

# March 29, 2020

# **Christ Lutheran Church**

# **Experiencing Christ's Love**

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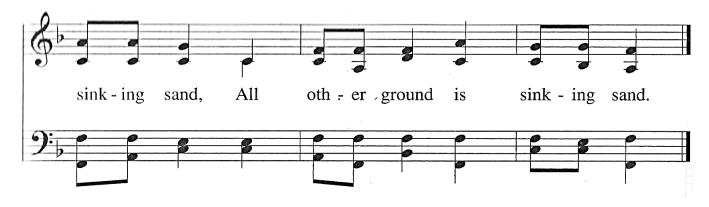
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#### **Welcome and Announcements**







#### **Invocation**

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: The Lord God is loving, merciful, and provides fresh beginnings every day. Our God has claimed us as His children and yet we often fail to live like we belong to Him. We try and fail, try again and fail again. We are stuck in a pattern of brokenness and can't break free on our own, but in Jesus Christ, we have hope! God has provided the Way for us to be made new again by admitting and confessing our need for His forgiveness in Christ. In these next few moments, we pause to seek His mercy and forgiveness once more.

You may kneel or be seated.

P: Heavenly Father, You love us perfectly and offer us a fresh start again today. We thank you that by faith in Your Son, Jesus, we have been given a new identity as Your children. We know that our lives are inconsistent with that identity. We say one thing and do something else, but You continue to love us and call us back to Yourself. We pray that by Your Holy Spirit's work, we would believe Your Word and trust in Your promise to forgive us. We humbly ask that You help us to grow more fully into who You created us to be. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.

#### C: Amen.

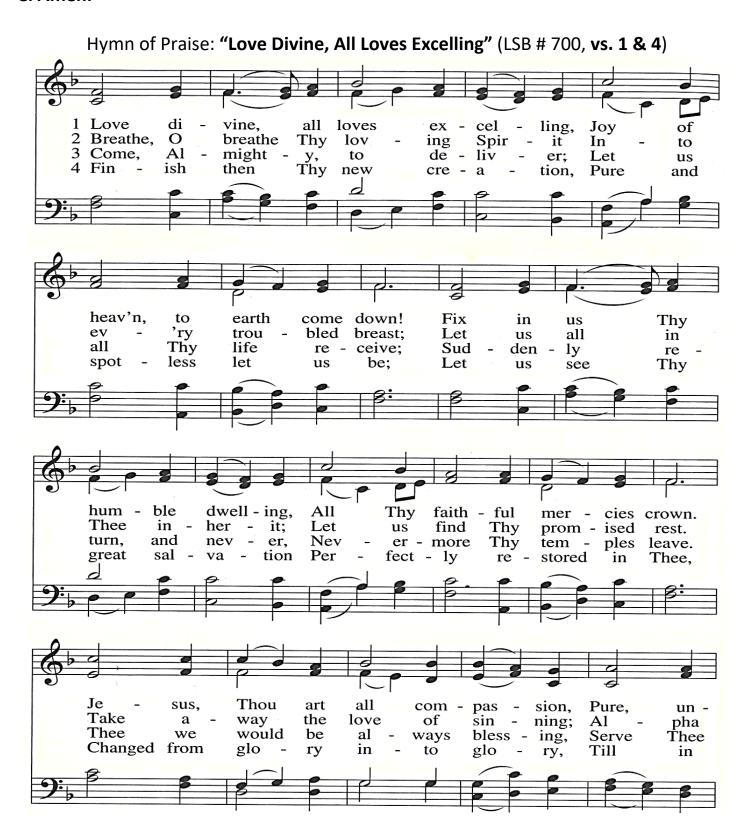
Please take a moment for silent reflection and self-examination before we pray.

P: Father of mercies and God of all comfort and peace:

C: We confess that we are broken and have failed to live our lives in a way that reflects who You are. We have sinned with our thoughts, words, and actions. We have hurt rather than helped others. In our failures, we have sinned against You. We have tried to change ourselves but failed. We humbly come to You asking for Your forgiveness through Jesus who took our sin, so we could have new life. Replace our sorrow with Your joy and lead us to walk faithfully as Your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

P: Our Heavenly Father loves us! He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ to die in our place and for His sake, forgives us all our sins! It is by His authority that I have the privilege to declare His forgiveness to you. You are forgiven, and new life is yours, in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.





