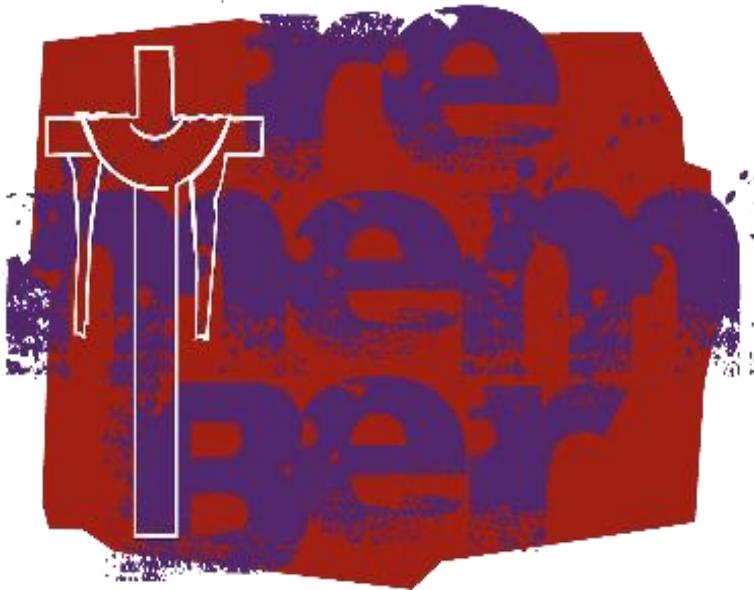


***“A Lent to Remember”***  
**Lenten Midweek Series**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**



**As We Gather—** *“Remember Sins No More”*

*“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”* These are simple words, but words that are filled with meaning for us, especially in this Lenten season. They are a plea, a prayer, and an affirmation. We ask that Jesus would remember us—not our sins—but ourselves. We pray that His remembering us and not remembering our sins will have an eternal benefit for us. And we affirm that His mercy and faithfulness is the source of our salvation. God is for us in all seasons!

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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**—"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" (LSB 560)

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING VERSES**—*Psalm 103:2, 6, 8-11*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

**People: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.**

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 103:12–14, 17–19, 21–22a; antiphon: v. 22b*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

**People: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

Pastor: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

**People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.**

Pastor: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

**People: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul! 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: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: There are certain hymns that specifically convey the central meaning of one special passage of Scripture. In some English translations the word used by Paul to young Timothy in which he calls himself the “chief of sinners” has been retranslated as “the worst of” and “the foremost.” Whatever word is chosen, the meaning is inescapable: each of us is the most sinful when viewed through the lens of God’s Law. But God does not remember repented sin and in Christ sees us as chief of the forgiven. The text of this hymn was written by an Irish bookseller, William McComb, and was included in a book of his poetry published in 1864. We sing it to the melody GETHSEMANE composed by Richard Redhead, a noted choirmaster who directed vocal groups in churches in Oxford and London, England.

**HYMN**—“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(LSB 611)

**FIRST READING**—*Isaiah 43:1–3a, 25* (The Lord will not remember sins.)

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

<sup>25</sup>“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank You for not remembering our sins and our sinfulness, which are all known to You. Assured of Your love and confident in Your forgiveness, we seek greater opportunities to serve You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**SECOND READING**—*2 Corinthians 5:17–21* (We are a new creation in Christ.)

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**People: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

Pastor: Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Philippians 2:8b*

Pastor: He humbled Himself

**People: by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**PASSION NARRATIVE**—*John 18:33–40* (Pilate interviews Jesus.)

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

<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.”<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”<sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”<sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

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**—“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” (LSB 428)

**SERMON**—“Remember Sins No More” (Jeremiah 31:34)

Sermon Text—Jeremiah 31:34

<sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

## 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 hymnal)*

## 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**—"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LSB 423)

### **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 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