



3rd Lent March 7, 2021: Worship at 9:30 am

Gathering

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways that push people aside for profiteering and selfish gain. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

We are gathered in the Spirit continuing our Lenten journey to Easter. Exploring what it means to be God's people longing for healing and hope. This season is different from any Lent in a century, both a challenge and an opportunity. May Lent's familiar practices continue to connect, as we pray, fast and give in these times. May we open our hearts this Lent ready to hear, ready to be blessed.

May this faith journey bless, strengthen and renew us as we keep Lent together.

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF MERCY

We begin remembering that we are baptized and made children of God
in the Name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**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.**

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.**

May your Lenten journey lead you to know the love and mercy of God,
refreshing and renewing your faith, bringing you to the fullness of new life in Christ.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

GATHERING SONG: REVEALED IN CHRIST

1 Re - vealed in Christ, the word of God cre - ates a liv - ing sign;
2 Re - vealed in Christ, the light of God shines in - to deep - est night;
3 Re - vealed in Christ, the heart of God at - tends the si - lent sigh,
4 All - lov - ing God, in this wide sphere our thanks and song are due,

and wis - dom, love, and truth un - fold in hu - man made di - vine;
and none shall pass, no one shall pale, from God's de - vot - ed sight;
and meets with o - pen, car - ing arms the out - cast pass - ing by;
and giv - en glad - ly from the heart, for all good comes from you;

may we as Christ with - in this world God's lov - ing truth em - brace:
may we as Christ now in this hour give jus - tice shape and scope:
may we as Christ here in this place God's lov - ing pres - ence prove:
your Heart at - tends, your Light does shine, your lov - ing Word cre - ates,

out - side the snares of drift and fraud, God's peo - ple walk in faith.
in spite of em - pire's fear and press, God's peo - ple walk in hope.
be - yond the draw of like and clan, God's peo - ple walk in love.
and so with choirs of saints we sing our love and hope and faith.

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

GREETING

The 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray; *Silence* Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Silence for reflection follows each reading.

The first reading is from Exodus, the 20th chapter.

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Exodus 20:1-17

Silence for Reflection

Psalms 19 is read by verse.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

The second lesson is from 1 Corinthians, the first chapter.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

But now in these last days God has spoken to us by his Son.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *John 2:13-22*

TEACHING THE WORD

Silence for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING, TUNE: KINGSFOLD



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As we journey through the waters of Lent, let us bring before God our prayers for renewal, refreshment and healing, for ourselves and for the world.

A brief silence.

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your holy name. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all (*especially*).

Silence follows each petition for prayers and petitions to be made.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Hear our prayers for

- all in need of healing care, and those who cannot find or access the care they need...
- those who are struggling to meet the needs of home and work and family...
- all weary and stressed by trying to make ends meet, and by financial fears...
- for all who long for peace and justice among nations and neighbors...

Give us confidence to bring all our prayers, all our needs, all our fears to you.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions and prayers may be offered.

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for all the martyrs and faithful whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death, and comfort all who mourn. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to you; renew and uphold us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY, AS WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. Our tithes and offerings may be gathered to be given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people into one body.
Strengthen us to be faithful in prayer, refreshed by fasting, and generous in charity,
walking in the way of the Gospel for the sake of the world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The gifts are prepared for the Lord's Table

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**
It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God,
holy, almighty and merciful.
For You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Who, in the night in which He was betrayed,
He 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."

With the whole people of God, we remember and give thanks
praying with trust and hope for the coming of the Kingdom
in the words our Savior taught us:

**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**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace. Amen!

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*We share in the Lord's Body and Blood. Pastor will say:
This is the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you!
Then consume the Sacrament as you wish.
Silence for prayer and reflection as we commune. Then:*

TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. **Amen!**

Let us pray: Merciful God,

In this meal you have nourished us with your gifts of faith and peace. As we journey through Lent strengthen us to be persistent in prayer, refreshed by fasting, and generous in charity, going in the way of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Announcements were sent earlier in the week by USPS and email. Pastor may choose to call attention to one or more, or share announcements that were not included.

BENEDICTION

May God give you strength to turn to him, and know his richest blessings.

May The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen

SENDING SONG: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

DISMISSAL

Dwell in peace, go forth serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prayers for Lent

Prayer to bless a home prayer altar:

God, our refuge and hope: Thank you for my/our home and these walls that shelter me/us. Bless this place I/we have set to remind us that you are present. May it call me/us to prayer, help me/us to follow and love you day by day. In the Name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Prayer to bless the Lord's Table at home:

Creating God, I/ we are gathered with my/our brothers and sisters across time and place, preparing to hear Your Word and receive the gift of Your Body and Blood. Be present to bless, consecrate this place and time, and nourish us to live in hope. Amen!

