

Worship

March 16, 2025 | 10:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent



Christ the Servant
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, your presence is a blessing to us!
Scan the QR code with your smartphone on the seat in front of you or below if you'd like to...



- Let us know you are worshipping today
- Request prayers or share your care needs
- Explore upcoming ministries and RSVP
- Respond with generosity and give to our mission and ministry

TO THOSE WITH YOUNG ONES

We embrace all the wiggles and giggles that the youngest in our midst might make!
The noise of children is the sound of a church that is full of life and is welcome here!

Here are some helpful tips:

- If they need a break, take it!
There is a room just past the bathrooms where little ones can play, parents can relax, and the service can still be heard.
- Let them pick out activities from the Activities Cart!
They can go back to it as much as needed!
- Sit where your children can easily see what is happening.
- Sing and respond loudly! Children learn by copying you.
- Explain the parts of worship and teach them how to use the hymnal.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES: YES

PRAYER REQUEST: _____

PUBLIC PRAYER TEAM ONLY PRIVATE

HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO HOLD THESE IN PRAYER?

1 WEEK 2 WEEKS 3 WEEKS 1 MONTH UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

**Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Attende, Domine

Jeanne Demessieux

WELCOME

***OPENING LITANY**

We begin our worship with a reminder of who is Lord. Like the gospel writer Mark, we utilize the language used by the powers of the world to subvert that power and pledge our allegiance to our Creator, our Savior, and the one and only Lord.

L: Today we pledge our ultimate allegiance to the Kingdom of God

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Gospel of enemy love

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Kingdom of the poor and broken

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To a King that loves his enemies so much he died for them

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the cross rather than the sword

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the banner of love above any flag

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Way that leads to life

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Slaughtered Lamb

C: We pledge allegiance

*HYMN – *The God of Abraham Praise* (#831; verses 1-4)

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Being vulnerable is hard, especially in our culture today. It seems that it is better to be the best, brightest and most successful, rather than admitting that we might be struggling with things weighing us down. But in this place, we encounter the Risen Jesus who knows us to the depths of our souls and into the dark places we hide, and still brings his profound light and love to us!

Each week, we join together in confession. We confess as part of our liturgy not as a practice of earning grace, but as a reminder of the beautiful gift that we have already received it.

As you entered worship, hopefully you picked up a stone and a marker. If not, you can get them in the back of the sanctuary in a moment. As we sing a centering song together, you are invited to write down the sin and struggles that are weighing you down and making you feel heavy. Once you are ready, you are invited to come forward and place that stone into the baptismal font and watch as the waters wash those heavy burdens away.

CENTERING SONG



Oh, draw me Lord, Oh, draw me Lord, Oh,

draw me Lord, and I'll run af - ter You.

Now let us hear the words of absolution...

God who is rich in love and mercy hears us as we live and breathe, as we try and fail, as we weep and celebrate.

God loves us for all that we are, all that we hope to be and all that we were created to be.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives us all our sin.

Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

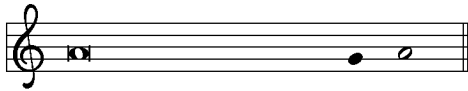
Please greet each other with the peace of Christ!

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



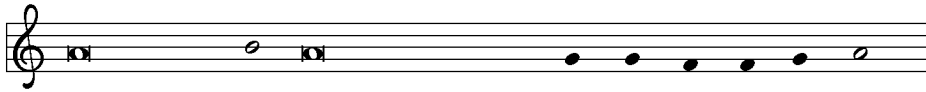
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



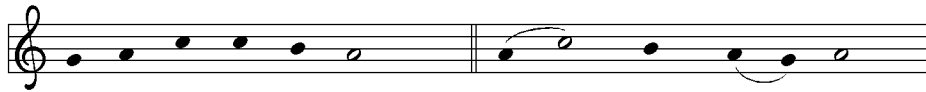
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 27:1-8

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ^l shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ^l be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to de- ^l vour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- ^l ble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart ^l will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will ^l not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one ^l thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ^l in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will ^l give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ^l on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ^l who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music ^l to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, ^l when I call;

have mercy on me and ^l answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— ^l “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, ^l I will seek.

FIRST READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ [Siblings], join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my [siblings], whom I love

and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Aaron Keyes

1. Your la - bor is not in _____ vain though the
 2. Your la - bor is not un - known though the
 3. The vine - yards you plant will bear fruit; the fields
 4. The hou - ses you la - bored to build will

3 ground un - der - neath you is cursed and _____ stained. Your
 rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The
 will sing out and re - joice with the _____ truth, for
 fin - ally with laugh - ter and joy be _____ filled. The

5 plan - ting and rea - ping are ne - ver the same, but your
 place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your
 all that is old will at last be made new: the
 ser - pent that hurts and de - stroys shall be killed, and

7 la - bor is not _____ in vain. For I am with you, I am with you. I am
 la - bor is not _____ un - known
 vine - yards you plant _____ will bear fruit.
 all that is bro - ken be _____ healed.

11 with you I am with you for I have called you called you by _____

14 name. Your la - bor _____ is not in vain.

