

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH,  
REACHING OUT TO CHANGE LIVES

God welcomes you. You are welcome here regardless of your religious background, race or ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, national citizenship, economic circumstances, political views, marital status, or anything else that may divide or diminish our shared humanity.

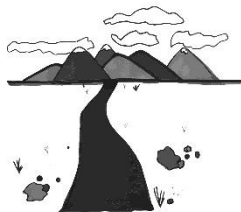
Sharing faith in Jesus, who came to be the savior of all humanity, we strive to uphold and rejoice in the dignity, value, and gifts of every individual and to celebrate the richness that diverse backgrounds and personal stories bring to our community.

## FAMILIES & CHILDREN



We love having young people in worship and want them to experience what is happening in the sanctuary.

If they (or you) need a break, our nursery, tended by a trained worker, is available outside of the sanctuary and up the stairs.



## Service of Holy Communion

Second Sunday in Lent | March 1, 2026

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<b>Presider/Preacher</b>	Pastor Ben Dueholm
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Hando Nahkur
<b>Cantor/Musicians</b>	Sanctuary Choir, Romali Fernando, Murray Smith
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Greg Smith
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Shannon Cockrell
<b>Crucifer</b>	Kyle Bruns
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abby Morton
<b>Ushers</b>	Cheryl & Peter Kowalczyk, and Rita & Ron Horst
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jaclyn Kitchens
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Lent – No Flowers
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Connie Uhri
<b>Sound &amp; Livestream</b>	Gary Haschke & Sergio Peña

## A GUIDE TO OUR SERVICE

- **PARTICIPATION:** Parts printed in **bold** are said/sung by everyone.
  - **MUSIC:** hymns/songs are in the red *ELW* hymnal or printed within this bulletin.
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**PRELUDE** — "Prelude" in C sharp minor (WTC I) | Hando Nahkur

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY:** Peanut Butter Drive

## GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*PLEASE STAND.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

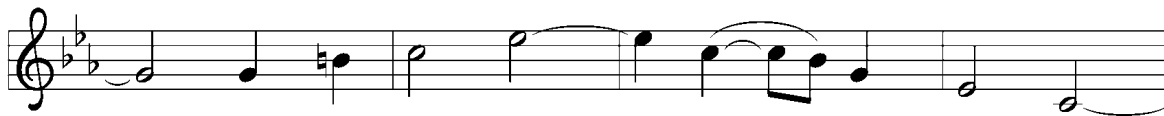
**GATHERING HYMN** — “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (ELW 325)



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



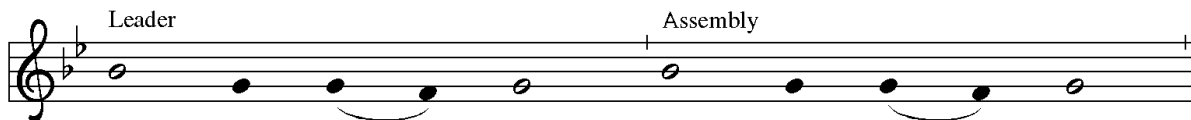
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

**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.

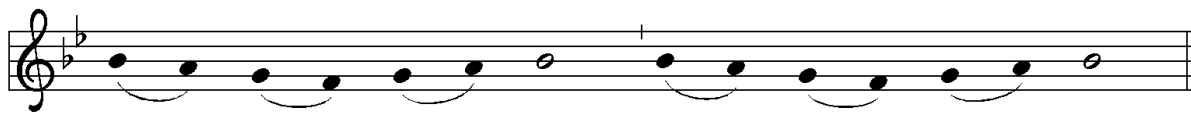
**KYRIE:** WE BEGIN WORSHIP WITH AN ANCIENT PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY, KNOWN BY THE GREEK WORD "KYRIE," FOR "LORD."



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray (*SILENCE*). O God, **C: our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED.*

**WORD**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACHING, AND SONG

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth

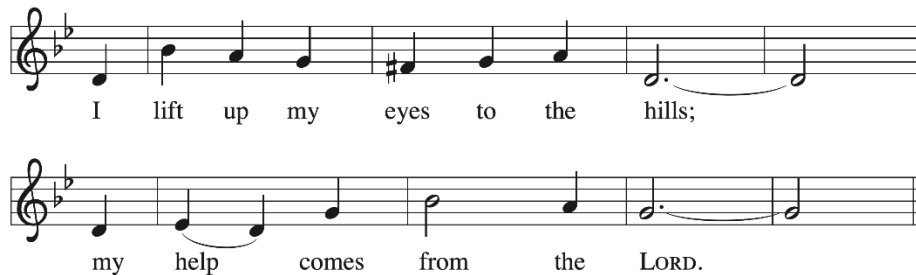
shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121**