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The Announcements

REMEMBER TO CHECK the church web site (www.christpipersville.org) for worship and meeting updates and worship videos and resources or contact the church office.

NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP is currently being held. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to Facebook and our website.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of our Family and Friends given by the Drury and Szymanowski Families.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in today's bulletin, the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – The deadline for submitting news items for the next edition of *Christ's Call* is next Sunday, March 14th. Please place any news items in Cindy's mailbox or email them to the church office.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Thanks to all who participated in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected 68 canned goods and \$970 in Giant Gift cards for The Lord's Pantry. Thanks for your support of this effort to feed the hungry and thanks to Don Lindquist for delivering our donations.

LENT COIN OFFERING this year has again been designated for our local youth hunger project: Blessings by the Box. Your coins or other donations may be placed in an envelope or container marked as "coin offering" and mailed or dropped off at the church. Last year's recipients were most grateful for this help in feeding their families.

SEND A CARD! Florence Cook is currently residing at Neshaminy Manor for rehab. Unfortunately, no visitors are permitted at this time. You can help brighten her day by sending a card to: Marion (Florence) Cook, C139-1, Neshaminy Manor, 1660 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE! Ava Cron is selling cookies again for \$4/box – we have Lemonades, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Caramel deLites, Smores, Gluten Free (\$5/box) and Toast-Yay! If you are local, we deliver! To order you can contact Jeff at jeff@jdcdesigns.net / 267-261-4581 or Sandra 215-262-3735. You can even order [online](#) and have them shipped anywhere. Thank You!

SOMETHING NEW! You may now sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one similar to the way altar flowers had been sponsored and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Please contact the church office to arrange your sponsorship.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,500 in 2020 and \$200 so far in 2021.

DID YOU KNOW... Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$2,180.00 through this program in 2020 and \$476.00 so far this year.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of March we will be collecting cereal, toilet paper and tissues, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (peanut butter, cereal, soup, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

Week of March 7th at a Glance

- Sun. 03/07 The Third Sunday in Lent
9:30AM Live-Streamed Worship (NO in-person worship)
- Tues. 03/09 7:00PM Council
Happy Birthday, Ruth Gruver!
- Wed. 03/10 6:00PM Lent Souper Zoom (watch your email for details)
- Thur. 03/11 8:30AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Bible Study
- Fri. 03/12 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, Jessica Trauger!
- Sun. 03/14 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:30AM Live-Streamed Worship (NO in-person worship)
April/May Newsletter Deadline
Daylight Savings Time Begins

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

In March 2021, let us pray for...

Joseph Apgar (AF), Janet Banks (H,R,P,St), Gary Brown (H,St), Pr. Caron & Family (Pr/C), Florence Cook (H), Cory Cox (AF), Brandon Cree (AF), Bishop Patricia Davenport (Pr/C), Jill G (H,R), Pr. Ginny Goodwin (Pr/C), Brad Gruver (H,R), Ruth Hagmeier (H,R), Cody Harmon (AF), Mary Hurley (Pr/C), Jenny (H,R,St), Katherine (St,P), Tom Macri (AF), Jennifer Marko (H,R,St), Corrine Monesmith (HB), Anita Nathans (H,R,St), Barbara Polaneczky (H,R), Jay & Lisa Roberson Family (H,St), Barry Sames (H), Barbara Thompson (H,R), Mike and Mary Trees (St), Rich Weidner (AF), and Zachary (St,Hope,Happiness).

Those who mourn:

The family and friends of Sharon (Carper) Muehlbauer, Bill Hagmeier (esp. wife Ruth), David Harte (esp. brother Pr. Barry Harte), Marian (Gruver) Mellen, and Dave Kinder.

<p>AF: Armed Forces, H: Healing, P: Peace/Patience, R: Recovery, St: Strength, M: Mourning, W: Wisdom T: Thanksgiving, NH: Nursing Home, HB: Home Bound, Pr/C: Pastors/Church Professionals</p>
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Please consider visiting, writing or calling these people who need the support of this faith community. If you know of others for whom you would like the congregation to pray, please notify the church office, 215-766-8730. Let us pray also for anyone besides the ones listed above, who may have some special need or desire.