

Christ Lutheran Church

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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.
(Ephesians 4:1)**

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**5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

****The Confession and Absolution*

Presenter: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Presenter: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Presenter: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Presenter: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

****Opening Hymn:*

Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation

Hymn #434

Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Saviour, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and for evermore be thine!

****Psalm: Psalm 119:9-16 (read responsively)*

Liturgist: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: By guarding it according to your word.

Liturgist: With my whole heart I seek you;

People: let me not wander from your commandments!

Liturgist: I have stored up your word in my heart,

People: that I might not sin against you.

Liturgist: Blessèd are you, O Lord;

People: teach me your statutes!

Liturgist: With my lips I declare

People: all the just decrees of your mouth.

Liturgist: In the way of your testimonies I delight

People: as much as in all riches.

Liturgist: I will meditate on your precepts

People: and fix my eyes on your ways.

Liturgist: I will delight in your statutes;

People: I will not forget your word.

****The Gloria Patri: (sung)* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)*

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)* And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

****Collect:*

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember.”

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of people in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; ² he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is clothed in weakness; ³ and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins for himself, as well as for the people. ⁴ And no one takes the honor for himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, just as Aaron also was.

⁵ So too Christ did not glorify Himself *in* becoming a high priest, but *it was* He who said to Him,

“YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE FATHERED YOU”;

⁶ just as He also says in another *passage*,

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

⁷ In the days of His humanity, He offered up both prayers and pleas with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His devout behavior. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

*****The Lenten Sentence:** (*sung*) Christ hath humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

Presenter: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the tenth chapter of Saint Mark, beginning with the thirty-second verse.

*****People** (*sung*) Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:32-45

³² Now they were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, ³³ *saying*, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him; and three days later He will rise *from the dead*.”



³⁵ James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” ³⁶ And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” ³⁷ They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ They said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. ⁴⁰ But to sit on My right or on *My* left is not Mine to give; but *it is* for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ Hearing *this*, the *other* ten began to feel indignant with James and John. ⁴² Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them; and their people in high position exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it is not this way among you; rather, whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Presenter: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children’s Sermon:

Jeane Flesch



Pulpit Hymn:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn #78

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment-hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; There adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own Sacrifice complete;
‘It is finished,’ hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

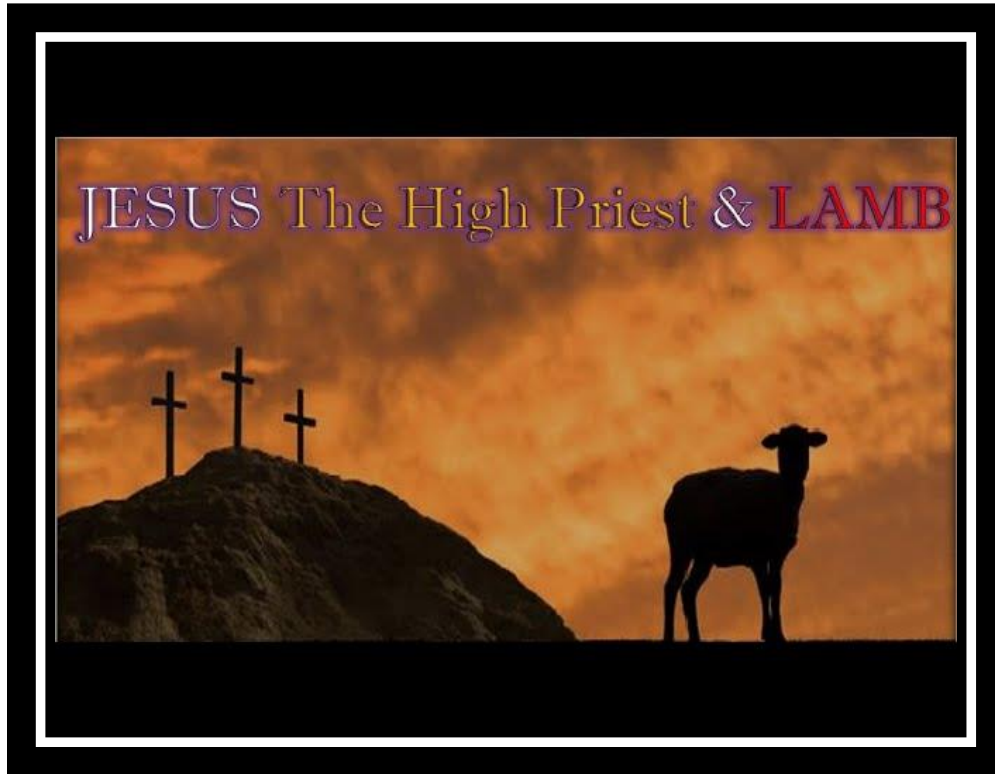


Early hasten to the tomb, Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom; Who hath taken him away?
Christ is risen!—He meets our eyes; Saviour, teach us so to rise.

Sermon:

Our High Priest-Lamb of God

Joe Flesch



The Sermon Response: (sung) 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.

******Passing of the Peace***

******The Apostles' Creed:***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

******The General Prayer: (after each petition)***

Presenter: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

******The Lord's Prayer:***

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*****The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*****The Benediction:**

Presenter: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

Christ, the Life of all the Living

Hymn #79

Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ the Death of death, our foe,
Who thyself for us once giving To the darkest depths of woe,
Patiently didst yield thy breath But to save my soul from death;
Praise and glory ever be, Bless-ed Jesus, unto thee.

Thou, O Christ, hast taken on thee Bitter strokes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God,
Only thus for me to win Rescue from the bonds of sin;
Praise and glory ever be, Blessèd Jesus, unto thee.

Thou didst bear the smiting only That it might not fall on me;
Stoodest falsely charged and lonely That I might be safe and free;
Comfortless that I might know Comfort from thy boundless woe.
Praise and glory ever be, Blessèd Jesus, unto thee.

Then for all that wrought our pardon, For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore;
Thank thee with my latest breath For thy sad and cruel death,
For that last and bitter cry Praise thee evermore on high.

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: The Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: The Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: The Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: The Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Chris and Bob Bingaman
Jimmy Beall	Dorothy Foster	Becky Stapf	Matt Ruppalt
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Meryl Benenati	Norita Shipley
Eddie Neighbors	Kris Johnson	Carrie Perini	Marty Beall
Remi Stapf	Linda Comer	Brian Stitely	The Rev. Fred Balke
Audrey Stapf	Pastor Emeritus Irvin Stapf		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk,
Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone,
Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Piqua, OH

For our missionary work: Faith House

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Tri-County Baptist Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday's: 1:30 PM at Church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday's: 10 AM at Carolyn's**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Next Sunday, March 24th**, will be Kris Johnson's last day with us. We will have a farewell luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Please see Jean to coordinate food and drinks. This falls on **Palm Sunday** and we want to make it a very special celebration.
- **Thank you to everyone who came out last night for Family Fun Night!! Sarah-a big Thank YOU!! Thank you so much for organizing and hosting the night!!**
- **You are invited to Easter breakfast at 9 AM, Sunday, March 31st. No need to bring anything, just your gorgeous selves. Bring your friends! Bring your whole family! We will not be having Sunday School.**
- **We are collecting non-perishable food items until April 14th for Damascus Help. Please put any items by the water fountain.**