



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

March 1, 2026

9:30 AM



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday Childcare 9:15 AM-12:00 PM

Children's Chapel during services.

A Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA

CTS Statement of Welcome

Because we strive to be followers of Jesus, we are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to anti-racism and welcoming, affirming, and advocating for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; peoples of all cultures, ethnicities,

and backgrounds; people of all ages and abilities; and people of all social and economic circumstances.

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

- ◆ The following spaces are available during Sunday worship for families with children: Prayer Ground (0-5 years) and Quiet Room (Right side of the sanctuary), Sanctuary seats, and Narthex couches. We ask parents/caregivers to accompany children to these spaces. If you would like your child(ren) (birth-4 years) to be cared for during any part of the worship service, our staffed childcare room is down the long hallway on the right past the church office (follow the blue signs).
- ◆ Restrooms are down the long hallway on the right as you exit the sanctuary. Gender neutral restrooms are further down the hallway through two additional doorways (follow the blue signs).
- ◆ This worship service is being livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. If you prefer not be shown on camera, please sit in the last three rows on the right directly in front of the Quiet Room.
- ◆ Information cards can be found in the seat pocket in front of you. If you are visiting us today or have a prayer concern, please fill one out and return in the offering basket.
- ◆ If you have a prayer request to be spoken aloud during worship, please write it in the prayer journal just outside the sanctuary doors.
- ◆ Hearing assist devices are available from a sound board operator.
- ◆ Use this QR code for electronic giving:



- ◆ Please silence your phones to fully enter into this holy space.
- ◆ We welcome you to wear a nametag (choose either plastic or stick-on at the table by the door), including pronouns if you wish.

Second Sunday in Lent

All Creation Sings 12 Liturgy for Holy Communion

Gathering

Prelude

Call To Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy
Servant Singers

Schubert

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

** When you see this asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

O God of Mercy, God of Light

Red ELW 714

*** 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**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

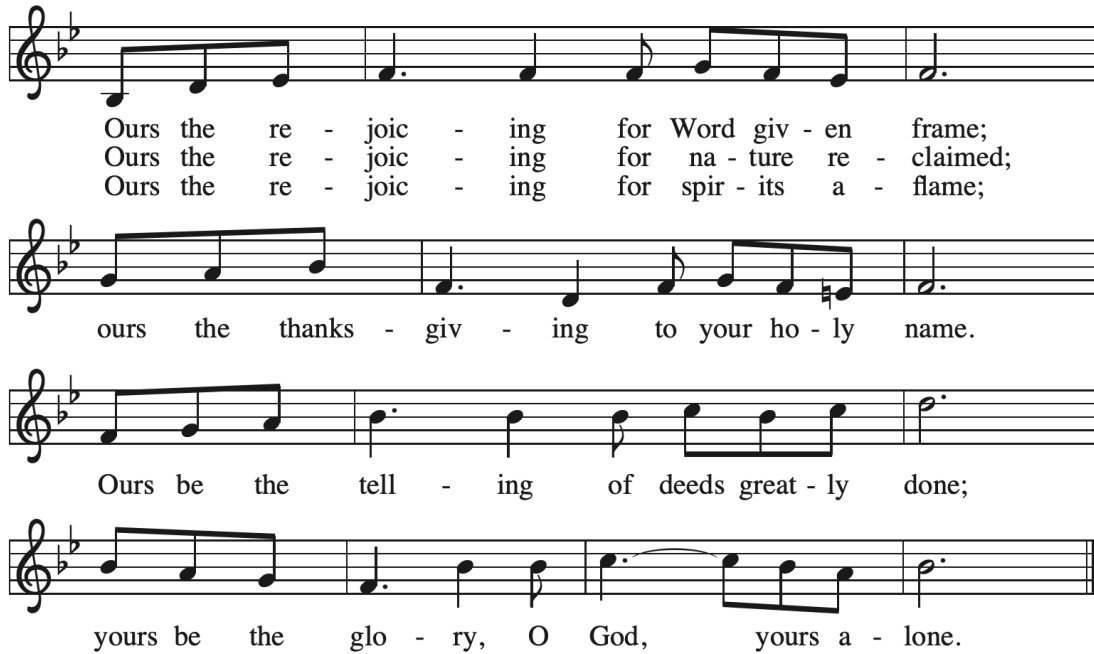
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*** Hymn of Praise**

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*** Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

O God, 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.

