



# CEL Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of  
Sunday, March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday**

## Welcome to Worship

✚ **We are happy to have you with us** and wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please contact our church office, 440-933-6263.

✚ **Attention families:** We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you or your children need a break, we have Wiggle Beach off to the left of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you.

✚ **We honor our military among us.** Please lift in prayer all who serve in the military, past and present, along with their loved ones. Currently serving: Marty Koch, Coast Guard.

## Prayers

✚ **For prayer requests** please fill out a prayer request form found in the gathering area and place it in the offering plate during the service, contact Sharon Davidson at 440-933-3923, skid440@yahoo.com or contact the church office.

## CEL Call Committee Update

✚ The call process and discernment continue. Our church council and staff are doing much to aid in discerning who will be our next pastor. It is imperative that confidence continue to be maintained. Thank you to all who are participating, praying for God's direction on this journey.

## Congregation News

✚ **The annual Cross Walk-** will begin at 5:00 p.m. starting at St. Joseph then to Blesser. Blesser to Christ Lutheran. Christ Lutheran to Veterans Park. Veterans Park back to St. Joseph. People are welcome to drive from one location to another. We will wait for drivers to get to each stop for a reading and reflection.

✚ **The potted palm plants are available to loving homes.** We are asking for a donation of \$5 per small plant and \$30 per large-sized ones. These plants are available on a first come first served basis. They may go home with you after the Easter service.

✚ **Flowers for Easter.** We invite anyone who would like to bring potted flowers to display on Easter morning. You can drop them off during office hours or when the church is open any time March 25-28. Place them in the room by the library next to the sanctuary.

✚ **Fresh cut flowering cross for Easter Sunday, March 31.** On Sunday morning we will have a special cross to adorn with flowers at the beginning of the service. Everyone is invited to bring fresh cut flowers from their yard, or a store and we will decorate the cross together.

✚ **The Church Council has decided to suspend in-person services on Sunday, April 7.** The service will be prerecorded and made available on our streaming services.

✚ **Learn to make communion bread today.** All are welcome to stay after church today to make communion bread for Holy week. Please see Pastor Laura with any questions.

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

‡ The CELC Council is looking for a female **representative** from our church to attend the annual Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly on Saturday June 1. Please see any member of church council if interested.

### Sunday School/ VBS News

‡ There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday, March 24 or Easter, March 31.

‡ **Wiggle Beach bags notice.** Please take a moment and clear out your child's Wiggle Beach bag to ensure room for the Church Mouse to drop off surprises. If you no longer wish your child to receive Wiggle Beach surprises, please let the church office know. Thank you.

‡ VBS will be held this year **June 24-June 28.**

### CELC Preschool News

‡ Our preschool director, **Terri Pienoski**, is **retiring** after 25 years of service and dedication to our education and community outreach. Please help us to recognize and honor Terri's with a congregational gift. The church council is collecting donations towards this gift and will accept them until April 15. Please mark any donation as retirement gift. Terri's final day with the preschool is May 31.

### Congregation Calendar

#### **Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

11:30 a.m. Communion Bread Making

#### **Wednesday, March 27**

6:15 p.m. Bells

8:26 p.m. Unite in Prayer

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 p.m. Holy Worship

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

5:00 p.m. Annual Cross Walk

7:00 p.m. Worship

#### **Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

### Christ Lutheran Preschool

Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

### Good Kids Childcare Calendar

Monday-Friday 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Worship Assistants and Volunteers

#### March 24 Palm Sunday

##### **Greeters:**

Usher: Ryan Smarsh and Eric Mohney

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

##### **Bread Maker:**

#### March 28 Maundy Thursday

##### **Greeters:**

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Bread Maker: Laura Knight

#### March 29 Good Friday

##### **Greeters:**

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

#### March 31 Easter Sunday

##### **Greeters:**

Usher: Chip Crout and Brian Knip

Lector: Ron Jantz

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Julie Skaggs

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

##### **Bread Maker:**

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