

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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Second Wednesday in Lent

February 24, 2021

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*****Opening Hymn:**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Hymn #129

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King;
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy Cross; there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*****The Versicles (sung)**

Pastor: O Lord, open thou my lips.

People: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****Psalm: Psalm 110 (read responsively)**

Pastor: The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

People: until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Pastor: The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

People: Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Pastor: Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

People: from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Pastor: The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

People: “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Pastor: The Lord is at your right hand;

People: he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Pastor: He will execute judgement among the nations, filling them with corpses;

People: he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

Pastor: He will drink from the brook by the way;

People: therefore he will lift up his head.

*****Versicles: Gloria Patri for Lent (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 Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? ¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Pastor: Our Gospel lesson is recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Saint Matthew beginning with the thirteenth verse.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

*****Response (sung)**

Pastor: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pulpit Hymn:

Were You There?

Hymn #500 (Verses 1-3)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Sermon:

Pastor McNally

Peter



*****Nunc Dimittis (spoken)**

People: 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.

*****Lord Have Mercy (sung)**

Pastor: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

*****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.

*****Prayer Response (sung)**

Pastor: The Lord will give strength unto his people.

People: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

*****Collect for Peace (responses sung)**

Pastor: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: Amen

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

People: Amen.

*****Closing Hymn:**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn #503

When I survey the wondrous Cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*****The Postlude**

SERMON NOTES: Peter