

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

875 Sunflower Drive ~ DuBois, PA ~ (814) 371-2470

Rev. John Miller ~ Pastor

Rev. Amy Godshall-Miller ~ Pastor

Abbey Lutz, Family Ministry Coordinator

Chris Luckenbill ~ Organist & Choir Director

LENTEN PREACHING

SERIES

ON FIVE OF THE
SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Week One: Pride

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

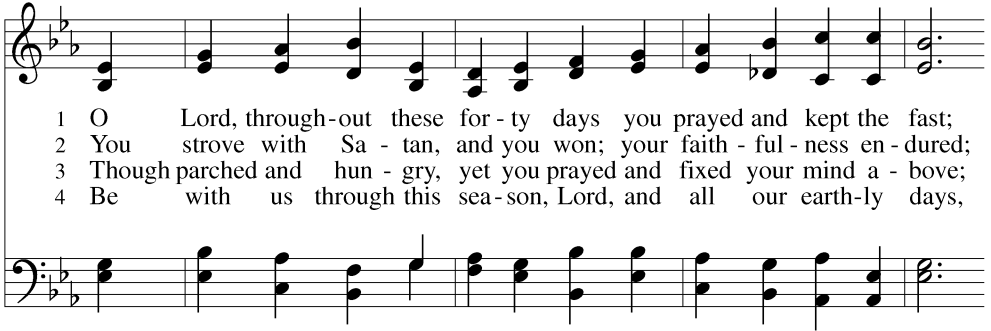
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

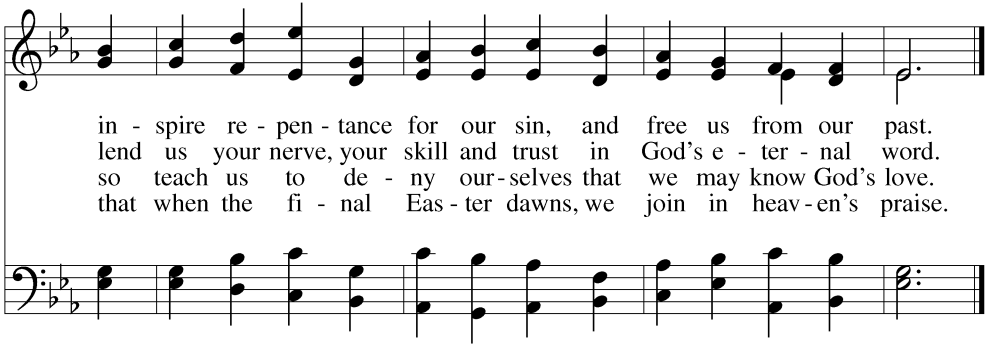
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through-out these for-ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa-tan, and you won; your faith-ful-ness en-dured;
3 Though parched and hun-gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a-bove;
4 Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days,



in-spire re-pen-tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e-ter-nal word.
so teach us to de-ny our-selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi-nal Eas-ter dawns, we join in heav-en's praise.

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.

KYRIE:

Leader



- 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

ANTHEM: *To You, I Lift My Soul*

~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, pianist

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 16:17-20

A: The First Lesson is from the 16th chapter of Proverbs.

¹⁷ The highway of the upright avoids evil;
those who guard their way preserve their lives.

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

¹⁹ It is better to be of a lowly spirit among the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.

²⁰ Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper,
and happy are those who trust in the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

A: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:9-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

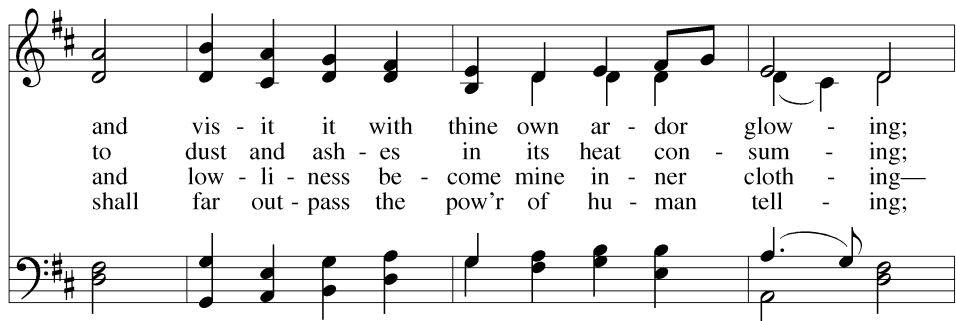
SERMON:

Pastor Amy

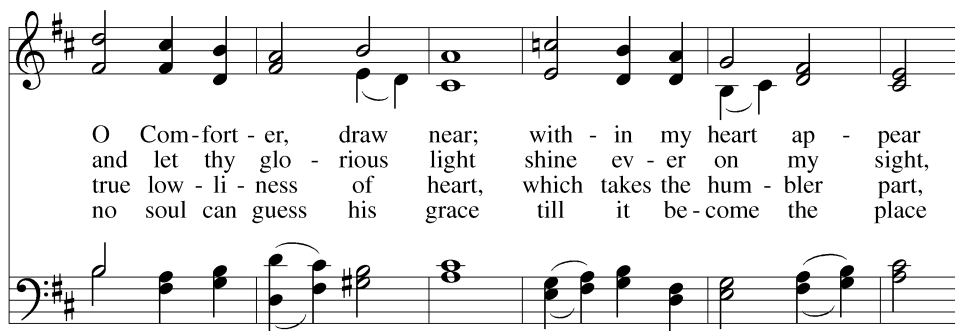
HYMN: *Come Down, O Love Divine*



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my part,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler
no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

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.

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

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:

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

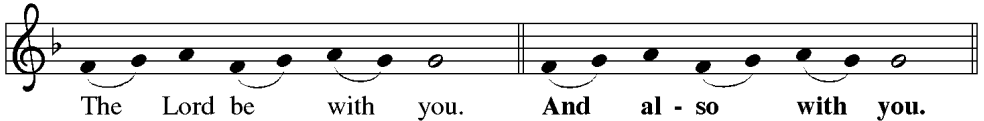
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: God our provider,

C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen


GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

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.

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

LAMB OF GOD:

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. A - men.

COMMUNION:

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

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

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

BLESSING:

♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

705

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

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-Confirmation Event

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

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

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Friday & Saturday-Volleyball tournament @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Mar 16-9:45-Sunday School

10:40-Sr. High Brunch

Mon-Mar 17-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Mar 18-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

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

Thurs-Mar 20-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

+++

Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

+++

Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-46; 9:45-75; 11:00-33; SCS-9

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of the 77th anniversary of the wedding of Sylbia & Arthur Kunst on March 6 by the Kunst family.

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!

Confirmation Event *TONIGHT* from 6-7:30 (postponed from February 16).

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders ***next Sunday March 16*** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior High Youth Brunch . . . *next Sunday March 16* the senior high youth will gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall for brunch and fellowship from 10:40 to noon. Sign up today!

6th-12th grade Youth Spring Retreat *Friday-Saturday March 28-29*, 7p.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Mountain Run in Penfield. The retreat is a great opportunity to grow our friendships, play, eat, and worship together, and sleep over one night. Families, please mark your calendars and sign your youth up to attend ASAP! Additional registration forms are available from Pastor Amy.

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

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 ***Sunday, March 30.***

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.