

## Life on the Edge of Faith

Soup and Sandwich Lenten Series

**Wednesday evenings  
@ 6:00pm**

Five characters bear witness to the world-changing event which forces them right to the "edge of faith" Each perspective comes from someone present at our Lord's Passion. Through the confusion of these characters we may find a voice for the confusion that we all experience from time to time.

**March 4 – Sleeping Disciple**  
**March 11 –High Priest**  
**March 18 – Maid**  
**March 25 – Soldier**  
**April 1 – City Dweller**



# **MARCH MADness**

## Bracket Party

Monday, March 16, 2020  
@ 5:30pm

\$10.00 per Bracket,  
more details to come

## Christ Lutheran Church

March 1, 2020  
First Sunday in Lent



*The Hands of Christ  
Worshiping Learning Serving  
Together*

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**INTRODUCTION** - Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please sign our guest book in the Gathering Area.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. Everyone who seeks the Lord for forgiveness, mercy, and new life for daily living is welcome to the table. Ushers will direct you. If you prefer grape juice to wine, cups will be provided at the altar. Please dispose of your cups in the baskets at the end of the altar rail. Children are also invited to participate.

**WE GATHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

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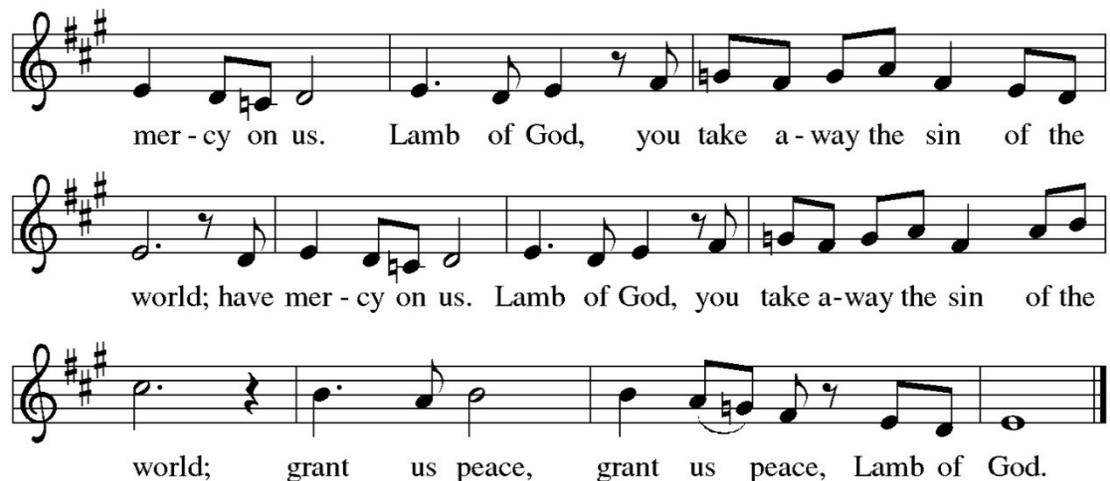
	March 1, 2020	March 8, 2020	March 15, 2020
<b>Reader</b>	David Lykken	Betty Massey	Jean Warren
<b>Ushers</b>	Floyd Ellington Jose Saavedra	Duane Rayburn Ronnie Tweedle	Bob Drake
<b>Greeter</b>	Dorothy Krug	Dorothy Rayburn	Barbara Shipp
<b>Ppt Tech</b>	Dave McCrery	Patty Northam	Carrie Baker
<b>Musician</b>	Mary Morgan	Sandy Naill	Linda Pirtle
<b>\$ Counters</b>	Mary Morgan		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betty'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, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM  
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM  
 Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM  
 Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Bread for Life, 11:30AM  
 Life on the Edge of Faith Soup & Sandwich Lenten Series, 6:00PM  
 Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Tiki, 2:00PM  
 Choir Practice, 6:30PM  
 Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Lunch Bunch, 11:00AM  
 Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM  
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM

**Attendance Last Weekend: 47**

Lord's Work	Income	Expenses	+/-
January	\$15,316.00	\$15,848.13	-\$532.13
YTD 2020	\$15,316.00	\$15,848.13	-\$532.13
Bldg Loan	Income	Expenses	+/-
January	\$6,852.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,902.47
YTD 2020	\$6,852.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,902.47



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, Lamb of God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT**

**BLESSING**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ☩ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Guide me ever, Great Redeemer #618* Red Hymnal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching/Presiding:** *Paul Geisler Jr*

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<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**GATHERING HYMN:** *O God Our Help In Ages past #632* Red Hymnal

**GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. **Amen.**

**KYRIE** *Lord, Have Mercy*, page 184, Red Hymnal

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

he 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.**

*We share God's peace with one another.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**READING:** *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL

#### OFFERING & VIDEO MEDITATION

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)**

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel for today, from the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew

**Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'”  
<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”  
<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the  
kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will  
give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with  
you, Satan! for it is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”  
<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *I Want Jesus to walk with me* #325 Red Hymnal

#### AFFIRMATION 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.** \*universal

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.  
*A brief silence.*

God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and  
hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy  
ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them  
to be. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish  
gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire  
to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear  
us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation  
to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who  
are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis  
or new grief. *We pray especially for* Alison Blevins, Liz Ellett, Agnes Harris,  
Dennis Jones, David Lykken, Roselyn Lykken, Jimmy Neece, Richard Poklikuha,  
Steve Ray, Dennis Smith, Gail Smith, Joy Stanley, and Donna Tetlow. Hear us,  
O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who need special care, as well as those who provide that care.  
Give strength and comfort day-by-day to Dorothy Krug, Terry Partridge, and  
Connie Spangenburg. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our  
voices as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for musicians,  
composers, and poets. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**  
*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For all those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Charlene Elkins and  
Betty Massey. Give them the gifts of joy and the peace of knowing your gracious  
love for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your  
kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**