



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday
School
Sunday - 9 a.m.



The Passion of Jesus

“And having scourged Jesus, [Pilate] delivered him to be crucified.” (Matthew 27:26)

That’s about all the Gospel writers say about Jesus’ passion. They do not delve into all the gory details. Just the word ‘crucify’ was enough to make one’s skin crawl. Around 1970, people outside the Church and not a few inside were lobbying to shorten, if not abolished altogether, the season of Lent. To them, Lent seemed too morbid and gory. They thought that Lent devoted excessive attention to the suffering and death of Christ. But how can too much attention ever be devoted to the work of our Savior?

Yes, it is important to be aware of what Jesus endured from scourge, thorns, and nails. But we should also keep in mind the big picture that goes beyond the physical sufferings of crucifixion. For THIS Sufferer is none other than God-become-Man. It is *with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death* that He redeemed you from sin, death and the devil. Seen in this light, Lent looks still more dreadful; yet more wonderful for us sinners for whom Christ died. (Ken Shurb, *Preaching Christ in the Old Testament*).

The American Church *needs* to experience Lenten renewal. American Christians are “sitting pretty fat and sassy.” We show it when we turn up our noses to His call to “*take up your cross*” and instead take up our snooze alarm or our sofa. Too many are guilty of making the cross comfortable and grace cheap.

Want that to change? Read the Good Book, with me every Sunday/Wednesday. The Author Himself will be here. The-One-Who-Was-Crucified-And-Who-Is-Alive will give you the very Body that was broken and the very Blood that He shed on that cross. You’ll never take Him for granted again. Or so we hope and pray.

Sadly, Jesus’ crucifixion was not unique in its physical brutality. Man’s inhumanity to man has had many centuries to make horror perfect through practice. What *was* unique about Jesus’ passion was its meaning.

God ordained that by Jesus’ crucifixion our sins would be blotted out and removed from us. This was God in that man! This was God on that cross! The Innocent One died for the guilty. Said Isaiah the prophet:

*He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;
Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
And with His stripes we are healed. (53:5)*

It’s all yours every week in Bread and Chalice, in Water and Word.

What’s your excuse? Tell it to Him.

Pastor Schoessow

Midweek Lenten Series

“A Lent to Remember”

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6 with services at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Soup and Sandwich suppers start March 13 at 5:30 p.m.

March 6 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) – Ash Wednesday

“Remember Dust” Psalm 103:13–14

March 13 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember Wondrous Works” Psalm 111:4

March 20 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember Jesus’ Words” Luke 22:61–62

March 27 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember the Covenant” Psalm 105:8

April 3 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember Sins No More” Jeremiah 31:34

April 10 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember Steadfast Love” Psalm 98:3



April 14 Palm Sunday (8 & 10:30 a.m.)

April 18 Maundy Thursday (6:30 p.m.)

“Remembrance of Me, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

April 19 Good Friday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

“Remember Me” Luke 23:39–43

April 20 Easter Vigil (6:30 p.m.)

April 21 Easter Day (8 & 10:30 a.m.)

“Remember Jesus Risen” 2 Timothy 2:8, 11

Musicians (instrumentalist and vocalist) who wish to participate in Holy Week Services should contact pastor immediately.

Soup & Sandwich Suppers

With the first week of March right around the corner, that means 2 things; Spring is right around the corner and that Lent begins. March 6 is Ash Wednesday, and the next Wednesday, March 13 Soup and sandwich suppers start up. We need groups, individuals, whatever to host some of the suppers, there are 4 Wednesdays that are in need of hosts, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Please let the office know if your board, group, friends are willing to take a date. We need to know in advance so that if a Wednesday does not have hosts I can let the congregation know so that there is no Soup and Sandwich supper on that date.

Easter Vigil Service – April 20

Commit to attending the 6:30 p.m. Service on **Holy Saturday** called **the Easter Vigil**, which is actually our first Easter service.