Word

Children's Message

Pastor Muriel Otto

All Children are invited to come forward to hear the children's message. Following the message, children ages 3-8 are invited to Godly Play Children's Chapel, our Sunday school, for wondering, song, prayer, and story response activities. Children return to the sanctuary during the passing of the peace.

Children's Blessing

(hold your palms up with blessing hands to raise the children to God)

Go in peace, have fun, and learn.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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." ^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Refrain arr. Bonnie Drewes

I lift my eyes to the hills, from where does my help
come? My help comes from the Lord who made heav - en and earth.

Verses - Cantor

1. God will not let your foot be moved. God who keeps you will not sleep. Israel's guardian will not slumber nor sleep.
2. The sun will not harm you by the day, nor the moon by dark of night. God will keep you -- be the shield at your right hand.
3. God shelters you from all evil things. Israel's God will keep your life-- Your going out and coming in forever.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?
²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all Abraham's 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, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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*** Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people.

²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the dominion of God without being born from above.”

⁴Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the dominion of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.”

⁹Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son-of-Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son-of-Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that God gave the Son, the only begotten one, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jana Schofield

*** Hymn of the Day**

God Loved The World

Red ELW 323

*** Apostles' Creed**

Baptized into Christ we are God's beloved children. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor Jana Schofield: Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up those who have asked for our prayers. By the promise of your presence, bring your healing love to: loved ones of Gay, as well as Bob, Donna, Kori, Marian, Ellen, Tom, Darrell, Greg, Dave, Jim, Dale, Barb, Vera, Anna, Maxine, Walt, Emily, Lily, Tariq, Nathaniel, Amy, Bill, Judy, Jerry, Beth, Carol, Don, Ruthann, Jennifer, Karen, Michael, Bonnie, Anita, Trudy, Troy Faith, our immigrant neighbors, and our friends in Honduras and at Gardenview Tiny Homes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Intercessions from the prayer request book near the usher's station are shared.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

*** Sharing God's Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors, share a sign of God's peace with those around you with the words "peace be with you" and/or a handshake or gesture of peace.

Meal

Offering

Thank you for your generous gifts to this ministry in response to God's grace. Use the QR code on p.2 to give electronically.

Offertory

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Servant Singers

arr. L. Larson

*** Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

O God, 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.

*** Dialogue**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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:



*** Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the
hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

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

** The Lord's Prayer in the version and language closest to your heart.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

This is Christ's table, open for all to receive his presence in bread and wine. Following the direction of the ushers, please gather in a full circle around the altar. Receive from the pastor a gluten-free wafer, then choose a small cup of wine (from the first tray) or grape juice (from the second tray) to drink, and place your empty cup in the basket before returning to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the pastor, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. Anytime during communion you may visit the prayer station in the narthex where a prayer partner will confidentially hold your request in prayer, also offering a prayer shawl and anointing with oil if desired.

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Baptized and Set Free
Hope of the World
Come to the Water of Life
Oh, Love, How Deep

Red ELW 453
Blue ACS 1085
Blue ACS 955
Red ELW 322

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*** Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray: **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

*** Blessing**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*** Sending Hymn**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Red ELW 335

*** Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Please remember as you pray

Bob Klein, undergoing medical procedures, for protection and health, and for **Cindy** as she cares for him.

Donna Grubbs, as she transitions into Hospice comfort care, and peace for **Sam** and their children during this time.

Kori Fish and family, for peace and healing as she begins treatment for cancer.

Marian Yunghans, for continued health and gratitude for her home at Summit Place.

Ellen Barbarie, sister-in-law of **Jack Kintner**, for healing and peace as she faces a recurrence of cancer.

Loved ones of **Gay**, sister-in-law of **Mary Beth Neal**, as they grieve her death and give thanks for her life.

Tom Cochrane, partner of **Kathy Jo Hamm**, recovering from surgery for colon cancer, for healing and peace.

Darrell Schoen, recovering from a cardiac ablation, for complete healing.

Greg Lykke, for recovery from surgery for a cracked pelvis, for full and swift healing.

Dave Lynch, prayers for new options for chemo.

Jim Waters, for guidance in finding a job.

Dale Rasmussen, brother of **Diann Christey**, dealing with shingles following radiation treatments for prostate cancer, for healing and peace.

Barb Rasmussen, sister-in-law of **Diann Christey**, for healing and peace as she starts radiation treatments and recovers from a surgical infection.

Vera Haug, for continued eyesight and strength through transitions.

