

Welcome to Worship!

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES  
ON FIVE OF THE SEVEN  
DEADLY SINS

***Week Four: Greed***

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**875 Sunflower Drive ~ DuBois, PA 15801**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent ~ March 30, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

**Rev. John Miller, Pastor**  
**Rev. Amy Godshall-Miller, Pastor**  
**Abbey Lutz, Family Ministry Coordinator**  
**Chris Luckenbill, Organist & Choir Director**

THE SERVICE

**BOLD** *lettering indicates a spoken response*

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of love and forgiveness,

**C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen**

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

**C: Amen**

We bow down

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You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,  
And Lord of all lords you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you,

Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**C: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

P: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

**C: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

P: Return to the Lord, your God,

**C: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Opening Song – Christ, Be Our Light

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

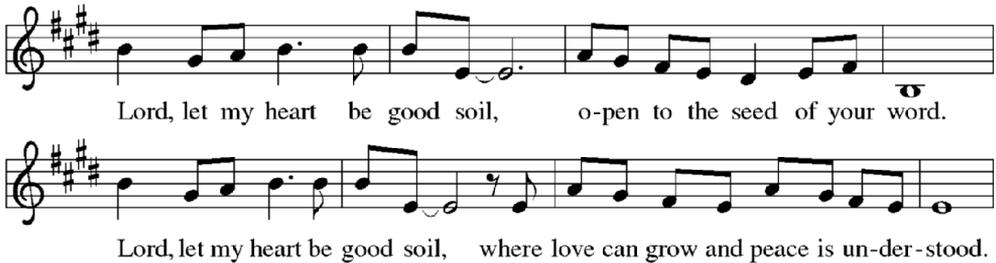
## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

A: A reading from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. <sup>2</sup>Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what evil may happen on earth. <sup>3</sup>If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth; and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. <sup>4</sup>He who observes the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

<sup>5</sup>As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. <sup>6</sup>In the morning sow your seed, and at evening, withhold not your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

A: A reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel – Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax,

eat, drink, be merry.’<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’<sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Pastor John*

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – You Are My All in All

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You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.  
You are my all in all. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless Your name;  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup;  
You are my all in all. *Refrain*

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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## Sharing of God's Peace

*We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

Offertory – Create in me a clean heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve  
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that  
I might be re - newed. So fill me and  
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -  
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff includes the melody and the following chords: C<sup>7</sup>sus, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, and Dm/C. The third staff includes the melody and the following chords: Gm, F/A, C, F, Am<sup>7</sup>, and Dm<sup>7</sup>. The fourth staff includes the melody and the following chords: Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Gm/D, C<sup>7</sup>sus, and C<sup>7</sup>. The fifth staff includes the melody and the following chords: F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, and F.

## Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

**C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

One bread, one body

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*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

### More Precious Than Silver

Lord, You are more precious than silver.  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire compare with You.

Come and taste

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The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! We come here broken - heart - ed, seek - ing all that God of - fers. Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! Come see!" There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes for "ed," "fers," and "be!" in the lyrics.

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can be! We come here broken - heart - ed,  
seek - ing all that God of - fers. Come and taste and  
see how good the love of God can be! Come see!

### Post Communion Blessing

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

### Prayer

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin  
and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always  
with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the  
same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

# SENDING

## Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

## Closing Song – Take My Life, That I May Be

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*Refrain:* Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

### Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

### **9:45-Sunday School**

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

7:00-Traditional Choir Practice

## FUTURE MINISTRIES

**Mon-Apr 7**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-Apr 8** -2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

**Thurs-Apr 10**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 21:34-36

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**Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-53; 9:45-75; 11:00-41**

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\* The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Chet Johnson by Barbara Johnson.

\* The additional arrangement is in honor of Grace's Adoption Anniversary by Penny & Jason Prontock.

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**New Organ Donations.** . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

**Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths** . . . It's time to order flowers to beautify the church on Easter, April 20! Order forms are on the table in the narthex and are **due TODAY!**

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Looking ahead, special Holy Week Sunday School class, **Sunday, April 13**.

**Lent Devotions “Five of the Seven Deadly Sins”** are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**The April Worship Assistant List** is available in the narthex.

**Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!”**

This year’s mission will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners **Monday, June 9 – Thursday, June 12**. Sign up on the bulletin board to express your interest in participating! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

**Mission of the Month for March: College Student Ministry Gift Cards.** Each spring, we gift our college students with a Wal-Mart gift card to let them know we care for and are thinking about them. If you would like to donate, please use the pew envelope and write “gift card” in the other line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

**Food Pantry Items** for March are SPAGHETTI and/or SPAGHETTI SAUCE; items for April are TUNA and/or TUNA HELPER.

**Easter Egg Hunt . . . Saturday, April 19,** 10-11:30 a.m. rain or shine. All children are invited and friends are welcome. Bring a basket and join us for songs, the Easter story, crafts and refreshments. Please dress for the weather. Sign up today!

**Donations** of cookies and fruit are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Passion/Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 13.** This service includes the reading of all the events of Holy Week from the Gospel of Luke.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service . . . Friday, April 18** at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Good Friday Confirmation Event . . . Friday, April 18** from 4:30-8 p.m. with dinner. Parents, please join us for worship at 7:00 and sit with your son or daughter.

**Easter Morning Schedule, Sunday, April 20: 7:30-**Traditional Worship; 8:45-Easter Breakfast; 9:45-Contemporary Worship; 11:00-Traditional Worship.

**Easter Morning Breakfast . . . Sunday, April 20** at 8:45 a.m. It is the perfect time to celebrate this holy day and connect with your church family. All are welcome. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.