



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 12, 2023 Lent 3
9:30 AM



Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

*A Reconciling in Christ
congregation of the ELCA*

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday Childcare 9:15-11:00 AM

*Children's Message and Children's Chapel
during services. All children welcome!*

We're glad that you have joined us for worship today!

Who are we at Christ the Servant?

Called by God to share the Good News, we are the hands of Christ, lifted in worship, joined in learning, extended in service, supporting in love, and reaching for justice.

- We believe in God our creator, and are awed by the mystery of creation.
- We believe we are saved by God's grace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- We believe the word and spirit of God are they guiding force in our lives.

To all we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us on this journey, as partners in the full life and ministry of Christ the Servant, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, or socioeconomic status.

Church Office Hours

M-Th 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Pastor Deanna Wildermuth

Interim Pastor

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Land Acknowledgement

We gather on the ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Nooksack, and Semiahmoo, who have lived in this region since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring our Coast Salish neighbors.

**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023**

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as able.

Opening Song

Into the Desert

Renewing Worship Songbook P. 1

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

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.

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!

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.

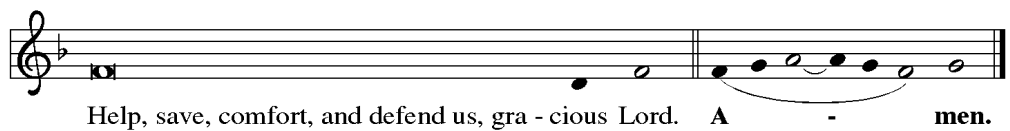
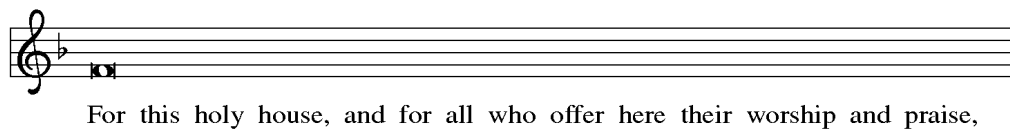
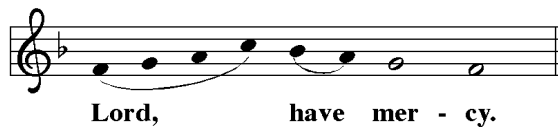
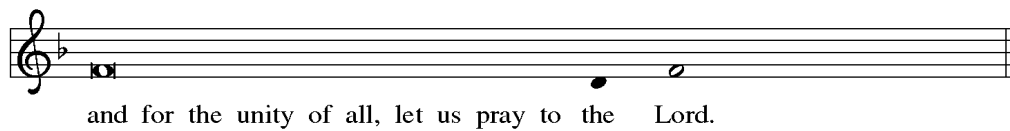
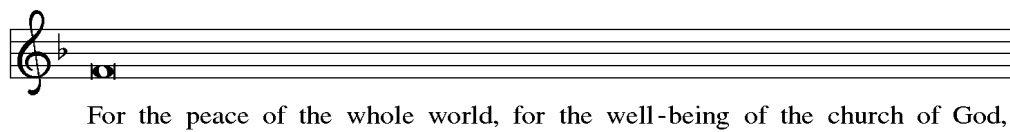
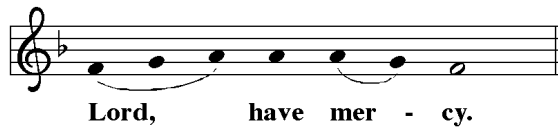
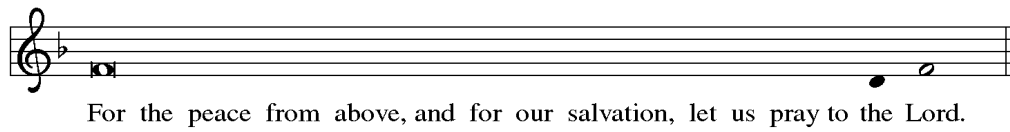
Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



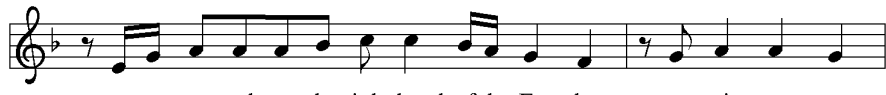
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Together, 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.
Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Today's Children's Message is "**A Woman Anoints Jesus.**"
After the Children's message, children aged 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel in the Godly Play Atrium. Children return to the congregation for the passing of the peace.

Children's Blessing

Go in peace, have fun, and learn. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

[L] Leader [C] Cong. arr. B. Drewes

[L] Come, sing with joy to God! [C] Shout to the Lord, our rock of sal-
va-tion. [L] En-ter God's pres-ence with praise! [C] En-ter with
shouts and songs of joy.