The Easter Vigil is one of the oldest, most unique of all Christian liturgies (definitely NOT “same ol’, same ol’). In it we hear key Old Testament passages, waiting like the ancient people of God as they waited for the fulfillment of the promises. We wait in physical darkness as they waiting in spiritual darkness for God’s faithfulness. But then breaks in the light and the glory, as “Christ is risen” breaks out and we celebrate the first remembrance of Christ’s resurrection. It is a candlelight service, it may include baptism and will include the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil involves all of our senses and is very moving.

One of the fathers of the church, Chrysostom, issued an Easter proclamation that began with these words: *“Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!”*

The celebration of Christ’s passion and resurrection is worthy of our time for it is the center of our faith and joy. Join us during Holy Week for as many of the services as you are able—and bring a friend!

Candidates (both infant and adult) for Holy Baptism at our Easter Vigil should immediately contact pastor or the church office to make arrangements.

Christ the King Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to LCMS students pursuing higher education at LCMS colleges, universities or seminaries. The Fund earned net income sufficient enough that \$2,000.00 is available for scholarship awards in 2019. Any award granted shall be for tuition purposes only. Any student who is a communicant member in good standing of CLC or another LCMS congregation is eligible to apply for an award. Application forms and related instructions are available from the church office. Students must return completed applications to the church office no later than April 1, 2019. Applications will then be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Easter Flowers

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We are trying something new this Easter. While we will offer the traditional lily we are also going to offer Chrysanthemums, Cyclamen, and Tulips for purchase. The prices are as follows.

Chrysanthemums:	19.00
Cyclamen:.....	19.00
Tulips:	17.00
Lilies:	12.00

If you wish to help adorn the church chancel with flowers for our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, please fill out the form and leave it on my desk in the office with your payment or contact the church office at

398-3680. **Orders will be accepted through March 13.**
Thank You!

Church Council

February 14, 2019

Members Present: Len Campbell, Don Hauser, Wayne Ploetz, Jim Lemmerman, Roni Hauser, John Robinson and Sharyn Vengrin

Absent: Pastor Schield

Call to order: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Jim

Call for additional agenda items: Nominating Committee

Approval of Minutes: John made the motion to accept the January 10, 2019 Council minutes and Wayne Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Ending Bank Balance: \$15,475.95. Motion to accept ending bank balance made by Sharyn and seconded by John. All in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: We are looking in to contacting least frequent members. Pastor will be conducting a course on Communion Asst. and Ushers.

Board of Trustees: Fellowship Hall heat is operating. We may have to replace clock.

Snow Removal: John will monitor the snow removal on the parking lot.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: Len informed the members that the congregation will be informed in Mid-February of the opportunity to donate to the Christ's Care for Children: Kenya, which is a child sponsorship program initiated by the LCMS Office of International Missions. Len will present next Sunday.

The volunteer schedule for the Damiano soup kitchen is filled through April. A schedule was distributed to members for their reference and reminders.

New Business: There was a short discussion pertaining to sponsoring a potluck in **June**. Members agreed this would be a good idea and will be pursued further at our April meeting.

The Board will be providing a Lenten soup and sandwich meal on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Other Business: The Project Connect booklet rack has been restocked.

Len commended all our board members for regular attendance at Sunday Bible Classes.

Next Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Board of Education: Valentine Dinner was a success.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Endowment Committee: No Change

Memorial Garden: Resting

Old Business:

Locks and keys replacement. Doors will be rekeyed by Locksmith services. Len made the motion to accept the bid from Locksmith services. Not to exceed \$250.00. Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

New Business:

Replace computers and software: A Plus Computers came and assessed our problem with the computer and found we did not have to replace the whole system. Kurt gave a quote on what we would need to be up and running with up to date software etc. Motion was made by John to accept the bid from A Plus Computers up to \$1,000.00. We will also install Office 365. It will always be updated. Len seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Requests to use Fellowship Hall:

Request was made by Millie Derrick to use the Fellowship Hall for a Birthday Party. March 9, 2019 from 2-6. Len made the motion that we grant use of Fellowship Hall on March 9, 2019 to Millie. Wayne seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, April 11, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Voter's Meeting

