

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Weekly Worship: Saturday @ 5:00pm
Sunday @ 10:30am
Sunday School @ 9:15am

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.

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Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Dave Kisenwether, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president) and Ken Welsh (president)

Designated Pastor – Rev. Wayne Lupole

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.

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).

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!

You may worship from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

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.. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clcconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 26, 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
10:30am Worship Service**

PRELUDE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Setting by Christina Shehi

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

ELW(red) #320

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,
C we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

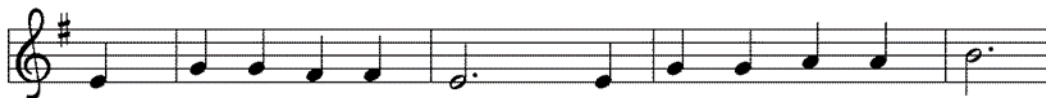
P Hear the good news:
 God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
 so that all may receive life.
 This promise is for you!
 God embraces you with divine mercy,
 †forgives you in Christ's name,
 and revives you in the Spirit's power.
C **Amen.**

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.
 Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM GENESIS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”
²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
 and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
 and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
 because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
 my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
 when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 4th CHAPTER



Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Lupole

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Lord, throughout Theses Forty Days” ELW (red) #319

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C 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 INTERCESSION

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. Especially we pray for all those on our prayer list and others we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet each other as you are comfortable.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“To Commune with You”

Patsy Hilton Kline

PLEASE STAND

OFFERTORY



G Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 God of good gifts,
 receive these and all our offerings
 as we present them in faithful service
 for the sake of your gospel.
 Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
 as you pour out your very presence
 through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

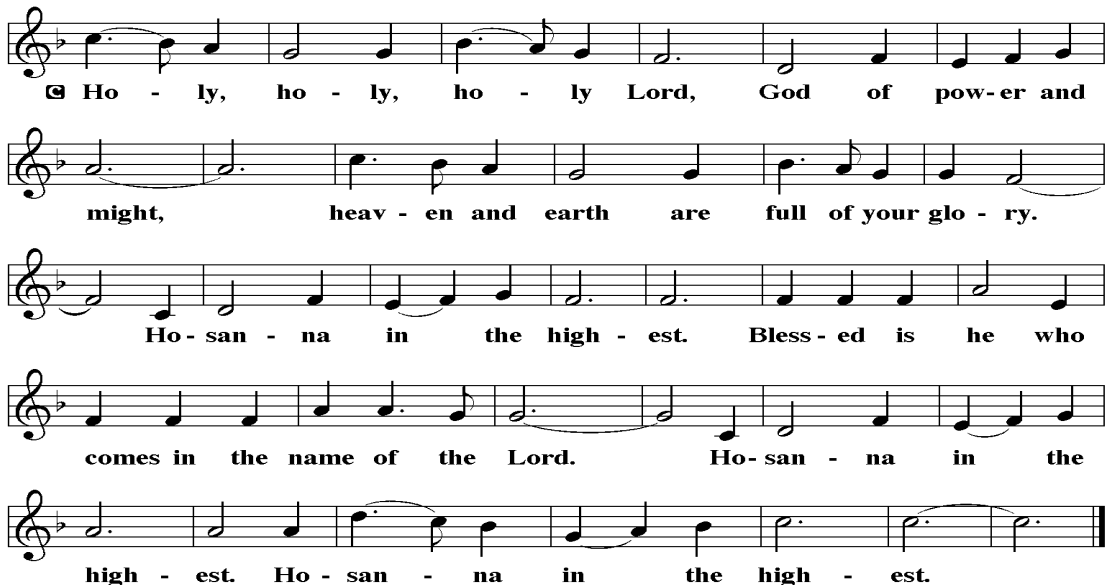
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
 our living Water and our merciful Guide,
 together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
 we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
 and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
 who joined us in our desert,
 pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life, death, and resurrection,
 we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
 and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
 wash away our sin,
 that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION

L Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Please stand when instructed to receive the elements and then be seated. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. The Lectern side (right side facing the altar) will go first, then the Pulpit side (left side facing the altar) will follow. Pick up an empty communion cup as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.