Anna Knutson, daughter of **Mike and Karen Knutson**, undergoing treatment for colorectal cancer, for health and wholeness.

Maxine Rawls, mother of **Taylor Rawls** as she gently transitions into the next stage of decline on her journey toward the end of life.

Walt Surratt, **Tim's** brother, undergoing treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the successful treatments for **Lily Cratsenberg-Robinson**.

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

Tariq and the Friends of Palestinian Detainees Project.

Nathaniel and the One Parish One Prisoner team.

Our **immigrant neighbors**.

Our friends in **Honduras**, and our neighbors at **Gardenview Village**.

And our members residing at local Senior Living, care centers, or with mobility

restrictions: **Judy & Bill Anderson**, **Jerry & Beth Biagini**, **Carol Ham**, **Don Hilty-Jones**,

Ruthann Jensen, **Jennifer Johnson**, **Karen Loomer**, **Michael Neville**, **Bonnie Stewart**,

Anita Stoffer, **Trudy Toepke**, and **Troy Faith Ward**.

Weekly Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday March 1 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM Adult Forum (Adult Ed. Class) 11:00 AM Memory Loss Support Groups (Library) 11:00 AM Bridge Group (4-6 grade) in Godly Play Atrium</p> <p>Monday March 2 8:30 AM Preschool</p> <p>Tuesday March 3 <i>Due Date for Bulletin and Weekly Note Submissions</i> 8:30 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Women’s Book Club 12:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin and Weekly Note submissions 4:30 PM Adult Ed. Cmte (Conference Rm.) 7:00 PM “Into Action” AA (Fellowship) 7:00 PM Community Ministries (Zoom)</p> <p>Wednesday March 4 8:30 AM Preschool 8:45 AM Pre-K Chapel (Sanctuary) 9:30 AM Stewardship Cmte. (Conf. Rm.) 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper (Fellowship) 7:00 PM Lent mid-week Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>Thursday March 5 8:30 AM Preschool 8:45 AM Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Congregational Connections Task Force (Zoom) 6:45 PM Male Chorus (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Justice Seekers (Zoom) 7:30 PM Servant Singers (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Friday March 6 8:30 AM Preschool 9:00 AM Men’s Fellowship (Narthex) 6:00 PM York Street AA (Sanctuary/ Fellowship) 8:00 PM York St. Monthly Business Mtg.</p> <p>Saturday March 7 9:00 AM Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM Interfaith Music Festival (First Congregational Church, see pg. 18)</p> <p>Sunday March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM Adult Forum (Adult Ed. Class) 11:00 AM Compassion Circle (Youth Room) 3:00 PM Azura Trio “Meet and Greet” (Sanctuary, see pg. 21)</p>
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Next Sunday March 8 “Spring Forward” one hour as Daylight Savings Time returns
 Remember to set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday night March 7th so you don’t miss worship in the morning!

Staff Absences

Claudia Ackerman - vacation Feb. 27 - March 20

Announcements

Today! Memory Support Group meets at 11:00 AM in the Library

The Memory Support Group will meet on Sunday March 1st and Sunday March 15th in the CTS Library at 11:00am. If anyone has questions or concerns about memory-related issues or simply wants to find out more about the support group, please join us.

New Member Class

A new member class with Pastor Jana will be held Saturday, March 14 from 9:30am-12:00noon in the Adult Forum Room. Childcare will be provided (please RSVP to pastormuriel@ctslutheran.org by March 11). New members will be received during worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. Please RSVP for the class and request a new member form by March 11 by contacting office@ctslutheran.org.

Join the Welcome Team

On the recommendation of the Outreach and Welcoming task force, CTS is forming a welcome team. Members of this team will essentially be greeters at the front doors welcoming everyone but focusing on new people, asking them to make



name tags and pointing out where things are. They will also connect with the new people immediately after the service, inviting them to the fellowship time and connecting them with others with similar interests or backgrounds. Welcome Team members need to be genuinely warm, friendly, and outgoing and committed to the important ministry of welcoming. It is important that the team reflects a cross section of the members of our congregation. We especially encourage families to serve together. If you would like to be part of this important ministry or if you have any questions, please contact Linda Petrsek by March 16.

Upcoming Adult Forums

Adult Forum presentations begin at 11:00am and last about an hour. So grab a snack and a cuppa from the fellowship room and head to the far north end of the church (to the meeting room just beyond the kids' gym) for some good conversation and fellowship!