Verses - Cantor

1. Great is the Lord, over all gods like a king.
God cradles the depths of the earth and holds fast the mountains.
2. God shaped the ocean, God owns the seas and the valleys.
All land was formed by God's hand; our Mother, creator.
3. God is our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
Come, bow down and worship the Lord, and kneel to our Maker.
4. God said, "Do not test me, not like the people before you.
They rejected my ways and my love. They shall not enter my rest."

Second Reading Romans 5:1-11

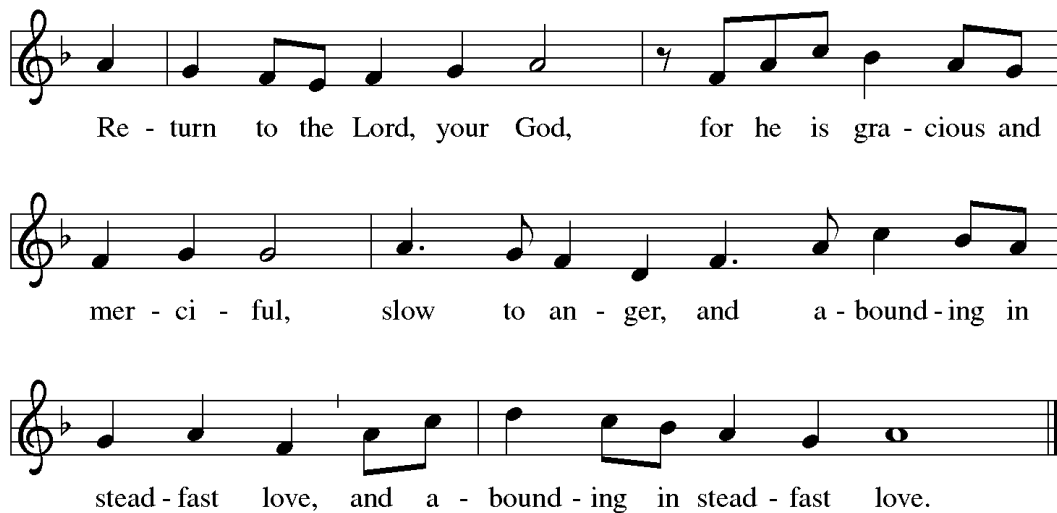
¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Gospel John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob'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."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The 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.)¹⁰ Jesus 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."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but 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."¹⁵ The 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."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But 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.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

Songbook P. 2

Apostle's Creed

Having heard the Word of God, we respond in the confession of our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

Together we confess,

**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 God's People

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

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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 (especially). Give them your living water always.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism (at the Vigil of Easter/on Easter Day). 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, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, we praise and thank you for the faithful in our own congregation. This week we pray especially for **Joan Biasini, Jim, Diane, Eric and Audrey Bochsler, Bruce and Darlene Bock, and Eric & Mary Bosell.** Let the peace of Christ rule their hearts and let your holy word dwell in them richly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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.
Amen.

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Special Music

Forty Days

Renewing Worship Team

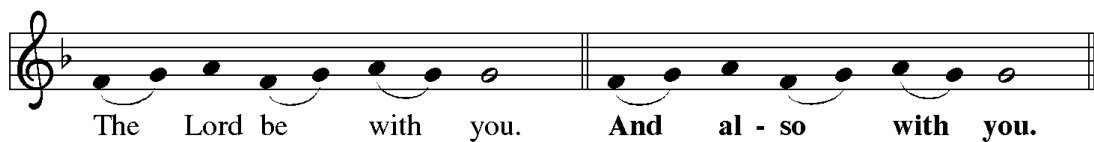
Offering prayer

Together, let us pray,

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

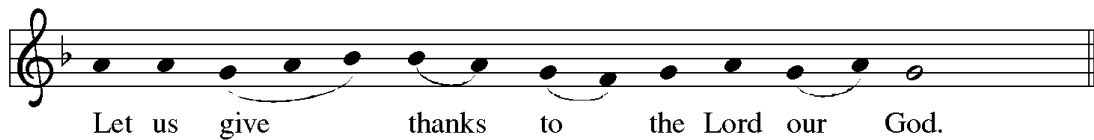
Opening Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues: "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes with: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Communion

Communion Music

<i>Behold the Lamb</i>	Songbook P. 3
<i>Lamb of God</i>	Songbook P. 5
<i>Gracious God</i>	Songbook P. 6

SENDING

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

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.

Amen.

Sending Song	<i>Ready the Way</i>	Songbook p. 8
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

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PLEASE REMEMBER AS YOU PRAY

Thanksgiving for **Anita Stoffer's 90th birthday** which was on March 7.

Our congregation, the Call Committee, Pastor Deanna, and Pastor Jana Schofield as the next steps in the call process unfold.