COMMUNION HYMN

“When Peace like a River”

ELW(red) #785

AFTER ALL, HAVE RECEIVED PLEASE STAND

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

CANTICLE

Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* Embodied God,
 at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
 With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
 empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
 and touch the world with your love.
- C** Amen.

BLESSING

P God, the giver of love,
 ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
 and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
 bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW(red) #624

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve in love.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Deo Gracias”

Paul Manz

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Dennis Mallams in memory of Kurt Mallams and Ruth & Harry Mallams.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God the Heckrote Family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Heckrote.

Worship Helpers

Acolyte	Eden James
Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Reader	Cindy derr
Comm. Asst.	Tom Toth
Ushers	Maria Smith & Anita Urso

Calendar of Events for the Week of February 26, 2023

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday -	9:00am	Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday-	9:00am	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	11:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Lenten Covered Dish, Discussion & Devotions
Thursday –	9:00am	Quilting Group
	1:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	5:00pm	Karate
	6:30pm	AA Meeting
Friday-		
Saturday-	9:00am	Thriving Congregation Event

Next Weekend:

MARCH 4 & 5, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday Worship at 5:00pm

Sunday Worship NO 8:00am - 10:30am ONLY

Sunday School at 9:15am

OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Barbara, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Sandy, Maryanne, Rich, Eileen, Justin, Samantha, Emily, Nancy, Kim, Rob, Ed, Dick, Frank, Rodney, Pauline, Dave, Anita, Jorge, Alex, Clete, Sue, Alma, Chuck, Tom, Josh, Dawn, Scarlet, Violet, Seth, Tony, Al, Jarrod, Bridger, Madison, Brandon, Corey, Amanda, John, Emma and Glen. A copy of the prayer list is on the bulletin board in the parlor for you to take home.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or wish a visit, please contact the church office at 570-788-1572, email clcony@ptd.net. In case of emergencies, you can also reach Cindy at 570-788-3708 or 570-579-7732.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the March newsletter is **February 19th!!**

THRIVING CONGREGATION EVENT

On Friday March 3rd & Saturday March 4th we will continue with the next step in our Thriving Congregation process. **On Friday we will begin with dinner at 5:30pm** and follow with an activity and discussion until 8pm. **On Saturday morning** we will begin with light breakfast foods at **9am**, devotions and discussion for what a faithful and flourishing church would look like in the next three years. Lunch will be provided and the afternoon will hold group discussions on how we take information results thinking on our next steps, **ending by 3pm**. Everyone is invited to share in this event for some or all of the sessions. A sign-up sheet is available, or you may contact the church office so we can plan on food, etc.

FAMILY FUN AND GAME NIGHT

All are invited to attend a Family Fun & Game Night on **Sunday March 12th from 5pm-??** in Roth Hall. We had a BLAST at the last one so we decided to do it again!. Feel free to bring your favorite game, a friend and a snack to share. All ages are welcome-we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact the Fryes (Church & Jean) at 570-788-5700 or Deb Jones at 570-233-7675.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held here at Christ Church (in the building) on **Tuesday March 21st (NEW DATE) from 1pm-6pm**. Please mark this date on your calendar and donate blood as supplies are very low in the winter. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

2023 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR DATES ARE AVAILABLE

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece).

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:30

Why do we (or don't we) give something up for Lent? After a wonderful covered dish dinner we will explore reasons to make sacrifices (or not) and then look to scripture for examples of giving something up and what, if anything, might replace what we have lost. Each week we will end with brief evening devotions.

Everyone is invited to attend! If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the meal, please consider participating in the discussion and worship which will start about 6:30. It's okay if you can't attend every Wednesday, come when you can for an evening of good fellowship, interesting discussions, and calming devotions.