Faith and Economic Justice

Continuing today, a five-session Bible Study will be conducted during the adult education hour and facilitated by CTS members. We will reflect on new ways to connect our faith with the economy and issues of economic justice in our local community. Topics for the sessions include: Creation, Sin & Alienation, Salvation, Sanctification, and Living Hope. The sixth and final session will involve a group decision regarding offering a small loan to a small business in our Bellingham community that advances the mission concern we identify during the Study. One of the outcomes of the Study is to better equip us to make theologically informed choices about how to participate in the economy and what role we can play in manifesting God's economy.

Today! March 1 - Faith and Economic Justice: Sin and Alienation

Learn how the brokenness of our economic relationships can signify alienation from God and neighbor. Led by Kurt Willis.

March 8 - Faith and Economic Justice: Salvation

Embracing grace and releasing power in economic relationships. Led by Bill Salen.

March 15 - Faith and Economic Justice: Sanctification

The continual work toward justice in the economy. Led by Sarah Satre.

March 22 - Faith and Economic Justice: Living Hope

The hope and freedom to develop faith-filled economic relationships. Led by Sam Grubbs.

March 29 - Discussion about 1K churches

Discuss and Decide on the type of investment we plan to make and the recipient of that investment. Led by all Faith and Economic Justice leaders.

Women's Retreat, May 1-2, 2026 Theme: Faith and Creativity - Register Now!

Led by four creative women in our congregation, our 'Faith and Creativity' retreat explores how we express and cultivate our faith through the arts. The retreat begins on Friday evening at Comfort Inn in Burlington, where we are staying. After breakfast on Saturday, we'll gather for an all-day retreat at Salem Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, just a short drive from the hotel. Costs include your hotel room + \$50 retreat fee, which includes all meals. Scholarships are available. This event is open to all who worship at CTS, regardless of membership, and our friends. We welcome trans women and non-binary people who are significantly female identified. See the details linked in your Weekly Note. Questions? Contact Kirstin Doud, Tiffany Nangle, or Linda Petrusek. Register using the link in your Weekly Note.

Registration for Elementary Retreat at Camp Lutherwood Mar. 20-21, K- Grade 6

Crafts, games, songs, campfire, worship, and more! A mini camp experience, community building for our CTS kid community, and a good "dip your toe in the water" for any kids who might be interested in CTS's summer camp week at Lutherwood this summer. Kids can attend with an adult or with Pastor Muriel, cost is \$70 for kids, \$50 for adults, but Christ the Servant will cover half the cost, so \$35/kid, \$25/adult for CTS families. Register by March 6 to be part of the CTS group at <https://forms.gle/dChJhZ2MDr7XYgTM8> or via the link in your Weekly Note.

Santa for Seniors Volunteer opportunities:

Spring distribution of handcrafted cards and a small gift tote in mid-May

Now through April 24: You are invited to craft and/or write cards, using prepared kits (available on the table just outside the sacristy) or your own materials. Completed cards should be returned by April 24.

April 25 - May 3: Assembly of gift bags at LCSNW (specific date to be determined See Diana Warner (or email deedweeds@hotmail.com) for more information.

Volunteer for Fellowship Hour this Winter

Every Sunday after worship service the snack table is ready, the coffee is served, and the conversations are lively. Be part of the hospitality ministry by one Sunday providing goodies, setting up the table, or running the dishwasher. Someone from the Fellowship Committee will be there to help. Go to the Sign Up Genius link in your Weekly Note or contact Sally Holloway 360-510-7092 for more information. See you after church!

One Heart, Many Melodies: Interfaith Music Festival

Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 3 PM

First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham

Celebrate the sounds of spirit and community through an afternoon of soul-stirring music as the Interfaith Coalition brings together musicians, choirs (including **our CTS Servant Singers!**), and soloists from our county's diverse faith traditions. Experience how music bridges the gap between us all. Admission is free.

Trio Azura "Meet and Greet" Sunday March 8th at 3:00 pm

At Christ the Servant Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 8th at 3pm, The Bellingham Festival of Music and the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" for the Play It Forward Chamber Residency. This is our opportunity to let you experience what the award-winning Trio Azura from the Colburn School in Los Angeles will be doing in our schools in the upcoming week. After a short performance and question and answer period they will teach a masterclass or two, which you are welcome to stay and watch if you so choose. This is a free event and all are welcome! Trio Azura's final local public concert is Friday March 13, 7pm at Sehome High School. Donations welcomed.

