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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 ‘clcconyngam.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 12, 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
10:30am Worship Service**

PRELUDE

“Near the Cross”

William H. Doane/arr. Molly Ijames

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus. Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW(red) #335

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.**

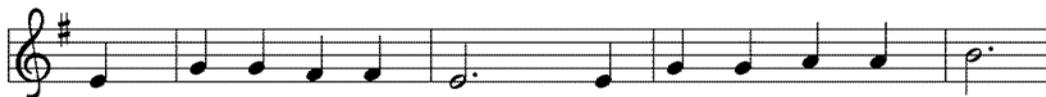
PLEASE STAND

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.
 Merciful God, 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.
- C** Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM EXODUS

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵Jesus 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."⁸His 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.



PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Lupole

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”** **ELW (red) # 777**

APOSTLES' CREED

℘ 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 We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A* We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A* We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A* We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. Especially we pray for all those on our prayer list and others we hold in our hearts. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A* We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A* We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared 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

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Crosny-Krimm/Nolan

PLEASE STAND

OFFERTORY



C 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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff starts with a common time signature (C) and the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

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

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

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW(red) #462

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



C 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**“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”****ELW(red) #618****DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**“Finale”****Johan Helmich Roman/arr. Wolff**

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Becky Shuman in memory of her parents.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God.

Worship Helpers

Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Asst. Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Reader	Tom Toth
Comm. Asst.	Carol Crawford
Ushers	Archie & Beth Topolski

Calendar of Events for the Week of March 12, 2023

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
	7:00pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday -	9:00am	Stephen Ministry Training
	1:00pm	Willing Workers
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-		

Next Weekend:

MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

THE FOURTH 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, Glen, Patti and Tom. 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 or Pastor Lupole at 570-708-1690.

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 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

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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

FAMILY FUN AND GAME NIGHT

All are invited to attend a Family Fun & Game Night **TONIGHT 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.

EASTER LILIES

Envelopes to order an Easter Lily are on the table in the parlor. Please make sure all the information is clear on the envelope. *Cost is \$12.00 per plant.* Order deadline is **March 26th**.

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).

CANDY FOR EASTER

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

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00pm** for our regular meeting. Following our meeting, Marty Kellow will be giving a presentation on Current Trends in Antiques and Collectibles. Marty will provide an overview of items that are currently valuable in the world of collecting, as well as addressing collecting areas that have lost value in recent years. Marty is not a licensed appraiser and will not provide appraisals of any items. However, feel free to bring along a cherished treasure you may have to see where it fits in the world of antiques and collectibles! All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com

WILLING WORKERS INDOOR YARD SALE

This event will take place **Saturday March 25th from 9am-2pm**. Food will be available for sale and a bake sale will be held along with several raffles. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

Vendors will have displays: Cassie's Gnomes & Assorted Things; Donna Ehlers Fabric Crafts & Seasonal Items; James Longo Soaps & Lip Balms; Creative Church Ladies Easter/Springtime Items & Other Crafts; Tony Sabo Crochet Items; Sylvia Laurent Creations-Jewelry/Tie Dyed & Other Items; Virginia's Art Work & Other Items; John & Joy For the Love of Paper-Assorted Paper Cards & Gifts; Donna's Unique Gifts & Clay People; Sue's Sweets/Spreads & Nuts; Rose's Sugarloaf Soaps & Jewelry; Marianne Sera-Pampered Chef; April & Russ-Slumped Wine Bottles; Nancy's Fabric Crafts; Ellen's Whimsical Thoughts-Lanterns/Decorated Easter Eggs/Light-up Glass Blocks, Abbeys Scoop of Sunshine; Barbra's Upscale Creations; Rose-gnomes & kitchen towels; 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

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.

BREAKFAST EVENT AT 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.