March 1, 2023	Jesus Can Have It All	Luke 4:1-13
March 8, 2023	Jesus Is Run Out of Town	Luke 4:14-30
March 15, 2023	Jesus' Family Affair	Matthew 12:46-50, 13:55 John 7:1-5, 30-31
March 22, 2023	Give a Little, Get a Lot	Luke 9:12-17
March 29, 2023	Zacchaeus Gives In	Luke 19:1-10
April 5, 2023	Peter Gives Up-Jesus Doesn't	John 18:15-27, John 21:9-19

CANDY FOR EASTER

The Valley Food Pantry is asking the congregations to donate candy for the Easter baskets this year. Please leave you donations in the grocery cart by **Sunday March 19th**. Thanks.

DAFFODIL SALE

The American Cancer Society will be holding a daffodil sale. More details will be coming, but the usual date is mid-March. Watch the bulletins and newsletter for dates and prices. Contact is Margie Yost at 570-788-1690 to order.

WILLING WORKERS INDOOR YARD SALE

This event will take place **Saturday March 25th from 9am-2pm**. Here is how it works: Congregation members may purchase a table for \$10. You **MUST STAY** at your table and sell your items. The proceeds are yours to keep. Unsold items may be donated to the Apple Fest Flea Market in October (except clothing, books and electronics that you had at your table). If you do not have enough things for a table of your own you may bring a few items to go on the church's table.

Food will be available for sale and a bake sale will be held. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

Several vendors will have displays (TBA).

For more information or to reserve a table call Sue Oliver at 570-788-4292 or the church office at 570-788-1572 as soon as possible as space is limited. *Set-up will be Friday March 24th from 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm*

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

LDR is accepting donations for the recent earthquake in Turkey & Syria. Donations may be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P. O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual event is sponsored by Sugarloaf Valley Church Women United will take place on **Friday March 3rd at 2pm** in Providence Place on Hunter Highway in Drums, The theme is “I Have Heard About Your Faith” and is prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan and the USA. Everyone is invited to attend. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the program.

EASTER CRYSTAL SALE

Christ UCC is selling crystals for \$14.00 per box. Deadline to order is March 15th. Pick-up is April 1 from 10am-Noon. Call Barb at 570-788-3245 to order.

EVENTS AT VFW POST 8161 (VALLEY VETS)

An All-You-Can Eat Breakfast will be held at the Post on 75 Banks Ave. on Sunday March 19th from 7am-Noon. Cost is \$10.00.

A Pasta Dinner will be held at the Post on Sunday March 5th from Noon-4pm Cost is \$10.00 to eat-in or take-out. For tickets call Dave at 251-776-4737.

SITUATION AWARENESS SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Conyngham Crime Watch (CCW) will be held **Tuesday March 7th** from 6pm-8pm in the Conyngham Borough Building. Seating is limited. *RSVP by March 1st* by calling Barry at 570-436-8045. See the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Sharing the Journey

“Grief Shared is Grief Diminished”

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions in March that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief.

The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on **Monday, March 6, 2023. Registration is required to assure seating and materials.** If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

EMMAUS ROAD DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are in dire need of drivers to take our travelers to grocery stores, the Valley Food Pantry, and to routine medical appointments. Some of our most dedicated drivers are unavailable due to having surgery, physical rehab or other acute health issues or needing some time off the roster to be family caregivers. We need a larger pool of drivers to meet the needs of those we help and also so as not to overload our ministry team.

This valuable outreach ministry which brings the Gospel to life out in the community could possibly collapse if we do not increase driver availability. Please consider if the Spirit is calling you to work with us to help provide access to food and medical services for those who have no or very limited access to transportation.

