



# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**Third Sunday in Lent**



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement: *“Gospel In Action: Caring for all God’s children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.”*

## **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship** - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

**New to CELC** - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

**For those with children** - We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you to the nursery. Coloring and activity bags are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week at CELC. All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to your seat. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, you are encouraged to do so. Gluten-free crackers and grape juice are available for those with dietary needs. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING SONG      *Lamb of God Your Only Son*

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1      Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.

#### *Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2      Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble King we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.      *Refrain*

3      I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God.      *Refrain*

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### INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,

**C: You come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

**C: Forgive us. Our will is chained to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*Silence*

P: Merciful God,

**C: We were silent when we should have said something.**

*Silence*

P: Merciful God,

**C: We acted when we knew better.**

*Silence*

P: Merciful God,

**C: We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*Silence*

P: Merciful God,

**C: For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: People of God, look to the ☩ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

*Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: The fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **LESSON: ROMANS 5:1-11**

P: The second lesson is from Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit that has been given to us. 6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**P:** The word of the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord!

5[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21Jesus said to her,

“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” 27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” 39Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**Creighton Leptak Jr.**

## SONG OF THE DAY

## *Nothing but the Blood*

- 1 What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Refrain*

Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount' I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

- 2 For my pardon, this I see;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing, this my plea;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

- 3 This is all my hope and peace;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

## NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Everyone is invited to gather around the altar for the remainder of the service. As you come forward you may place your offering in the offering plate on the stand. After the singing of “Jesus, Lamb of God” those receiving communion will be invited to kneel or stand next to the communion railing. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is by intinction: receive the bread – dip the bread into the cup – then consume the body and blood of Christ. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to you.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

P: O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. We pray especially . . . Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: As we gather this evening, we remember how in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

## **SONG:**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

**WP 76**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is your name;

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is your name. *Repeat*

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## **COMMUNION**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**                    *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.
  
- 2 We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.
  
- 3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.
  
- 4 Living Water of salvation,  
be the fountain of each soul;  
springing up in new creation,  
flow in us and make us whole.

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Sisters and Brothers in Christ...

**C:** **As the Gospel in action, marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

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