

# First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**We offer our worship to God!** Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

**Offerings.** Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the staff continue to ensure that our church ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to at:

Christ Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk  
60 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

St. James Lutheran Church  
5129 Wolf Road  
Western Springs, IL 60558

To make your CLC offering online, go to [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) and click on the "Give" button.

To make your St. James offering online, go to [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) and click the tithe.ly link.

**Questions?** If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at [office@yourchrist.org](mailto:office@yourchrist.org) for Christ Lutheran or Mellissa Lickteig, Office Manager [stjames.ws@gmail.com](mailto:stjames.ws@gmail.com) for St. James or Pastor Erin at [pastor@yourchrist.org](mailto:pastor@yourchrist.org). You may also call the church at 630-325-2220 for Christ Lutheran or (708) 246-6228 for St. James, or visit [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) or [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) for St. James

**Need something?** Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. The church's councils are committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

## **ZOOM INFORMATION:**

Telephone Number **1-312-626-6799**

Meeting ID: **973 434 409**

Password: **216714**

[Link to Zoom Worship](#)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Music

O Lord Throughout These 40 Days

*Recorded by the CLC Worship Ensemble*

O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust  
in God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

Confession

*Led by Dan Cramer*

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may turn toward God and begin the work of repentance.  
Merciful, life-giving God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone:  
For placing our faith in authorities other than you.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For embracing individualism, valuing competition over cooperation and failing to function as the whole Body of Christ.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For wanting recognition but not accountability and advocating for our way as the one right way instead of seeking to learn together.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For denying the call of Jesus and the prophets to speak out against injustice  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For turning away from the discomfort of conflict and instead getting angry when we are challenge.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For striving to keep whatever power we hold at all costs, preferring holding power over others to sharing power with others.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For failing to recognize mistakes are part of learning and growing and instead tying them to guilt and shame.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For giving into the temptation to attempt neutrality instead of the speaking the good news of God with courage.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For insisting on our own comfort to the neglect and indifference of our neighbors.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Forgive us and lead us in ways that free us from shame, free us from comparison, and lead us to delight in you. Help us to affirm the truths and uplift the wisdom of all your people. Guide us toward finding value in quality instead of quantity, to engaging in healthy conflict, and to the distribution of power for the good of all; so that we may live more fully your kin-dom of accountability and mutual care. Amen.

## Absolution

Pastor: Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven. Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have been set free from sin. Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for all people. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Collaborating God, you bless us with your creativity in the abundant variety of ways we can encounter you in creation. Heal our resistance to your transforming love and open our hearts to see and value the great variety of means by which your grace is revealed.

**All: Amen.**

## Take My Life

*Recorded by the CLC Worship Band*

1 Holiness holiness  
Is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness holiness  
Is what You want from me

2 Faithfulness faithfulness  
Is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness faithfulness  
Is what You want from me

Chorus So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
To Yours to Yours oh Lord

3 Righteousness righteousness  
Is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need  
Righteousness righteousness  
Is what You want from me

Repeat Chorus x 2

Tag To Yours to Yours oh Lord.  
To Yours to Yours oh Lord.

Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

*Read by Maggie Swiss*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the

everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Mark 1:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

## **Message**

*Pastor Josh Ebener*

### **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

*Recorded by the CLC Ensemble*

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

*Mary, Jimmy and Catie Satchwell*

Leader: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. You may pray silently or aloud following each prompt.  
For your church throughout the world, that we might cultivate a spirit of humility and repentance...  
For all the earth's creatures from destruction, that we would make space for every living thing...  
For leaders of nations, that they would work for justice and peace...  
For migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands...  
For people whose lives feel desolate, and all in need of healing and compassion...  
For principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, students, and parents...  
For people who have lost their jobs or been laid off and are unsure of the future...  
For this congregation, as we discern the next steps God has for us...  
For all who have died, and all who grieve...  
We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** Holy provider, we thank you for the ways in which you have provided for us. Help us know the difference between the things given to us by you, the result of our work, the gifts of community, and that which comes to us because of our privilege. By your grace, bring us to a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy that we might bear witness to your abundance.

**All:** Amen.

### Communion

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

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus 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.**

### Communion Video

**“Souperbowl of Caring Recap”**

### Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

**Pastor:** Holy One-in-Three, through your death, we are fed with the bread of life. Let us follow your way to the cross, to be for others a sign of your compassion and life. As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

**All:** Amen.

## Benediction & Blessing

Pastor: May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.  
May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.  
May God inspire you to transforming love that celebrates all people and all creation.

All: Amen

### Great Are You Lord

*Recorded by the CLC Worship Band*

Verse            You give life You are love  
                    You bring light to the darkness  
                    You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
                    And great are You Lord

Chorus            It's Your breath in our lungs  
                    So we pour out our praise  
                    We pour out our praise  
                    It's Your breath in our lungs  
                    So we pour out our praise to You only

Repeat Verse

Bridge x 3        And all the earth will shout Your praise  
                    Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
                    Great are You Lord

Tag                Great are You Lord

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the Good news.

All: Thanks be to God!