

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Lord, may our hearts turn to you, and may we rejoice in fellowship with you today and always.

Please fill out the information requested on the pew pad (at the end of each pew) and pass it to your neighbor to be signed until it reaches the end of that pew. Then pass it back to its point of origin.

If there is someone sitting in your pew you do not know, be sure to greet them and invite them to worship with us again. Hospitality is contagious!

All are invited to Christ's Table. For those who do not wish to share in the bread and wine today, a Christian blessing will be offered. If you are visiting and would like us to send a record of your communion to your home church, please write your home church's name and address on the pew pad. God bless you!

Transfiguration Of Our Lord February 19, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

With One Voice, Setting Five

** = please stand, if you are able*

LBW = green hymnal

WOV = blue hymnal

Announcements & Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.**

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ, I
declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of
God's reign. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn – WOV #651**
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One,
and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
And also with you.

***Kyrie**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*Hymn of Praise



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



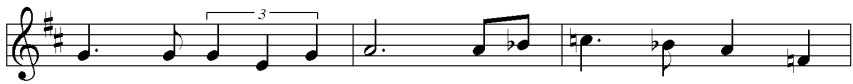
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 II 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.
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The

company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm 50:1-6 (read responsively)

¹The mighty one, God the ¹ LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹ to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹ in its beauty,
God shines ¹ forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will ¹ not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹ raging
storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹ from above
to witness the judgment ¹ of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my ¹ loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed ¹ it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹ of God's cause,
for it is God ¹ who is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 9.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Children's Sermon: Burying the Alleluia

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day – LBW #89**

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Intercession**

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Shining God, reveal yourself. Show us Jesus, that your church may not be misled by false visions of glory. Grant us courage to follow where you lead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shining Son, transfigure the earth. Show us your glory in our kindred creatures, in the beauty of creation, and in those who are committed to the care of this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shining Spirit, stay with us. Bring the dawn of peace to every nation. Illuminate our neighbors' need so that we will see and respond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Father, let light shine out of darkness. Speak to those who look for glimmers of hope: refugees and displaced persons, exiles and immigrants, those who are lonely, and those who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Christ our light, dazzle us with glory, that we reflect your radiance as we minister in our daily lives. Kindle in us the desire to love and serve all your children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Radiant Spirit, light our pathways, even as you guided those who have gone before us in faith. Bring us, with them, to the full vision of your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering – Loose Offering to Social Ministry

(next week, to Social Ministry)

Offerings support the Lord's work at home and throughout the world. Please give generously.

***Offertory** – LBW #239 [*words printed below*]

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever.
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant
while time shall last Your Church may hold it fast Throughout all
generations.

***Offering Prayer**

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.**

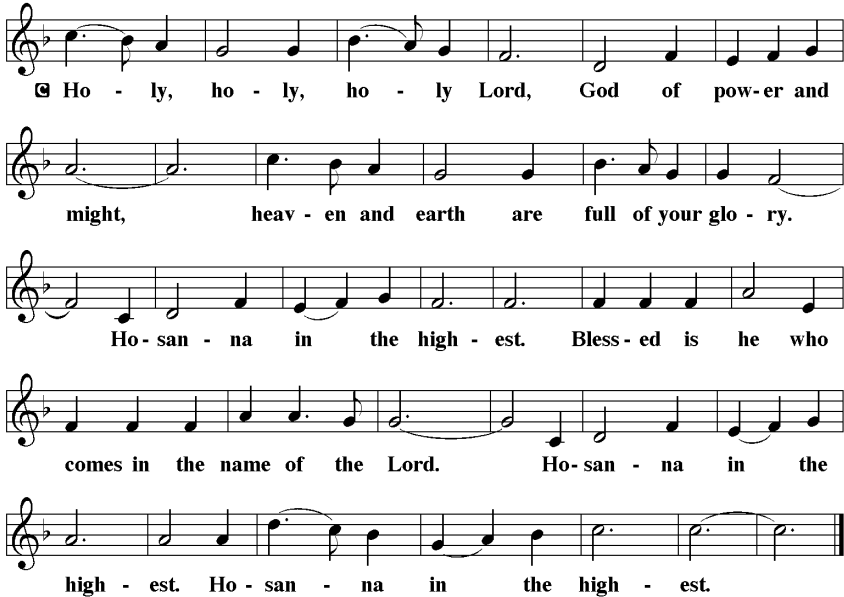
*Great Thanksgiving

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

*Words of Institution

In the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed...

