St. Matthias, Apostle

Sunday, February 24, 2019



Christ Lutheran Church

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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DIVINE SERVICE: Setting Three

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

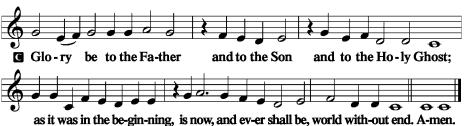
C: Amen.

INTROIT

- P: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.
- C: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
- P: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- C: Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

P: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

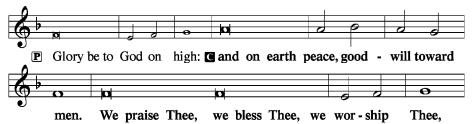


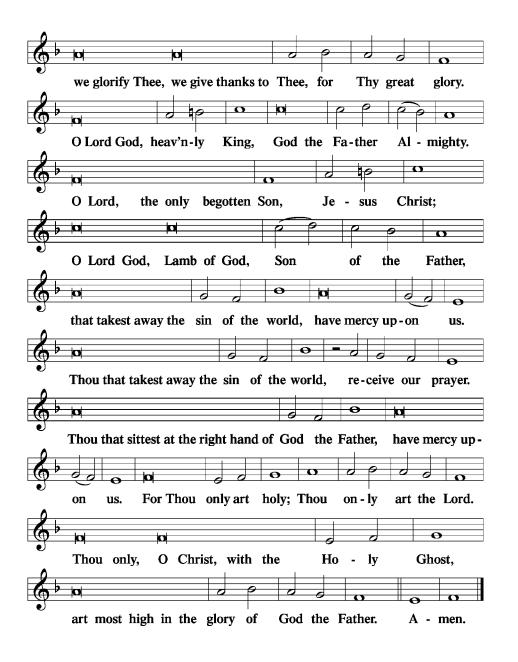






GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





SALUTATION & COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose Your servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that Your Church, ever preserved from false teachers, may be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:1-2

¹ Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool; what is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest? ² All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

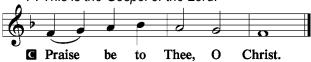
Matthew 11:25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."





APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

OFFERTORY



GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

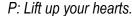
C: hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.





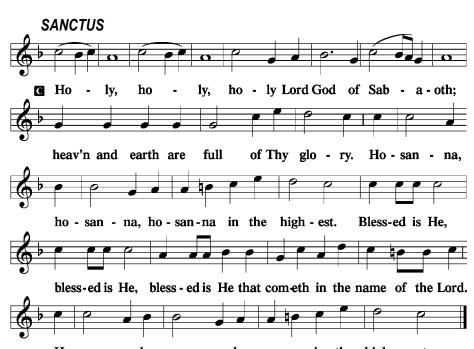




P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Matthias, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

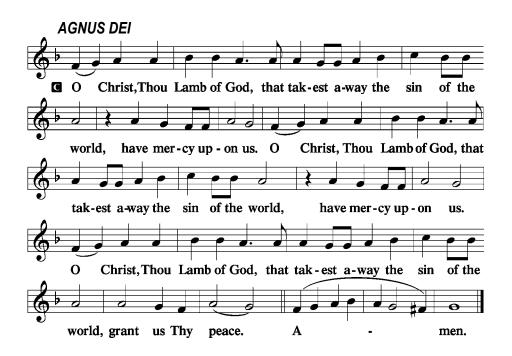
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" LSB 684







THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (2/24/19 - 3/3/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: Pastors' Circuit Meeting at CLC, 9:30am

Wednesday: Bible class, 8:30am; 2nd year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1st year

Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day: 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm **Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending February 17, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$5118.00; Blessings: \$14.52; Youth

Gathering: \$264.00; Memorial Fund: \$10.00; Community Meal: \$50.00

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 119

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held at 10:30 on Sunday, March 10. We will be voting on extending a Divine Call for an Assistant Pastor to aid in the ministry here at CLC. Please plan on attending!

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6. Join us at 6:30pm for midweek worship as we explore "The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!"

LADIES GUILD March meeting will be a wedding shower for Samantha Lutzow and Ethan Wetmore. All men and women of the congregation are invited. Please note the earlier start time of 6:00 p.m. Sam and Ethan are registered at Amazon.com and at Target. A partial list is on the Ladies Guild bulletin board and in Sandi Michaelis' mailbox. All Ladies Guild members are asked to bring a snack or light dessert. Cake and beverages will be provided by our hostesses for the month. Only absolutely necessary business will be covered that night.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, March 19th at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food, and hearts with those less fortunate!

THE HOPE LIFE CENTER 2019 BANQUET will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain. This year we will be offing two options, an 11:30am lunch or a 6:00pm dinner. Our keynote speaker will be Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. LIFE is a faith-based non-profit that started in 2000. Their mission is simple: "Spreading the message of life wherever abortion exists." You will hear testimonies from courageous women who will share how God brought them healing and restoration after an abortion decision. We hope you can join us.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Youth Fundraiser envelopes need to be in by this Thursday, February 28. Thank you!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES / ACTIVITIES: Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"And what about those mothers who acted on their fears and aborted their child? We need to be there for them as well, assuring them of a loving, merciful, forgiving God—reminding them that there is no sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross!" Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer. (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.) – (www.lutheransforlife.org)