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

By Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

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*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

G#m E B G#m E B

Here's my heart, Lord; Here's my heart, Lord;

5 G# E B E B

Here's my heart, Lord; Speak what is true...

Each prayer petition will end with
God in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

OFFERING

In response to God's generosity, let us now consider our own generosity as a rebellion against the powers of this world and a demonstration of the faith and trust we have in our Creator through the gifts of our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Still

Mary McDonald

*OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

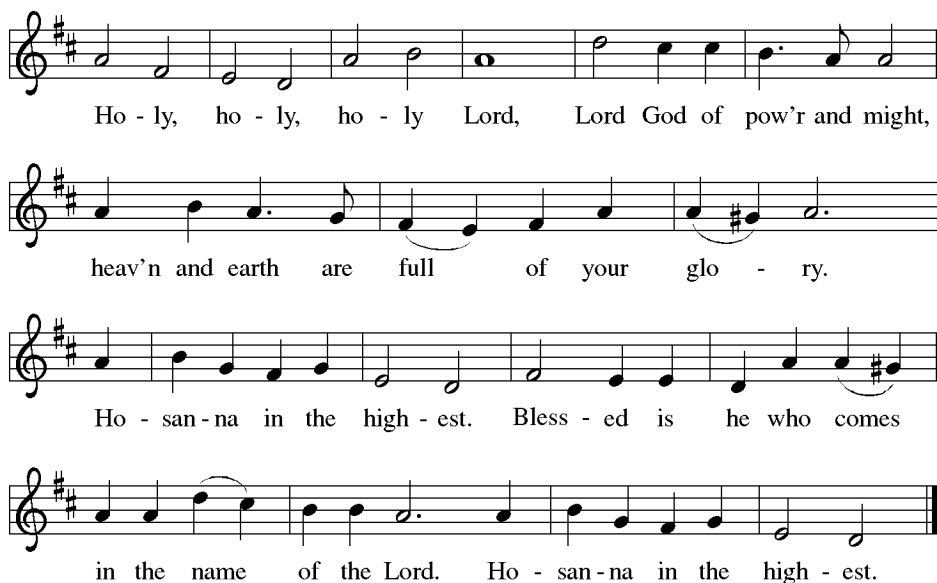
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

See, God's home is among us. God will dwell with us as our God. We will be God's people, and God will be present to us.

God will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Christ has died! Christ IS risen!

Christ will come again!

It was in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:

"This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all people

With courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let all God's people say Amen!

Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

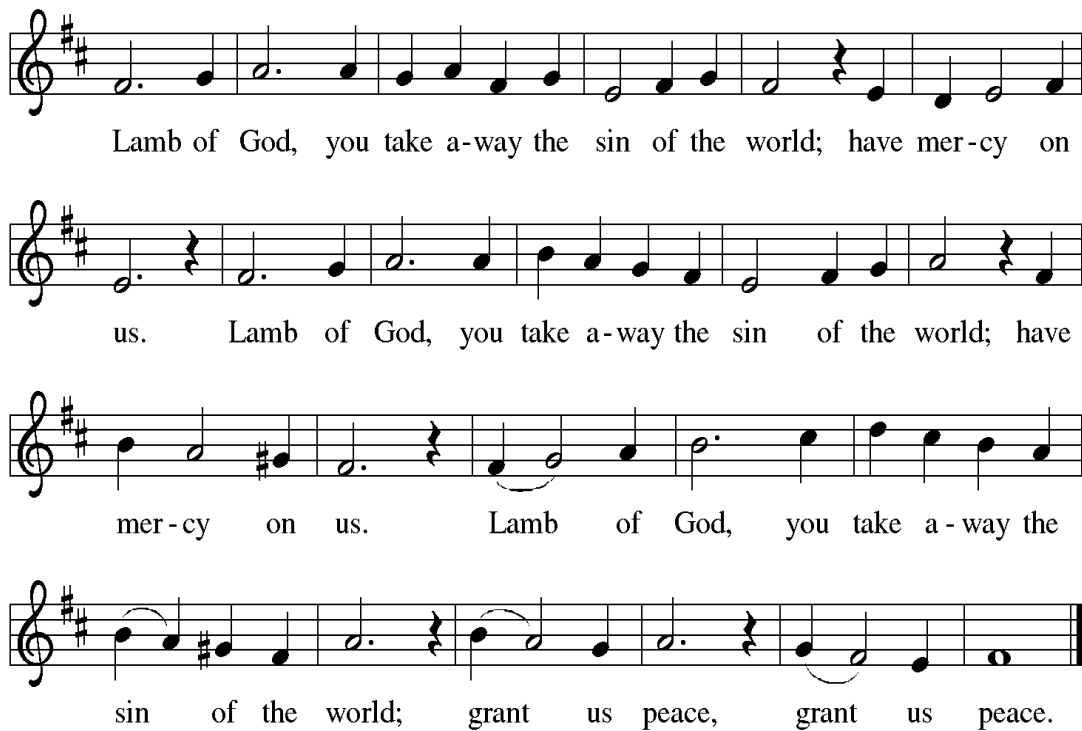
COMMUNION

The table at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is not a Lutheran table, nor is it a pastor's table, or a specific church's table, it is Christ's table. And Jesus invites all people to come and partake in this meal! No matter your age or your faith background, whether you are high in faith or low in faith, you are invited to come and eat because Christ has invited you!