## **Prayer of the Day**

#### **Scripture Readings**

# First Reading - Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

A: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

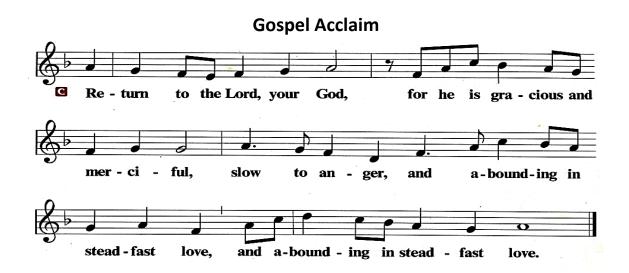
#### Second Reading – Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



### **Gospel Reading - John 11:17-27, 38-46**

P: The Holy Gospel According to Saint John, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

# **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 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.

Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB #709)



#### MESSAGE:

# "FREE FOR LIFE"

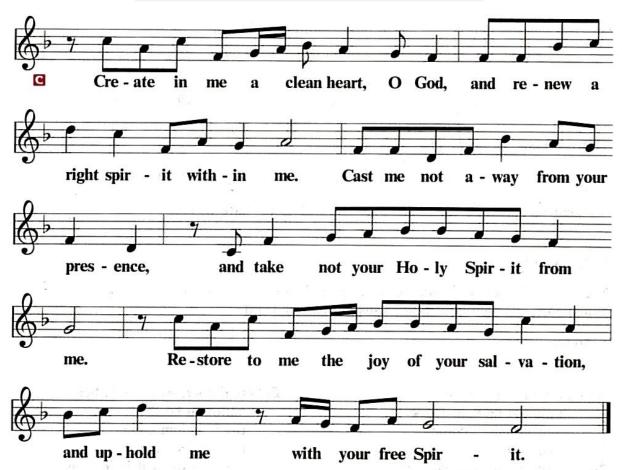
**ROMANS 8:1-11** 

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Remember	
Do	
Pray	

## Offerings for Mission & Ministry

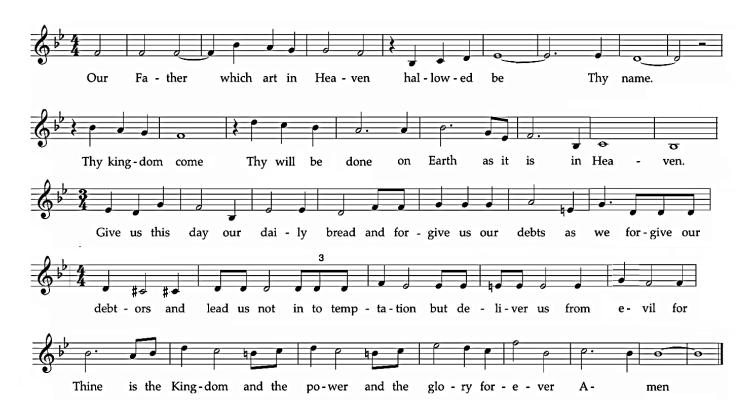
# Offertory)- "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



# **Prayers of the Congregation**

P: Lord, In Your Mercy
C: Hear Our Prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer



## **Blessing**





#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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Read ahead: In order to help you prepare for next week's service, here is the scripture passage and title for the message next Sunday. Take some time to read ahead and invite the Holy Spirit to start bringing God's Word to life for you.

"HOSANNAS FROM A DISTANCE"

John 12:12-19

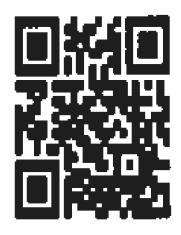


# Happy Birthday!

Annabelle Barte - Mar. 29 Marílee Wallace - Apríl 2 Jaq Bílagot - Apríl 5

# Happy Anniversary!

Eric & Haliaka Moller - April 5



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