To find out more or request an application, call or email Brother Fred at 570-788-6098 or f3jaxheimer@gmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY

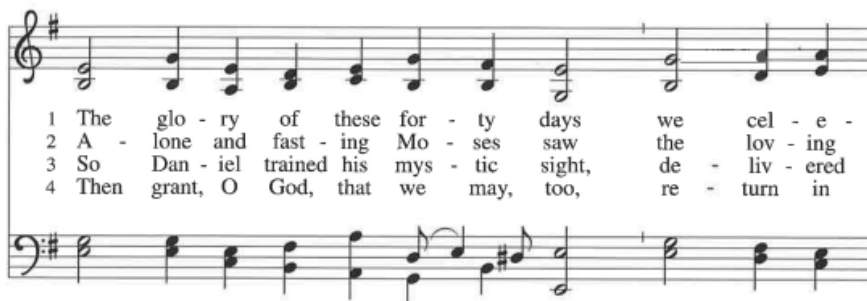
Over the last few weeks, the Stephen Minister trainees have been learning about the process which will enable them to assist their care receivers. “A Process Approach to Caring,” provided the key understanding that the most effective care giving happens when we focus on the process of care—not the results we hope to see. Stephen Ministers don’t fix the care receiver’s problems; instead, they continue providing the best possible care while relying on God to bring about the results. We learned about “Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly” which explored the Biblical foundation of assertiveness. We discussed and applied the principles of the book *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian*, which used Jesus as the model for assertive behavior. Our next topics covered “Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving,” “Crisis Theory and Practice,” and “Confidentiality.” These topics are essential to Stephen Ministry as we learned about the importance of boundaries to protect ourselves and our care receivers while ensuring the best possible care, how the effects of a crisis affect people’s lives and how to help them move through the crisis toward greater wholeness, and the importance of confidentiality in order to build a safe environment of trust and acceptance between the Stephen Minister and the care receiver.

Please continue to keep our trainees, Stephen Ministers, and Stephen Leaders in your prayers as they continue to learn to be equipped to bring Christ’s care to hurting people and continue to lift them up as they nurture their gifts and expand their knowledge as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation. Please contact Deb Jones at msjonesncc@gmail.com or 570-233-7675 for information on Stephen Ministry.

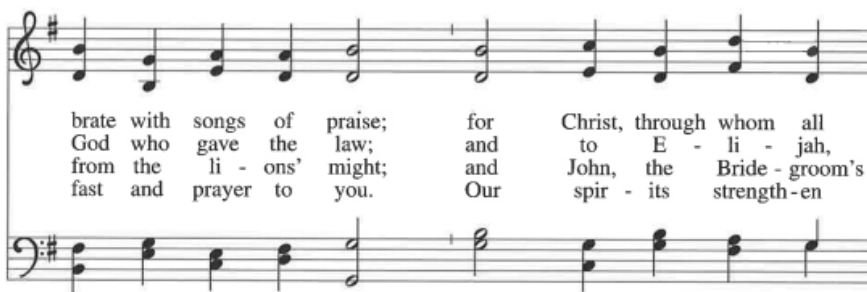
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The Glory of These Forty Days

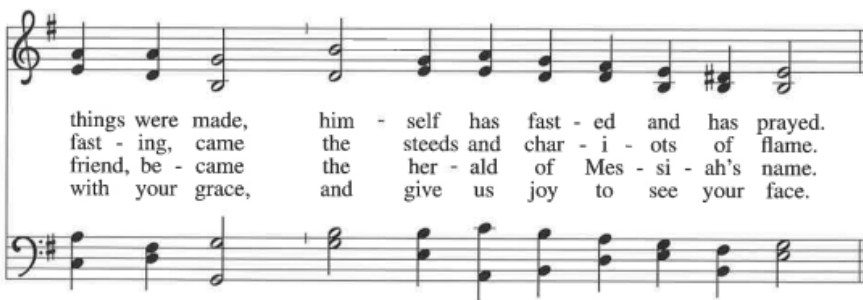
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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

TRUST, GUIDANCE

When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

HOPE, ASSURANCE

Jesus, Still Lead On

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1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.