

Christ Lutheran Church
23425 Davis Mill Road
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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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First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

****The Confession and Absolution*

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.)

Pastor: 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

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

****Opening Hymn:*

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn #479

I need thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine Can peace afford.

Refrain

(Refrain)

*I need thee, O I need thee, Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour, Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power When thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, Teach me thy will;
And thy rich promises In me fulfill.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One,
O make me thine indeed, Thou blessèd Son.

Refrain

*****Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)**

Pastor: To you, O Lord,

People: I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: teach me your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

People: for you I wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

People: for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord;

People: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,

People: and teaches the humble his way.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*****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)**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: 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 Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Heavenly Father, we do not always understand your will. Help us to have faith in your provision especially through your Son, Jesus, so that we might obey you in everything and take comfort in your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

¹Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. ⁵Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." ¹³Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. ¹⁴Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: James 1:12-18

¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. ¹⁸ In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures..

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the first chapter of Saint Mark beginning with the ninth verse.

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; ¹¹ and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." ¹² Immediately the Spirit impelled Him *to go* out into the wilderness. ¹³ And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him. ¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children's Sermon



Wide open are thy hands, Paying with more than gold
The awful debt of guilty men, Forever and of old.
Ah, let me grasp those hands, That we may never part,
And let the power of their blood Sustain my fainting heart.

Wide open are thine arms, A fallen world to embrace;
To take to love and endless rest Our whole forsaken race.
Lord, I am sad and poor, But boundless is thy grace;
Give me the soul-transforming joy For which I seek thy face.

Draw all my mind and heart Up to thy throne on high,
And let thy sacred Cross exalt My spirit to the sky.
To these, my mighty hands, My spirit I resign;
Living, I live alone to thee, Dying, alone am thine.

Sermon:

Pastor McNally

God Will Provide



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.

*** *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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; 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)**

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****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 Preface: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

*****Proper Preface:**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: Who on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a Tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through whom with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*****The Sanctus: (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

*****The Consecration:**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

*****The Eucharistic Prayer:**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints. And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

*****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 Agnus Dei: (sung)**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Communion

*****Post Communion Blessing:**

Pastor: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

People: *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Prayer): **(sung)** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

People: **(sung)** And His mercy endureth forever.

*****Closing Prayer: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*****The Benediction:**

Pastor: 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)** The threefold Amen

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

*****Closing Hymn:**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn #385

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' Blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his Blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Curtis Leins
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev Cary Larson
AALC Administrator: Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev Dr, Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Casey Day & family
Glenn Shriver	Robin Nicholson	Donald Burdette
Laura Nichols	Michael D'Amico	Dianne Wentzell
Hope Johnston	Nancy Gregory	Pat Anderson
Sidney Neighbors	Ken Ford	Tammy Stimmell
Herb Pinkerton	Tim Birdseye	Lee Ballard
Samantha Shriver	Lt. Victor Monaghan	Jimmy Beall
Mike Perry	Dorothy Foster	Elizabeth Ondulich
Ruth Bates	Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall
John Veis	Family of Gary Hicks	Clyde Gibson
Art Delagrang	Karen Gray	Amy Routzahn
Ashlynn Routzahn	Will Stapf	Burk Hill
Roland Gonano	Joyce Gonano	Ralph Mullins
Sheila Perini		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Terry O'Brien,
Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Pastor Len Brokenshire,
Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe

For our Seminary Students: Nigel Brown

For a Region congregation: Pastor Robert Wallace, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Milton, FL

For our missionary work: Frederick Rescue Mission

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Redeemer Lutheran Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The current occupancy restrictions for churches is 25 persons, so we will continue having one service at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Masks and social distancing are still mandated.
- Due to the virus constraints the nursery will not be available at this time. Children are encouraged to stay with their parents throughout the service. Please bring any “busy” items you may need for the children from home.
- Men’s Bible Study: To be announced 😊
- Women’s Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM
- Adult Sunday School: To be announced 😊
- You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30AM) 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.
- Thank you for participating in our “In Our Own Words” Lente devotion booklet! Printed copies are now available. It will also be available to view on our website.
- For the entire month of February, we will be hosting a not-so-traditional "baby shower" collecting items for the CareNet Pregnancy Center. The needs are: Clothes-Newborn-Size 5 (new or used), Diapers-Newborn-Size 5 (unopened), Wipes, Formula, Baby bath tubs, Pack n plays, New bottles, Baby Wash, and Baby Shampoo. Items can be donated near the water fountain. See the bulletin board or Sarah Shriver for more information. Thank you for your participation!
- We will have a Lenten midweek service Wednesday at 7 PM. The service will also be livestreamed. We will continue holding Lenten midweek services Wednesdays at 7 PM throughout the season. The theme this year is "The Apostles." Due to COVID-19 we will not be having our soup suppers.
- Church council will meet at 1PM today via Free Conference Call.

SERMON NOTES: God Will Provide