

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, 6:00 PM



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AS WE GATHER Lent is one of many seasons of the Church Year that developed over a thousand years ago to help guide and nurture our faith. The season of Lent invites Christians into the disciplines of faith, prayer, Bible reading, worship, fasting, and sacrificial giving. We gather in the middle of our busy week, surrounded by a faithful community, to hear God's holy Word and to meditate on Christ's journey to the cross on our behalf. In doing so, we grow in our faith and look forward to the Easter miracle of our Lord's resurrection to work powerfully in our lives.

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **LSB 436, v. 1-3**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING VERSES *Psalm 103 (Selected)*

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and forget not all his benefits,

P Who forgives all your iniquity,

C who heals all your diseases,

- P** Who redeems your life from the pit,
C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- P** Who satisfies you with good
C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** He will not always chide,
C **nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- P** As far as the east is from the west,
C **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- P** As a father shows compassion to his children,
C **so, the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**
- P** For he knows our frame
C **he remembers that we are dust.**
- P** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
 everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
C **and his righteousness to children's children.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.
- C** **When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Christ suffered for you. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore your sins in his body on the tree, that you might die to sin and live to

righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Bless us, O God, in this holy season, in which our hearts seek your help and healing; and so, purify us by your discipline that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 30:12-17

¹² “For thus says the LORD: “Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous. ¹³ There is none to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you. ¹⁴ All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy, the punishment of a merciless foe, because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant. ¹⁵ Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant, I have done these things to you. ¹⁶ Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured, and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey. ¹⁷ For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal,” declares the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 18:1-11; Luke 22:51

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and

weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ... ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (*Back Cover of the Hymnal*)

HYMN *When to Our World the Savior Came* **LSB 551**

THE SERMON "*Malchus – Jesus Healed Me!*"

OFFERING and OFFERTORY *LSB, pgs. 192-193*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

P In Peace let us pray to the Lord

C **Lord, have mercy.**
(*Spoken after Each Petition*) ...

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord;

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Back Cover of the Hymnal*)

CATECHISM REFLECTION

Luther's Small Catechism – The Fifth Commandment

P In the Fifth Commandment our Lord God says, “Thou shalt not murder”. What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need.**

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and
be gracious to you
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and +
give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN *My Song Is Love Unknown* LSB 430, v. 1-2, 4-5

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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Pastor: Wayne Schwanke

Organist: Ila Robbert

Elder: James Kobiske

You are all invited to the Christ Lutheran School Cafeteria for fellowship and a light soup supper following tonight's service. All are welcome.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT
CHRIST AND EMMAUS
LUTHERAN CHURCHES

All services are at 6:00 PM, alternating by week, between our two congregations. This year we will focus on Witnesses of Christ's Passion, seeing Jesus through their eyes as we follow Him from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Tomb.

March 2 – Emmaus Ash **Wednesday** with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion ***"The Serpent – They Listened to My Lie!"***

March 9 – Christ Lutheran ***"Malchus – Jesus Healed Me"***

March 16 – Emmaus Lutheran ***"Peter – Jesus Restored Me!"***

March 23 – Christ Lutheran ***"Caiaphas—I Refused to Believe that Jesus is the Christ!"***

March 30 – Emmaus Lutheran ***"Pilate – I Knew that Jesus Was Innocent"***

April 6 – Christ Lutheran ***"Simon – Jesus Carried MY Cross"***

April 14 – Emmaus Lutheran **Maundy Thursday** with Holy Communion ***"Jesus – This is My Body; This is My Blood"***

April 15 – Christ Lutheran **Good Friday** ***"Joseph of Arimathea – Jesus was Laid in MY Tomb"***

Christ Lutheran - Easter Sunrise 8:00 AM with Holy Communion
"The Angel – He Has Risen!"

Emmaus Lutheran – Easter Day 10:00 AM with Holy Communion

Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class will meet after the Lenten Services from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at the congregation hosting the Service.