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

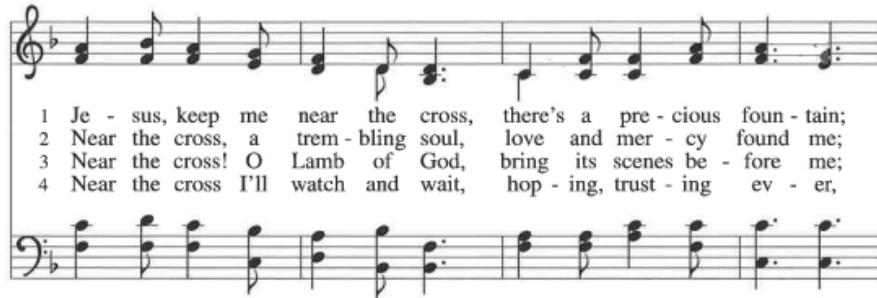
Over the last few weeks, the Stephen Minister trainees have been learning about the process which will enable them to assist their care receivers. “A Process Approach to Caring,” provided the key understanding that the most effective care giving happens when we focus on the process of care—not the results 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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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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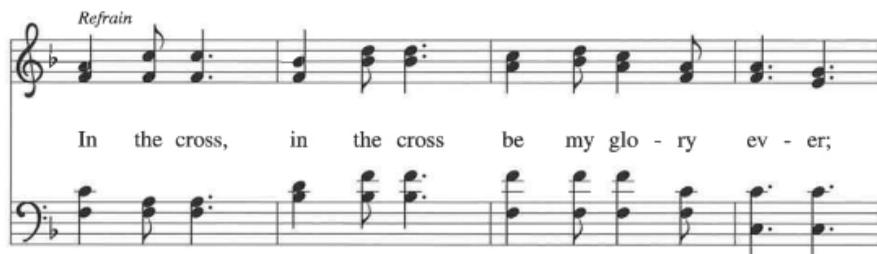


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

TRUST, GUIDANCE

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav - lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

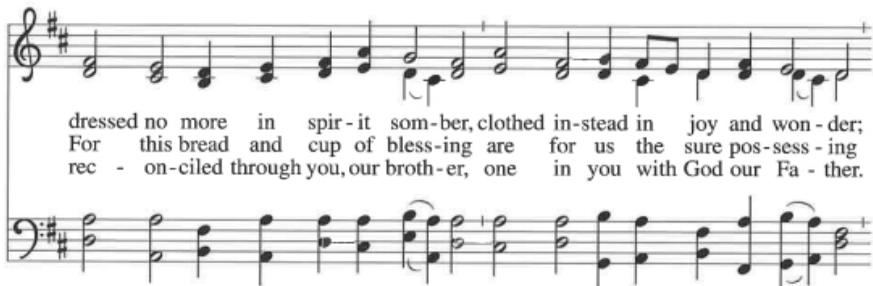
HOLY COMMUNION

Now We Join in Celebration

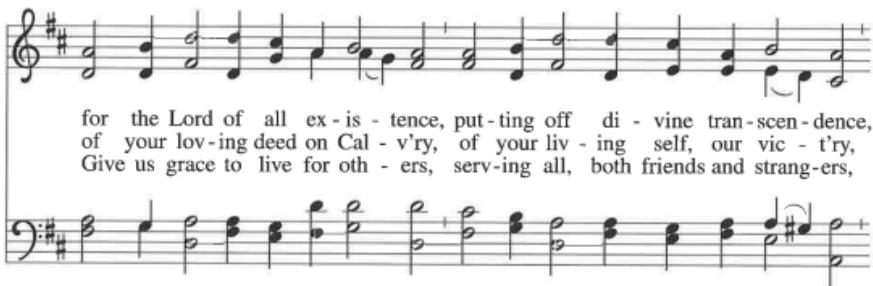
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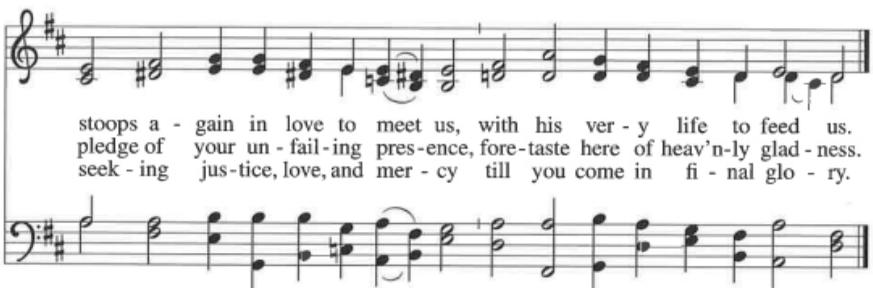
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

HOPE, ASSURANCE

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