*Lord's Prayer

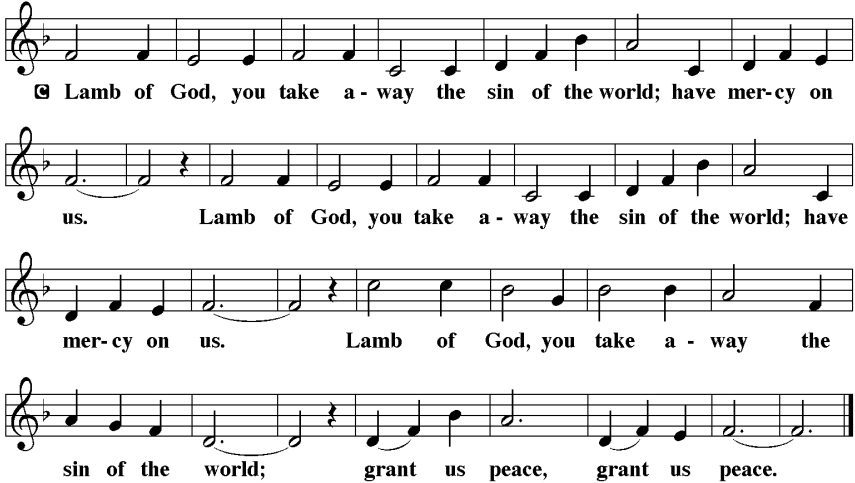
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

*Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.
Amen.

*Communion Song



☐ 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.

Distribution of Communion

As you are directed forward by the ushers, please pick up a cup and move to receive the bread. Then move to the server for wine (either left or right, depending on the side of the church in which you are seated).

Children and others who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a Christian blessing.

If you are unable to come forward, please indicate your need to an usher, and you will be served at your seat.

Hymn – LBW #518

“Beautiful Savior”

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

*Post-Communion Canticle

☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, water to the thirsty, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Dismissal to Home Communions

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Benediction

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn – WOV #654

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

*Mission Statement & Dismissal

And now, we join in claiming the mission God has given at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We are called by God to follow Christ’s example and teachings through worshiping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

Children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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“God’s Work, Our Hands.” Ways to Live Out God’s Mission: February 19, 2012

Opportunities for Reaching Out to Others

- Donations for the **Milton Food Bank** may be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex. There is a need this month for cake & brownie mixes.
- **May Event planning meeting** Sat., Feb. 25, 9 a.m.

Opportunities for Worship

- Join us for **Quiet Communion and worship** on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the parlor.
- **Ash Wednesday worship** (February 22) at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Join us on *Wednesdays during Lent*, 6 p.m., (Feb. 29 – March 28) for **Community Lenten meals** followed by the

Holden Evening Prayer Service. Meals will consist of soup and bread. Help will be needed for meal preparation. Contact James Bartlett for more information (939-1471).

- **Soup and the Word** will be held Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 29 through Holy Week. Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, will host this community worship from noon to 1 p.m. Please come join your neighbors in worshipping and praising the gift of life Jesus has won for God's children. A free-will offering will be received from those who are able to give.

Opportunities for Witness

- Consider joining our **Gerasene Team** to study, pray, and ponder ways we can share the power of Jesus with others. We'll meet Sunday, March 18, in the parlor, from 9-10 a.m.

Opportunities for Learning

- **Spiritual Growth** meets Mon., Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.
- **Stewardship** meets Tues., Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Opportunities for Supporting One Another

- Your **help is needed** immediately following our worship service **to address envelopes to our members for visitation ministry**. Please see Nancy Walters or Pastor Pat if you can help. The more hands we have, the more quickly we can do God's work of reaching out to each other in love.
- Our Council has approved an **endowment award of \$1000** in loving memory of our faithful Wednesday pianist, Louise Botto. A deserving 2012 Milton graduating senior will receive the award, and will be chosen by a group in our congregation who will read applications of those seniors who submit them by April 15. You will see the criteria on the table in the narthex as soon as it is available. *If you would like to contribute toward the award in memory of Louise, please mark your offering for the "Louise Botto Memorial Award."*
- **Milton Fire Dept. Palm Sunday Dinner** on April 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults/\$8; 4-12 yrs./\$4; 3 yrs. & under/free. If you'd like to donate a dessert, drop it off at Fire Dept. on

Ridge Avenue Friday, March 30, to Sun., April 1.
Questions, call 742-9895.

- **Red Cross hoagie** order forms are available on resource table in narthex. March 5 deadline to order. March 9 is hoagie day.



9 a.m.
Classes for adults and children.
Bring a friend! See you there!

Thank you to our worship participants:

Ministers – The People

Pastor – Patricia A. T. Pittsnogle

Organist – Brett Hosterman

Director of Church Music – Nancy Walters

Acolyte – Hope Harrington & Christine Ulmer

Crucifer – Rachael Spear

Torchbearers – Linea Brouse & Julia Spear

Lector – Deb Greenly

Servers – Vic Randolph & Rose Deaner

Ushers – Don Fisher, Bill Dotts, Harry Berger, Pete Ishler

Greeter(s) – Volunteers Needed

Sound System – Volunteers Needed

Prayer Team Minister – Rose Deaner

Altar Guild – Ruth Greenly, Linda Bastian, BeBe Bolich

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Vision Statement: Christ Lutheran Church will be a congregation of strong personal relationships between members. We will continue to serve our community and reach out to our neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.