

The 5th Sunday in Lent
April 7th, 2019



“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 3:14*

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: “*Reason to Rejoice*”

From the outside looking in, our walking together through the forty days of Lent does not seem nearly as exciting as the cheerfulness of Christmas or the elation of Easter, which we will experience two short weeks from today. Yet there is much joy to be found! There’s a great reason to rejoice! God blesses us with time together today to fix our eyes on Jesus and receive Him who was rejected for our redemption, forsaken for our forgiveness, and sacrificed for our salvation. Following the example of Paul, we cast everything else aside and find joy—true, lasting, eternal joy—in “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:8). Jesus longs for us to receive Him as He reveals Himself by His Word and Spirit, learning to know Him for who He truly is and what He has come to give. Christ alone is our joy—at Christmas, at Easter, during the season of Lent, and every day we are given! “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).

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Opening Hymn—“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (LSB 909)

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, & SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT

Due to the penitential season of Lent, the Gloria Excelsis is omitted...

Scripture Readings

First Reading—*Isaiah 43:16–21* (The Lord gives refreshment in the wilderness to His chosen people.)

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Epistle—*Philippians 3:8–14* (Everything is counted as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus.)

During Lent the Alleluia is omitted...

Verse—“*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone*”

Holy Gospel—*Luke 20:9–20* (The rejected Son of God is our cornerstone.)

Nicene Creed

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CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHOIR ANTHEM

Children’s Message—“Prizes or the Prize?”

Sermon— “Love & Outreach” (Ruth 1:1–18)

Sermon Text—Ruth 1:1-18

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, 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: At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

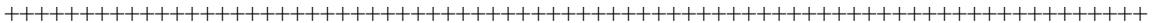
Distribution Hymns:

- “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (LSB 427)
- “What Wondrous Love Is This” (LSB 543)

Closing Hymn—“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!



Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 90

Officiant: Rev. John M. Taggatz

Organist: Chris Cutts

Elder: Ben Berg

Ushers:

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Jayden McCoy

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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— 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); 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 & strength), Sid Auck (stint placed in heart) father of Beth Cutts, Carol Auck (open heart surgery) mother of Beth Cutts.

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

Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, especially the family of Don Kneisler, the father of Steve Kneisler. O Lord, please be with Steve's family as they mourn the death of his father Don, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Amen.

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

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<u>Sunday – April 7</u> 8:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM School Musical 11:30 AM Potluck 5:00 PM Elders Meeting
<u>Monday – April 8</u> 6:00 PM Parents Teachers Group Meeting
<u>Tuesday – April 9</u> 8:30 AM Chapel
<u>Wednesday – April 10</u> 7:15 PM Christ's Lenten Midweek Service
<u>Thursday – April 11</u> 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Calvary 5:00 PM Calvary's Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Calvary's Lenten Midweek Service
<u>Friday – April 12</u> Pastor's Day Off
<u>Sunday – April 14 PALM SUNDAY</u> 8:30 AM Worship Service/ Sunday School 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal

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.

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).

SPRING MUSICAL: Christ Lutheran School's spring musical "The Greatest Story Ever Told" will take place **TODAY Sunday, April 7th at 10:00 AM**, after 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**.

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

SPRING CLEANING OF CHURCH is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th beginning at 8:30 AM. Please bring items that you use when cleaning. There will be 3 vacuum cleaners provided at church, See you then. Any questions please ask Diane Hartzke

Our regularly scheduled Christ Lutheran Council meeting is on Tuesday April 23rd at 7:00 pm. The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday May 19th, 2019** 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 is deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

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

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: On Sunday, April 14th your children will be waiting for you after Sunday School 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?

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY- Dignity Revolution presents AJ The Animated Illusionist w/ International Speaker and Author Bob Lenz. This event will take place at the Weyauwega High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 17th – The doors will open at 6:30 PM and they will be serving free pizza. This

event is being sponsored by local churches and if you would like any additional information please see the poster in the Narthex.

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.

LUWISOMO SPRING WORK WEEKEND: Have Fun & Get Ready For Summer @ Spring Work Weekend April 26-28. Many volunteers are needed with various projects such as: getting the camp and campground ready for summer, cutting, slitting and stacking firewood, and indoor and outdoor cleanup projects as weather permits. Lodging available for Friday and Saturday if needed and some meals as well. Come Enjoy God's wonderful creation, fellowship in working side by side with brothers and sisters in Christ, and satisfaction of a job well done! If you would like more information, please let Jennifer in the office know and she can forward you the email in order to sign up online. Thank you all!

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.

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"The Darkness Has Not Overcome It" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God works through the darkness to overcome the darkness. Even in history's darkest moment, the light is still shining. (John 12:37-50) 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)

"Jesus came to save us, to show love to us. He came because He is pro-life, pro-eternal life, and He came to give eternal life to you, to me, to those children unwanted by anyone else, to those mothers who have fallen into sin, to the disabled and elderly forgotten by everyone else. Jesus came for you, not to condemn you, but to save you. He came to destroy death with all of its power over us, and His Easter victory, which we will celebrate very soon, is a day of life, eternal life, for all." *Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana – 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 April 7th, 2019, The 5th Sunday in Lent

Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14

Verse of the week: Romans 8:18, "*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*"

Psalm of the week: Psalm 27

Hymn of the week: (LSB_421) "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" (stanzas 1-2, 5)

Sunday— Jesus Confesses to be “I AM”—John 8:42-59

Monday— John Passion: Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11

Tuesday— John Passion: The Preparation of the Passover—John 12:12-26

Wednesday— John Passion: Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet—John 13:1-20

Thursday— John Passion: A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38

Friday— John Passion: Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-14

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.

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...

Stewardship Minute— Through faith, we know that the Holy Spirit works through the Gospel to soften the hearts of nonbelievers. That same Gospel builds us up as believers, and, with the grace of God, we are inspired to share Jesus courageously with others. The grace of God also leads us in service to others. Jesus told His disciples, *“love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”* (John 13:34). We declare and deliver the goodness of God in diverse ways when we serve others. In our service to others, we witness to the transforming love of Jesus.

GAMBLING IS FOOLISH AND OFFERS FALSE HOPE. WE ARE TO PLACE OUR HOPE IN GOD.

“Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God” (Psalm 42:5b).



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.

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 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