

Lent 1

Repentance is serious.



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

☞ Prayer before worship

Dear Lord and Savior, make me glad through this weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son. May this day of worship be such a blessing to me, that the days which follow may be spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ, your Son, my Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

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Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt
2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most
3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing
4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure
5 Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For thou un - to



long - ing still. Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus,
ten - der - ly; Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing
is to thee— Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure;
to ful - fill; In me, through me, with me ev - er,
me didst bring Thine own self and all thy grac - es



What he wills a - lone to will, For my heart, which
What in love he gave to me. Je - sus' blood hides
Give in - stead what prof - its me. Let my heart by
Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will. In thy ho - ly
That I joy - ful - ly may sing: Be it un - to



he hath filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Text: Ludämilia Elisabeth, 1640–72; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: JESUS, JESUS, NICHTS ALS JESUS (87 87 77) *Das . . . vollkommenes Musikalisches Choral-Buch*, Hamburg, 1715, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptisms he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(The Rite of Baptism continues at the font)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Brooklyn Mae Kendhammer, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life.
Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Brooklyn may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of Baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptisms as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our lives. Look with special favor on Brooklyn and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here." ²God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you." ³Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. ⁷Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" He said, "I am here, my son." He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. ⁹They came to the place that God had told him about.

Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham said, "I am here." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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Refrain

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

*O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.*

*Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.*

*Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;
save me because of your unfailing love.*

Refrain

*I am worn out from groaning.
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.*

*Away from me, all you who do evil,
for the LORD has heard my weeping.*

*The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;
the LORD accepts my prayer.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain

CHOIR ANTHEM

Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

He died for me, His own beloved; can it be?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!

He died for Adam's helpless race; can it be?

Amazing love, how can it be that You would die, would die for one like me?

Amazing love, can it be, can it be?

My chains fell off, my heart is free; I am redeemed eternally!

Amazing love, how can it be, can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;

I'm clothed in righteousness divine: can it be?

Bold I approach the Savior's throne and claim the crown through Christ, my own.

I am forgiven, I'm His own; can it be?

Amazing love, how can it be that You would die, would die for one like me?

Amazing love, can it be, can it be?

My chains fell off, my heart is free; I am redeemed eternally.

Amazing love, how can it be, can it be?

I am forgiven, I am free!

Can it be?



³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? ³³Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

(Matthew 4:10b)



¹²The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him. ¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From there 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.**

BE SEATED

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

JESUS, JESUS, ONLY JESUS

I. The Father gave up his Son

II. The Son gave up his life

III. We give up nothing!



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M/C: 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

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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