

	February 9, 2020	February 16, 2020	February 23, 2020
Reader	Betty Massey	David Lykken	David Lykken
Ushers	Pat Northam Floyd Ellington	Bob Drake Donna Tetlow	
Greeter	Duane & Dorothy Rayburn	Louise Drake	
Ppt Tech	Patty Northam	Dave McCrery	
Musician	Sandy Nail	Linda Pirtle	Mary Morgan
\$ Counters	Agnes Harris Byron Sims	Jose Saavedra Charlotte Braden	Charlotte Braden Diane Tweedle
Altar Guild	Agnes's Guild		
If you would like to be a part of the <u>Altar Guild</u> contact the Church Office: clcoffice2019@gmail.com or 979-297-2013.			

Calendar:

Sunday, February 9th, Worship, 9:00AM
 Thrivent Workshop on the Economy, 10:15AM
 Home Group, 6:00PM
 Tuesday, February 11th, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM
 Wednesday, February 12th, Bread for Life, 11:30AM
 Thursday, February 13th, Choir, 6:30PM
 Sunday, February 16th, Worship, 9:00AM
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM
 Council Meeting, 2:00PM

Attendance Last Weekend: 40

Lord's Work	Income	Expenses	+ / -
December	\$18,281.00	\$17,295.95	\$985.05
YTD 2019	\$181,994.14	\$199,415.15	-\$17,421.01
Bldg Loan	Income	Expenses	+ / -
December	\$6,235.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,285.47
YTD 2019	\$58,803.00	\$59,394.36	-\$591.36

Christ Lutheran Church

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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

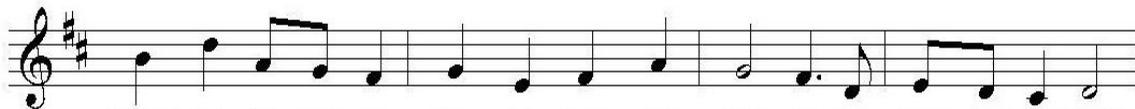
BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*



You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple; salt for the king-dom of God!
You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

GREETING

As God has poured out light into the world through Christ, let us also share that light with among ourselves.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Share the peace with those around you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #834 (vs 1 & 4) Red Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

READING: *Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]*

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

We do thank you, Creator-of-All, for all things in our lives: for all people in our lives. For life itself! We give you thanks for the many ways we are transformed, by the touch of another of your children - both the ones we meet and the ones we will never know.

Thank you, Loving God!

We give you thanks for all who have come before us, Grandmothers and Grandfathers - by blood and by faith, who have loved us and taught us, by their stories and by their lives. They have shared your love in their love. We celebrate that they are a part of your great community of saints - of which we, too, are a part.

Thank you, Loving God!

All creation thanks you, Loving God, and we join them, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy God! God of love and life
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name!
Hosanna in the highest!**

When the time was right, you shared yourself with us in a new way - in the life and teachings, in the death and resurrection, of Jesus – the One we call Christ. So we remember the night before he was to be put to death. He gathered with his friends and shared a meal of celebration. In love, he tried to help his disciples understand what was to come. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, and broke the bread saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.”

Amen!

He took a cup of wine and blessed it and offered them the cup, saying, “Take this, all of you, and drink from it. In this is my covenant – my promise - offered to you, that sin might be forgiven.”

Amen!

Holy God, fill us and these gifts with your presence – that they and we might be the Body of Christ – feeding your world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, forever and ever.

Amen!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And so, as Jesus’ taught us, we are bold to say,

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

especially Dorothy Krug, Terry Partridge, and Connie Spangenburg for that God lift up people to provide care and consolation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of grace, you watch us every day of our lives. Grant joy and support to those celebrating birthdays this week: Paul Romine, Linda Pirtle, Julia Jones, and Paul Stanley. Give them the gifts of Joy and the peace of knowing your gracious love for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all eternity, we give you thanks for the lives of the saints who have pointed us towards faithfulness in you. May we trust in your endless mercy and grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL

OFFERING & VIDEO MEDITATION *We present our gifts to God.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

God is with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

With joy and celebration, we say, "Thank you, Father!"

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,

whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the light of the world;

whoever follows me will have the | light of life. Alleluia. (John 8:12)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to the 5th chapter of Matthew.

Thanks be to God.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* #712 Red Hymnal

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, it is your desire that all people might come to know you intimately. Lead our communities into deeper relationship with you. May your church radiate your righteousness to all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you quench the dry ground, bringing water that sustains life. Satisfy the needs of all the earth, so that all living things bear witness to your verdant grace and continue to shout your praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of glory, during your time here on earth you were crucified by powerful rulers who did not understand you. Grant leaders in our day wisdom and discernment, that they may recognize you in the lives of the people they serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, you free us from the oppression that binds us and exhort us to serve one another. Liberate us from all fear, bigotry, and greed, and set our hearts and minds on love, equality, and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you reveal your saving love to us through the power of your Spirit. Bless those among us who are preparing to encounter your invigorating will in a new way, especially those preparing for or affirming baptism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of joy, you give us health and strength for our daily life. Walk alongside all who are suffering and their caregivers. We pray Alison Blevins, Liz Ellett, Agnes Harris, Dennis Jones, David Lykken, Roselyn Lykken, Jimmy Neece, Richard Poklikuha, Steve Ray, Dennis Smith, Gail Smith, Joy Stanley, Donna Tetlow, Randy Morgan, and Joy Stanley for that God lift up people to provide care and consolation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of steadfast faithfulness, give strength to those who daily live with pain or illness. Walk alongside all caregivers with your never-failing presence. We pray