THE REFRAIN IS SUNG ONCE BY THE CANTOR AND REPEATED BY ALL. THE CANTOR SINGS THE VERSES, AND THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE REFRAIN



A: I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
 from where is my | help to come?  
 My help comes | from the Lord,  
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.  
 The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall  
 asleep.  
 Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
 will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

**C: Refrain**

the Lord watches | over you;  
 the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;  
 the sun will not strike | you by day,  
 nor the | moon by night.  
 The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
 and will | keep your life.  
 The Lord will watch over your going out and  
 your | coming in,  
 from this time forth for- | evermore.

**C: Refrain**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

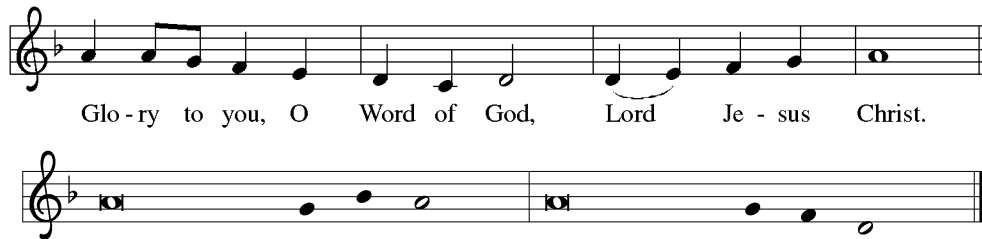
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** — (ELW 177)

*PLEASE STAND*

ACCLAMATION IS SUNG ONCE BY THE CANTOR AND REPEATED BY ALL. THE CANTOR SINGS THE VERSE, AND THE CONGREGATION SINGS ACCLAMATION



The Son of Man must be | lifted up  
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.

**GOSPEL:** John 3:1-17

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can

one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of

Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

REPEAT ACCLAMATION

PLEASE BE SEATED.

## SERMON

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THE NOTES SECTION

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## HYMN OF THE DAY — “God Loved the World” (ELW 323) Vs. 1, 2, and 5



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

**NICENE CREED:** IN RESPONSE TO HEARING THE WORD, THE CHURCH CONFESSES OUR SHARED FAITH. THIS FORM OF THE CREED IS OFTEN USED ON SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS

A: We confess the faith of the church in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

WHEN PROMPTED BY THE ASSISTING MINISTER THE CONGREGATION  
MAY ADD THEIR PRAYERS EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

A: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Erik and Yehiel; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

P: Into your hands O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you hear us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*PLEASE BE SEATED.*

## MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

**OFFERING:** MANY OF OUR MEMBERS GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. LEARN MORE AT [CLCDALLAS.ORG](http://CLCDALLAS.ORG)

**OFFERTORY (SPECIAL MUSIC)** — "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" African American Spiritual |  
Sanctuary Choir

*PLEASE STAND.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN** — "Create in Me A Clean Heart" (ELW 188)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. (*SILENCE*). O God, **C: maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.**

**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.



C:                   A - men,           a - men,           a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his table. **C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

PLEASE USE THE SANITIZER IN YOUR PEW AS YOU COME FORWARD FOR THE SACRAMENT. COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE RAIL IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR. YOU WILL BE GIVEN THE HOST, WHICH YOU MAY DIP IN THE CHALICE CONTAINING RED WINE OR WHITE GRAPE JUICE. IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE A BLESSING INSTEAD, FOLD YOUR ARMS BEFORE YOUR CHEST. YOU MAY RECEIVE COMMUNION IN ONE KIND (EITHER THE HOST OR THE CHALICE) IF YOU WISH. YOU MAY STAND OR KNEEL AT THE ALTAR RAIL FOR PRAYER AFTER YOU RECEIVE COMMUNION. SOMEONE CAN PRAY WITH YOU IF YOU WISH. WHEN THE ALTAR IS CLEARED, THE PRESIDER WILL INVITE THE PEOPLE TO STAND AS THEY CAN.

*PLEASE BE SEATED.*

## SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

*PLEASE STAND.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, (*SILENCE*) Almighty and everliving God,

**C: we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**

**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION THE PRESIDER BLESSES THE PEOPLE

### SENDING HYMN — “Now Behold the Lamb” (ELW 341)



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

## DISMISSAL

A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE — “Blessed Assurance” P.P. Knapp | Hando Nahkur