

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Weekly Worship:      Sunday @ 9:30am**

**Sunday School:        10:45am on Zoom**

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

*To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.*

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:** Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

**ABOUT COMMUNION:** We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

**FOR SECURITY:** During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

In accordance to the Executive Order of the Commonwealth of PA, CDC and ELCA guidelines of 10%, indoor capacity of 20 people will be seated in the sanctuary, 20 people seated in Roth Hall and 10 people in the parlor where you can see and hear the service. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed.

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7:00pm Worship Service**

**PREPARATION**

PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE

**INVOCATION**

℟ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen

**INVITATION TO THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT**

**PSALM 103:8-14**

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> **He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> **For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> **As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

## CONFESSION

*P* Most holy and merciful Father:

**C We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*P* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**C Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*P* We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*P* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

*P* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

*P* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

*P* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

*P* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

*P* For all false judgment, for uncharitable thought toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

*P* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

*P* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Please come forward at this time to receive ashes as a reminder of the conviction of our mortality, of our bondage to sin and its consequence death, of life's decay, of our return to dust.*

**PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*After the Ashes*

**P** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C** **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

**P** By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

**P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do in the present, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

**ELW 351**

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
For all who die believing die safely in thy love.*

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

WORD

## A READING FROM JOEL

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

*Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.  
Yet even now, says the LORD,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
    rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.  
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the LORD, your God?  
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
    gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;  
 assemble the aged;  
 gather the children,  
 even infants at the breast.  
 Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
 and the bride her canopy.  
 Between the vestibule and the altar  
 let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
 Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
 and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
 a byword among the nations.  
 Why should it be said among the peoples,  
 'Where is their God?' "

L     The Word of the Lord  
 C     **Thanks be to God!**

## A READING FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20b--6:10**

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L The Word of the Lord  
 C **Thanks be to God!**

PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 6<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

Jesus said to the disciples: "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

℟ The Gospel of the Lord  
 C **Praise to you, O Christ**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**SERMON**

**Pastor Taylor**

PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord Jesus, Think On Me”

ELW #599

*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
From selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.*

## THE PRAYERS

*A* Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*A* O God, you call your church to be ministers of reconciliation throughout the world. Inspire your church in its proclamation of the gospel and guide its ministries to build up the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* O God, you created the earth and all its inhabitants and you declared that it is good. Protect mountains and valleys, animals and plants, and direct us to be good stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* O God, you desire peace. Direct governments and leaders to work for the well-being of all people and raise up advocates to speak and serve on behalf of the downtrodden. Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* O God, you are our hope in the midst of despair, our help in the midst of sorrow, and our consolation in the midst of affliction. Grant comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Jack, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Ava, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Melinda, Barbara, Anthony, Dina, Joanne, Elizabeth, Kay, Rich, Jack, Karen, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Wayne, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Jean, Carl, Neal, Larry, Debbie, Larry, Ken, Patt, Sandy and Dennis and support caregivers who attend to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* O God, you are love, and you call us to love one another. Accompany with your grace those journeying toward baptism and call us all to repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A:* O God, you are our life and our salvation. We give you thanks for the righteous who have died in faith. Inspire us by their example to proclaim your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*P* We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## MEAL

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please wave to each other or share the peace sign*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*A* In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

## COMMUNION

*P* Lamb of God,  
**C** you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
*P* Lamb of God,  
**C** you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P* Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
 Come and be fed.

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A* God of steadfast love,  
 at this table you gather your people  
 into one body for the sake of the world.  
 Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
 that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

*P* You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
 chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.  
 God bless you **✝** that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving  
 Trinity.  
**C** Amen

**DISMISSAL**

*A* Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

***PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE***

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**Worship Helpers**

Assisting Minister  
Reader

Tom Toth  
Shirley Ikeda

**2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS  
ARE AVAILABLE**

Now that the church is open weekday mornings and Sunday, the flower and bulletin charts are posted on the bulletin board to sign-up. Or, you can still call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year.

**QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

The project has been put on hold until further notice.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am**. We hope to have a virtual meeting. Zoom and other information on how you can attend this meeting will be coming.

**YOU MAY COME AND WORSHIP FROM THE PARKING LOT IN YOUR CAR -If listening in the parking lot, please tune radio to 90.1FM**

### **WE ARE LIVE!**

FaceBook Live that is. Our Sunday morning 9:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

### EASTER LILIES

Envelopes to order an Easter Lily are on the table in the back of the church. Please make sure all the information is clear on the envelope. Cost is \$10.00 per plant. Order deadline is **March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### VALLEY FOOD PANTRY EASTER BASKETS

Our congregation has been asked to supply **apple sauce and 48ct. tea bags** for the 60 plus families. Please place your donation in the grocery cart inside the front door by **Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you.

### APRIL NEWSLETTR

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the April newsletter is **March 14<sup>th</sup>!!**