as the Gospel writers tell of Holy Week, there are many images that relate to this season in the books of the Old Testament as well. The hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” was based on Zechariah 13:1, “On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.” As we come to our Lord in dust and ashes, we look forward in joyful expectation to being washed clean and renewed by His gracious work for us.

Reader: This classic Lenten hymn was first published in 1819 by James Montgomery, a British newspaper owner and author of more than four hundred hymns. In many Lutheran hymnals, the text has been set to the tune NAAR MIT ÖIE, written by Norwegian composer Ludvig Lindeman, who began his musical career as a substitute church organist at the age of 12. He is remembered in Norway for being the founder of the Oslo Conservatory and as a contributor to the church music treasury of his native land.

**HYMN**—“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

(LSB 435)

**FIRST READING**—*Exodus 19:1–6* (Israel is directed to keep the covenant.)

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have given Your people the sacred blessing of the covenant.

**People: Grant that we remember Your kindness in choosing us for Your people. Shape our lives in ways that honor Your gracious commands in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SECOND READING**—*Hebrews 13:20–21* (Words of benediction that speak of the eternal covenant)

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**—*Romans 10:17*

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing,

**People: and hearing through the word of Christ.**

**PASSION NARRATIVE**—*John 18:28–32* (Jesus goes before Pontius Pilate.)

Pastor: Hear now the reading of the Passion Narrative from St. John’s Gospel, chapter eighteen.

<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.

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)*

**SERMON HYMN**—“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 575)

**SERMON**—“Remember the Covenant” (Psalm 105:8)

Sermon Text—*Psalm 105:8*

“<sup>8</sup>He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations”

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**—“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (LSB 422)

**VERSICLES**

Pastor: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

**People: have mercy and hear us.**

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

**VERSICLES**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**People: and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

**People: and let Your saints shout for joy.**

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

**People: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**People: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**People: let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

**People: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**People: and renew a right spirit within me.**

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**People: let my cry come to You.**

**PRAYER**

**People:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (LSB 427)

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*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 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 21<sup>st</sup>—

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

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

-*Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm*

-*Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm*

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

-*Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm*

-*Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm*

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

-*Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm*

-*Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm*

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

-*Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm*

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

-*Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7pm*

Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, 2 Timothy 2:8, 11 @ *Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, our normal Sunday morning Worship times*