You will come down through the center isle and will be handed a piece of bread. Take the bread and go to either side to dip the bread into the wine (the dark liquid) or the grape juice (the light liquid) and take them together. There is a gluten free option available in the center. If you'd prefer that, just ask as you come forward.

Allergen Notice: The communion bread is purchased from a commercial bakery and may contain or may have been exposed to one or more of the following allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish. The gluten free wafers contain garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour and palm oil. They are manufactured on dedicated equipment in a dedicated facility and are gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free, fish and shellfish free.

COMMUNION MUSIC



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION



The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine up-on you be gra-cious to you.



The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.



A - - men, a - men a - men. A - - men, a - men, a - men.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Variations on There is a Fountain* Undine Smith Moore

MUSICAL NOTES OF INTEREST

For the month of March, I will be featuring music by female composers.

Attende Domine is a setting of the eponymous chant by Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968). The chant (which was also the basis of last week's postlude) dates to the 19th century and is sometimes called the "Lenten Prose". Demessieux has an idiosyncratic approach to harmony and counterpoint. The chant is never presented in full; instead, phrases (and even smaller units) are used as generating motifs to develop the music. The piece is in D major and begins and ends with an unambiguous D major chord. The intervening music features some genuinely unusual harmonies (one such is best analyzed as a C diminished triad with an added major seventh), but most of the strange harmony emerges from the counterpoint. Certain notes are held for an extended period, even when they become dissonant against the following chords: and dissonant notes resolve by skips and leaps rather than the classically "correct" step downwards.

Be Still by Mary McDonald is a paraphrase of psalm 48. The music is broadly homophonic (i.e. all voices move at the same time) with rich harmony, in which most of the chords feature added sevenths and ninths. The music is further developed by shifting back and forth between the original key of C major, and the distant key of Eb major, which produces a clear sense of shifting harmony.

Variations on There Is a Fountain by Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) is a setting of a hymn by the same title, of which the first half of the first verse runs, "There is a fountain filled with blood / Drawn from Immanuel's veins; / And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, / Lose all their guilty stains." However, this is not the most common tune associated with the text (and indeed, I cannot find any similar tune that could be the source for the piece). The piece is composed of a theme (the hymn tune), three variations, and a reprise of the hymn.

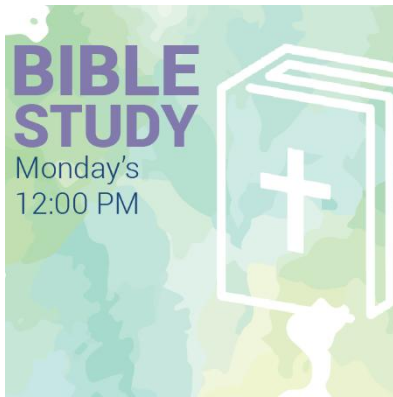
Ministry Opportunities

God calls us all to participate in God's kingdom building throughout the world. You are invited to participate in God's mission and the ministry of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church! As you participate, we hope you will discover belonging and we know you will have holy experiences because the Spirit is at work in and through you!

To discover more ministry opportunities and to register for ministries you feel called to, visit

christerves.churchcenter.com

or scan the QR code on the seat back in front of you!



Churches are called to be places of welcome and hospitality to all people. Over the coming months, CTS will host 4 speakers to discuss welcome around specific groups and demographics. For more info, visit our website.

Mondays at noon

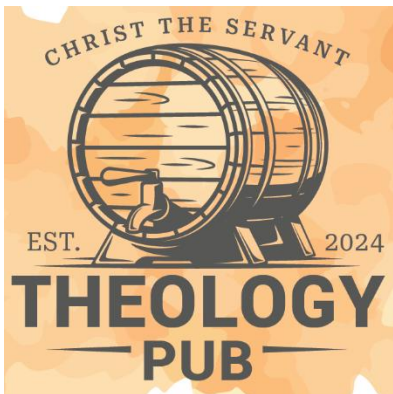
Bring your lunch and join Pastor Kenny in the classroom on Mondays to discuss the scripture and message from the day before.

Wednesdays in Lent

Every Wednesday we will gather for Dinner Church where we will break bread together in a worshipful atmosphere, enjoying fellowship while worshipping our God and exploring our faith.

March 23 @ 11:15

Stay after worship to help pack lunches to be delivered to the Embry Rucker shelter. This ministry takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month.



March 25 @ 7:00PM

Discuss theological ponderings over a beverage! Join the conversation at Lucia's in the Fox Mill shopping center.



March 29 @ 7:00PM

A Lenten-themed recital of meditative and emotive organ music will be presented by Minister of Music, Alexander Bean on Saturday, March 29th in the sanctuary.



March 30

Jamie Bruesehoff will share with us the ways our congregation can support our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ and what radical welcome looks like to these neighbors.