February 17, 2019

Opening Devotion: Pastor Schoessow

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Pastor Schoessow and seconded by Len that we approve the agenda as written. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Reading and approval of minutes from November 18, 2018 and regular meeting and December 30, 2018 Special Meeting. John made the motion and Millie seconded that we accept the November 18, 2018 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion Carried. Len made the motion and Peg seconded that we accept the December 30, 2018 Special Meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Admission of new members: None

Transfers & Releases: None

Treasure's Report-Treasurer is not here today: Will approve next meeting.

Reports of Officers and Board- printed in Church Newsletter.

Old Business: None

New business

1. Appointment of Nominating Committee-5 people needed, already have one volunteer so need 4 more plus 1 pastor. We need a Vice President. Jim will appt.

Adjournment. Sharyn moved and John seconded that we adjourn.

Closing Prayer:

Next meeting May 19, 2019

Stewardship

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things

those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

"Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.' " (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.

So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we "believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

"For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (*The Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.

Easter IQ test

Just for fun to test your Easter knowledge. Answers on the last page.

1. The season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is forty days long, not counting:
 - a. Holy Week
 - b. Sundays
 - c. Ash Wednesday
 - d. The first day of spring
2. When Jesus came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He entered by
 - a. Walking
 - b. Limousine
 - c. Riding a donkey
 - d. Riding a white horse
3. Jesus was accused by the Jewish leaders before Pilate of
 - a. Subverting a nation
 - b. Taking over the Temple
 - c. Feeding the 5,000
 - d. Being a Christian
4. Jesus was crucified with two others who were
 - a. Murders
 - b. Thieves
 - c. Innocent victims like Jesus
 - d. Rock musicians
5. The cross is
 - a. Always in the shape of a lowercase t.
 - b. Used by pagans and Gentiles
 - c. Burned after each use
 - d. A stumbling block
6. Jesus was buried on Friday in
 - a. A pauper's grave
 - b. A grave he picked out before Holy Week
 - c. A borrowed grave
 - d. Mausoleum
7. Jesus was in the tomb for
 - a. Parts of three days
 - b. An overnight stay
 - c. A much-needed rest
 - d. An unknown period of time

8. Who was the first person Jesus talked to after He rose from the dead?
 - a. The gardener
 - b. The soldiers on guard
 - c. Mary Magdalene
 - d. His Thrivent representative

9. The biblical words 'I know that my Redeemer lives' were spoken by
 - a. Job
 - b. Peter
 - c. Paul
 - d. Billy Graham

Lent for Life

For centuries Christians have used the Lenten season to fortify their spiritual health. The Christian church has developed a variety of "disciplines" or spiritual "workouts" to help people renew their commitment to Jesus Christ. These also allow people to prepare for baptism and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Spiritual insights and habits gained during the six weeks of Lent can then be applied very successfully to the rest of life through the miracle Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Rediscover some of these helpful disciplines during this Lenten season:

1. In addition to the regular 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, two additional midweek Vespers services are available each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. during Lent. Week by week you are invited to meditate on the incredible events and personalities through which God first brought His saving love into the world. Midweek Lenten services will continue every Wednesday through April 10. This year's theme is "A Lent to Remember," Soup and sandwich suppers are served every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (except Ash Wednesday).
2. Another opportunity is to make an appointment for a "conversation with the pastor" during Lent. We make appointments to see experts in medicine for the health of our bodies and minds. You are invited to consult with our pastor about your spiritual health and to use the discipline of personal confession and absolution.
3. Lent is an excellent time to reconnect with the ancient Christian practice of alms giving or helping those less fortunate. Donations for the local food shelf will be received during Lent.
4. Or you may wish to culture the discipline of fasting and prayer. There are numerous aids to private and personal reflection and growth during Lent. A number of free resources are available on the tables in the church narthex

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND LCMS SERVICE OF WORSHIP televised by KBJR Channel 6 – 9:30a.m.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Hour Ministries (starting at 10:00 a.m.). Main Street Living Northland is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations. All current shows and information about Main Street Living can be found at <http://www.mainstreetliving.com> and past programs are archived on <https://vimeo.com/user82955593>

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Main Street Living Northland
c/o Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2012 East Superior Street., Duluth, MN 55812

February 24: Pastor Jeff Walther from St. Matthews Lutheran Church – Esko, preaching on the theme "Love Your Enemies?"