Wilma Lysen and her family as they mourn the death of her mother, **Myrna Hustoft**.

Kathy Dooley and her family as they mourn the death of her mother, **Jean Peters**.

Prayers for **the family of Karoyn Labes**, on the death of her **Uncle Duane Ulleland**, a retired Lutheran pastor who most recently served in Spokane.

Kathi Willis, recovering from an injury.

For **Bobbi Bristol-Treat**, recovering from heart surgery. Thanksgiving that she is recovering well.

Thanksgiving for God's continual healing of **Hsin**, Pr. Darrell and Donna's son.

For our OPOP team and Nathaniel.

Thanksgiving for **"Jeff's House"**, and for the new residents!

Marcie Hess, Mike's mother, recovering from a stroke.

Baker Ennen, as she struggles with Crohn's Disease, For her family and care team.

Jon Ross, son-in-law of Doug and Char Sutton, as he battles long Covid.

John Rietz's daughter and her partner during her partner's MS treatment.

Diann Christey, recovering from a second back Surgery.

Bob Christey, enduring medical procedures.

Philip Christey, now weaned of steroids and hoping for more answers from a PET scan.

John J. Chionis, brother of Mary Hess, for healing from cancer treatments and that he might regain strength to use his hands and arms again.

Amy Raduege enduring intense nerve pain, hoping for effective medical treatment.

Our friends in La Mica, Honduras, and their water project.

Our friends residing at **Gardenview Village**.

Bob Ham for strength during dialysis and progressing Parkinson's.

Carol Ebergson as she enters hospice care.

And our residents at local Senior Living or care centers: **Joan Biasini, Bob and Carol Ham, Sophie Mueller, Ruthann Jensen, Anita Stoffer, and Shirley Abt**.

Events and Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT gatherings during Lent

March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5

6:00 PM: Simple Soup Supper

7:00 PM: Worship

TODAY (SUNDAY March 12): Meet and Greet with Pastor Jana Schofield

Today following services will be your opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Jana!

She'll lead a devotion, then will answer questions sent to the Call Committee.

March 19: Special Congregational Meeting

This meeting will take place following our service at 11 a.m. At this time, members of the congregation will vote whether or not to call Pastor Jana Schofield.

March 26 Compassion Circle (NEW DATE!)

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month in the "Youth Lounge"—the meeting room across from the restrooms in the original part of the building. Facilitated by David Westlund.

Coffee Hour Sunday March 26 needs YOU!

We are in need of a Coffee Hour host (set-up and clean up) on 3/26.

please follow the link to the Sign Up Genius in your Thursday Note Email.

Easter Special Offering Nominations

Each Christmas and Easter we receive a Special Offering used to bless a ministry within our congregation and one beyond our walls. Do you have an idea of where "In-reach" and/or "Outreach" Special Offerings could be designated for this Easter? Nominations should contain your name, contact information and a simple explanation of why you nominate the organization or ministry. Please send your nominations to **Linda Petrasek at lpetrasek@comcast.net** before March 19.

Updated CTS Constitution

The church council has approved an update to the constitution. The updates consist of changes required by the ELCA to chapters 1-9 and 15-19 as well as updates to the portions controlled by our congregation in chapters 10-14. These are mostly related to descriptions of committees and to the relationship of Catch the Son and the congregation.

Copies of these documents can be found on the church website's "Resources and Documents" page. You can also request a paper copy of these documents from the office. The council will call for the constitution to be approved at the semi-annual meeting in May or June. If you have comments, please contact Holly Whittle, Bill Salen, or Sidney Evans.

Family Promise Needs

Family Promise has a family with a new baby on the way! The family needs:

- genie diaper liner bags (find on Amazon)
- Diapers in sizes 1, 2 and 4 (Kirkland brand from Costco preferred)
- Up & Up unscented baby wipes from Target
(there is a skin sensitivity, so this specific brand is best).

Gardenview Pantry Needs—Donation box in the Narthex.

Here are some items that would be very helpful to stock their pantry. Nothing should require refrigeration! Please do not donate other items from your pantry, just these easy-to-use items.

- Ready to Eat Mac & Cheese Cups
- Campbell's Chunky Soups or similar ready to eat hearty soups
- Canned baked beans.
- Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon
- Ready-to-serve rice or Ramen Noodle Cups

In addition, the village could use these items for general use:

- Large canisters of ground coffee
- Coffee creamer
- Packets of sugar
- Assorted teas
- Black teas
- Acetaminophen
- Dryer sheets

Serving Sunday March 12	
Presider	Pr. Deanna Wildermuth
Reader/ Assistant Minister	Jim Oberlander
Cantor	Renewing Worship Team
Pianist	Rick Lysen
Communion Care	Janet Congdon
Communion Servers	Holly Whittle Cindy Klein
Sound Livestream	Doug Sutton
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