CTS WORK PARTY, Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12noon

No experience needed. Treats will be provided. Come dressed in work clothes – these are some of the various projects that will be done that day:

*Weeding / Replacing furnace filters / Planting annuals / Installing new directory case
Pulling grass out of the cotoneaster / Pulling the gravel away from the siding
Removing ivy and blackberries / Scraping soffit*

New Parent Toddler Playgroup Starting in March, Thursdays 9-10am

Christ the Servant and Catch the Son Preschool are launching a new free group for parents, caregivers, and children aged 18mo- 4 years. The group will meet Thursday mornings from 9-10 and will include short activities, songs, stories, and large motor play in the gym or outdoors. Please note caregivers are required to stay for the duration of the class. Coffee and Tea provided.

Joan Biasini Memorial Service March 28th

All are welcome to remember and celebrate the life of Joan Biasini on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00pm in the CTS sanctuary. The Servant Singers, at Joan's request, will sing Brahms' "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place."

Deep Waters Update

Thank you to all who attended the February Adult Forum to hear more about the clean water system installation trip to Camalotal, Honduras in late January! We are delighted to report that Camalotal continues to produce water without any problems. They have started to use the nearby health center as a distribution point when the water building isn't staffed. The Camalotal water board is also pouring a concrete pad in front of their building to make it safer and cleaner for people who come to purchase water. Deep Waters provided funds for them to purchase the concrete for this project and we're pleased to see that they are already working on it. Please reach out to Tammy Yoder, Rick Congdon, or Rachel Budelsky with any questions! We're happy to add you to the once-a-month email list of folks who receive the minutes of our monthly planning sessions.

Grief Walking: I Will Walk with You

Purpose: To tap into social support after/during a loss

When: Monday, March 30 6:30-8pm (start of Holy Week); Where: CTS Adult Ed Rm.

Facilitated by: David Westerlund

“Grief is the route to newness.” - Walter Bruggemann.

We struggle to face loss in our culture and in the church. In our busyness, we rarely slow down enough to grieve together. How are you tending to your own losses and the larger societal losses we are facing? It's vital that we grieve collectively on a regular basis. “Grief Walking” is a guided process (not therapy) designed to tap into social support after or during loss. A participant once shared at the end of our time, “My loss is still there, but now I don't feel alone in it.” Everyone can participate in writing reflection and then volunteers will be Grief Walkers and Accompanists. You can participate at whatever level seems appropriate to you and experience benefit and support. Questions? Please contact David Westerlund at 360-223-7548.

Use Your Thrivent Choice \$\$!

You have until March 31 to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2025 or they go away. If you direct your \$\$ to CTS, they will be split between the Community Assistance Fund, which is administered by Pastor Jana to respond to immediate crisis or personal needs of individuals or households in the congregation or the community and the Seminarian Fund, which is used to support a member of the congregation that is attending seminary. You may also direct your \$\$ to another non-profit charity. You can find your Thrivent member number for logging into the website on a recent statement. Contact Kristina Daheim for assistance (360-738-3588).



CHRIST THE SERVANT
LUTHERAN CHURCH

LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER

Lent 2026: Love Outpoured



*Pick up a free Lenten
devotional booklet
in the narthex*

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Worship & imposition of ashes

Wednesdays in Lent - Lenten Weekday Worship

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

(March 25 with healing stations)

Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship, Pr. Kevin Bebee preaching

Sunday, March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship; Pr. Jana Schofield preaching

Sunday, March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship; Pastor Jana Schofield preaching

Remember to "Spring Forward" your clocks!

Sunday, March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship; Pastor Jana Schofield preaching

Sunday, March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship; Pr. Muriel Otto preaching

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship & palm parade; new members received

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

5:00 p.m. Special Communion Class for youth

6:00 p.m. Youth-led Worship with stripping of the altar

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship with Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

9:30 a.m. CELEBRATION OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

See your Weekly Note for more announcements and events.

Serving	
Presider	Pastor Jana Schofield
Reader	Tae Isensee - Youth Reader Sidney Evans
Cantor	Connie Clement
Pianist	Rick Lysen
Reminder Calls	Dorothy Grout
Communion Care	Holly Whittle
Communion Servers	Kasey & Lee Potzler
Sound	Wilma Lysen
Livestream	Rachel Budelsky
Ushers	Don & Karen Berry
Prayer Partner	Lisa Cornwell
Children's Chapel	Erica Kairis
Acolytes	Alice Otto Bentley Sebens Bryce Sebens

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