March 3rd: Pastor Robert Franck from Mount Olive Lutheran Church – Duluth, preaching on the theme "The Burning Bush Reveals Jesus' Glory"

March 10: Pastor John Bonk, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church – Two Harbors, preaching on the theme "I Love Chocolate."

March 17: Pastor Matthew Kohl, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – Cloquet, preaching on the theme "Who's in Charge Anyway?"

March 24th:

Pastor David Schoessow, Christ Lutheran Church – Superior, preaching on the theme "The Fig Tree that Needs to Repent."

The Time of Easter

This is a time God places special people in our lives--a time when the unchurched see the Christian community celebrate Easter. They see every Christian setting aside time to remember their baptism and practice their Christian lives in preparation for Easter with devotion and care.

It is at this time that you can invite the unchurched to learn about Jesus and to be active in the church. A Christian can take this time to really show an act of kindness which may disarm some of the skepticism, hurt feelings and mistrust some unchurched people might harbor.

Valentine's Dinner

Thank you everyone that came to the Valentine's dinner and helped us support the day camp again this summer. We raised approximately \$745 to help have camperships and to lower the cost of the camp.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 12 noon at Fuller's Family Restaurant in South Superior. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

Daylights Savings Time

A reminder the Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10! We'll lose an hour. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. It is another sign of spring and the changes that are coming our way, we hope.

Gifts for Easter, Confirmation, Etc.

Concordia Publishing House offers a variety of gifts for Easter, Confirmation and various other events (800-325-3040 for a catalog or to place an order). Help confirmands keep their confirmation day close to their heart by giving them a *Concordia Study* or *Concordia Reference Bible* and their own copy of the *Lutheran Worship Hymnal* engraved with their name on the cover. The new edition of *Lutheran Book of Prayer* is another fine gift. My *Book of Confirmation Memories* is the perfect place for memorabilia, with guest pages and inspiring text.

The Heating Season

The heating season is upon us again, please double check that all doors are locked, all lights are turned off (including bathrooms), and thermostats are turned down before your group leaves the church. Thank you!

Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry

Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

Are you receiving email from Christ Lutheran? If not, you are missing important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share your email address (addresses are always hidden when sent from

church). Please help us keep you informed! Call the office at 715-398-3680 or send it to clcoffice320@gmail.com

Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: infocenter@lcms.org or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

March Birthdays

- 1 Steven Olson
- 3 Gloria Vreeland
- 4 Chris Filteau
- 8 Jonathan Schoessow
Carol Corrine Evans
Brian Maslowski
- 9 Russell Hagberg
- 11 Jim Kari
- 12 Nancy Durand
- 16 Kayla Bedard
- 17 Caryl Lehto
- 20 Cheryl Harkabus
Beverly Strongitharm
Brandee Dittbrender
- 22 Una Privette
Judy Pohl
Eliana Mack
- 23 Amanda Fudally
Donovan Pattee
- 26 Taylor Amundson
- 28 Peggy Campbell
Nick Kirchoff
- 30 Belinda Sternberg
Grant Thompson

- 1. B (Sundays always celebrate Easter
- 2. C (Mt. 21, Mk. 11, Lk. 19, Jn. 12)
- 3. A (Lk. 23:2)
- 4. B (Mt. 27:38, Mk. 15:27)
- 5. D (Galatians 5:11 RSV)
- 6. C (Mt. 27:59-60)
- 7. A (Lk. 24:46)
- 8. C (John 20:11-18)
- 9. A (Job 19:25)

ANSWERS: