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Dear Friends in Christ,

This year my Lenten mantra is “Lent is an excuse to be better”. I have over the years found that for me denying myself something was not a best practice. I have often times during Lent added something to my spiritual upkeep practices. That did seem to be more effective than a denial of something but yet when I started to think about 2021, both seemed too limiting.

So Lent is going to be my excuse to be better. Usually when we think of an excuse, we think of it as being a reason to explain negative behavior. But excuse as a noun in the dictionary is explained as a plea offered in extenuation of a fault or for release from an obligation or promise. So a plea to God for our sinfulness, in other words repentance for our sins should be at the heart of a Lenten behavior. A hope of doing better, following the example of Jesus, in all I do, will be my goal for Lent.

When thinking about it more, we should not need any excuse other than the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He died for our sins, giving undeserved forgiveness and the promise of abundant and eternal life for all. Love filled repentance is the only thing He wants in return. So we should all find ourselves trying to be better 365 days a year not just during Lent. Our behavior should be in response to these free gifts that our Lord and Savior offers each one of us. Being better is striving to do God’s will in our lives. To love God and our neighbor as ourselves top the list of grateful responses to God’s amazing love for us.

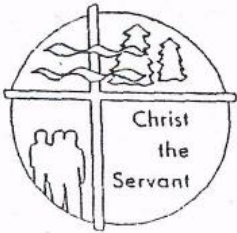
So I pray for you that you will give some thought to your Lenten and year round practices of expressing your faith in our God. Make God’s gracious gifts to you the excuse to be better disciples of Christ. And please join us on that journey to worship our Lord on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in person at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church or on line on our Facebook page where Scripture and Sermon are available each week.

May God enrich your lives as we wait to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning.

Peace,
Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - March 2021

March 2nd	2:00-5:00 pm
March 4th	9:00-12:00 pm
March 9th	2:00-5:00 pm
March 11th	9:00-12:00 pm
March 16th	2:00-5:00 pm
March 18th	9:00-12:00 pm
March 23rd	2:00-5:00 pm
March 25th	9:00-12:00 pm
March 30th	2:00-5:00 pm

Men's Group

March 3rd	5:00-6:00 pm
March 10th	5:00-6:00 pm
March 24th	5:00-6:00 pm

Bible Study

Sunday following Worship

March 7th
March 14th
March 21st

Women's Quilting Group—Thursday

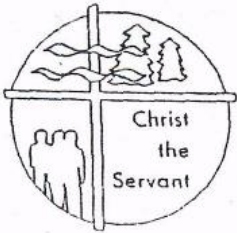
March 4th	9:30 am
March 11th	9:30 am
March 18th	9:30 am
March 25th	9:30 am

Sunday Tuesday School

March 2nd
March 16th
March 30th



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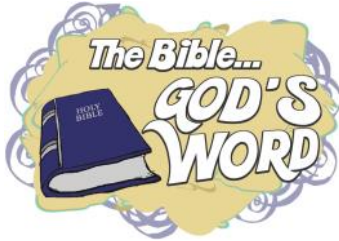
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March Bible Readings

March 7th, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 18-25

Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21

March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Second Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33

March 28, 2021 Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Lesson Mark 14:1—15:47

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed...

James 5:16.

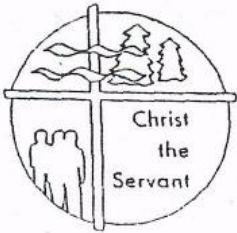
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Margaret, Tom, Mary, Angie, Steve, Gerry, Gail, Renee, Jean, Frank, Ken, Sheila, and Pete.

Military - Anton, Allesia Marrie and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Men's Group, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.

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Important Information

Men's group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All men are welcome to join in. You can call Mike Roberts for more information.

Bible study. Bible study continues on Sunday mornings after worship. We are currently doing a study written by Max Lucado called Unshakeable Hope. See Pastor Gwen for more information or come join in at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

At the suggestion of our Return to Worship Safety Team, masks are still required when in our building. Social distancing of 6 feet should also be observed as well. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available throughout the building.

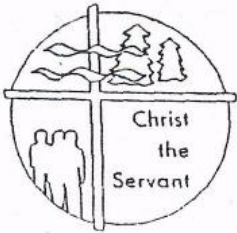
Lenten Worship continues on Wednesdays in March at 6:30 p.m. Mark Donner will leading us in using Marty Haugen's "Holden Evening Prayer" as our order of worship. Due to Covid-19 we will not be having our traditional soup supper prior to our worship together.

Also, please mark your calendars:

- Maundy Thursday April 1st 6:30 pm Holy Communion
- Good Friday April 2nd 6:30 pm Tenebrae
- Easter Sunday April 4th 9:30 am Celebrate the resurrection with Holy Communion



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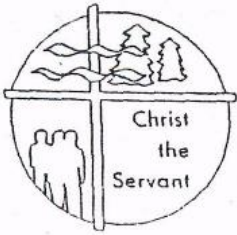
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Worship Volunteer Schedule March 2021—Easter Sunday

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
March 3rd Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 7th		Ann Wojcieszak	Chuck and Barb Schindhelm
March 10th Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 14th	Mary Rusch		Ann Wojcieszak
March 21st	Chuck Schindhelm	Margaret McCulloch	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
March 24th Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 28 th Palm Sunday	Liz Carpenter	Jill Nelson	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
April 1st Maundy Thursday			
April 2nd Good Friday		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
April 4th Easter Sunday			

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Lenten Journey

During these 40 days of Lent we are invited to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation and with God. We will be using Holden Evening prayer written by Marty Haugen and sung by Mark Donner.

March 3

Week 2 Jesus in conversation with those that have gone before him. (Mark 9:2-8)
"In community with all the saints"

March 10

Week 3 Community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12)
"In community with our neighbor"

March 17

Week 4 Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins (Mark 8:1-20)
"In community with those on the margins"

March 24

Week 5 Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross (Mark 10:32-45)
"In community with Christ"

We hope that you will be able to join us as we walk toward the cross of Christ this season of Lent. Come along on this journey preparing to return to our God who is gracious, merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! PR Gwen



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