

**LENTEN PREACHING**  
**SERIES**  
**ON FIVE OF THE**  
**SEVEN DEADLY SINS**

***Week Three: Anger***

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent ~ March 23, 2025 ~ 8:30

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**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30):**

**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,

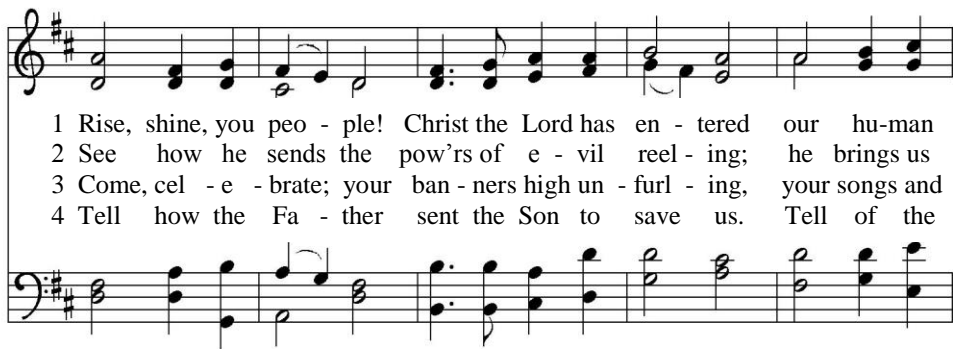
**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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.*

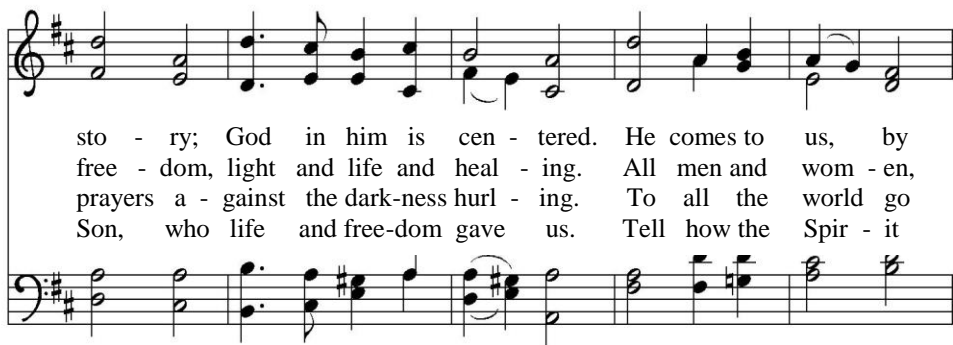
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

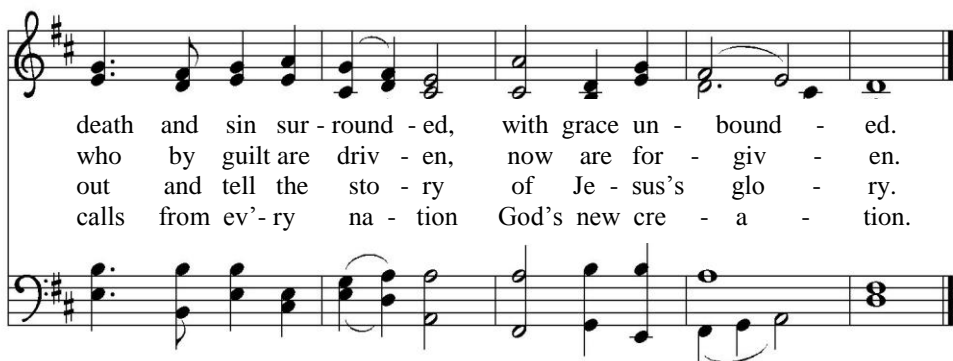
### HYMN: *Rise, Shine, You People!*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered our hu-man  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; he brings us  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, your songs and  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us. Tell of the



sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by  
 free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en,  
 prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the world go  
 Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it



death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus's glo - ry.  
 calls from ev' - ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

**ANTHEM: *The Deer's Cry* (8:30)**

*~ Choir*  
*Lily Brubaker, organist*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 14:29, 15:18, 19:11, 22:24-25**

A: The First Lesson is from Proverbs.

<sup>14:29</sup>Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding,  
but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

<sup>15:18</sup>Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife,  
but those who are slow to anger calm contention.

<sup>19:11</sup>Those with good sense are slow to anger,  
and it is their glory to overlook an offense.

<sup>22:24</sup>Make no friends with those given to anger,  
and do not associate with hotheads,

<sup>25</sup>or you may learn their ways  
and entangle yourself in a snare.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-27, 31-32**

A: The Second Lesson is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

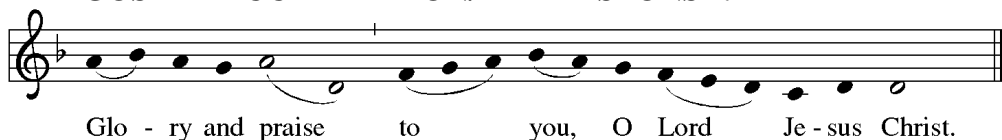
So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil.

<sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



## GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”<sup>23</sup> For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.<sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’<sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’<sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.<sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.<sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

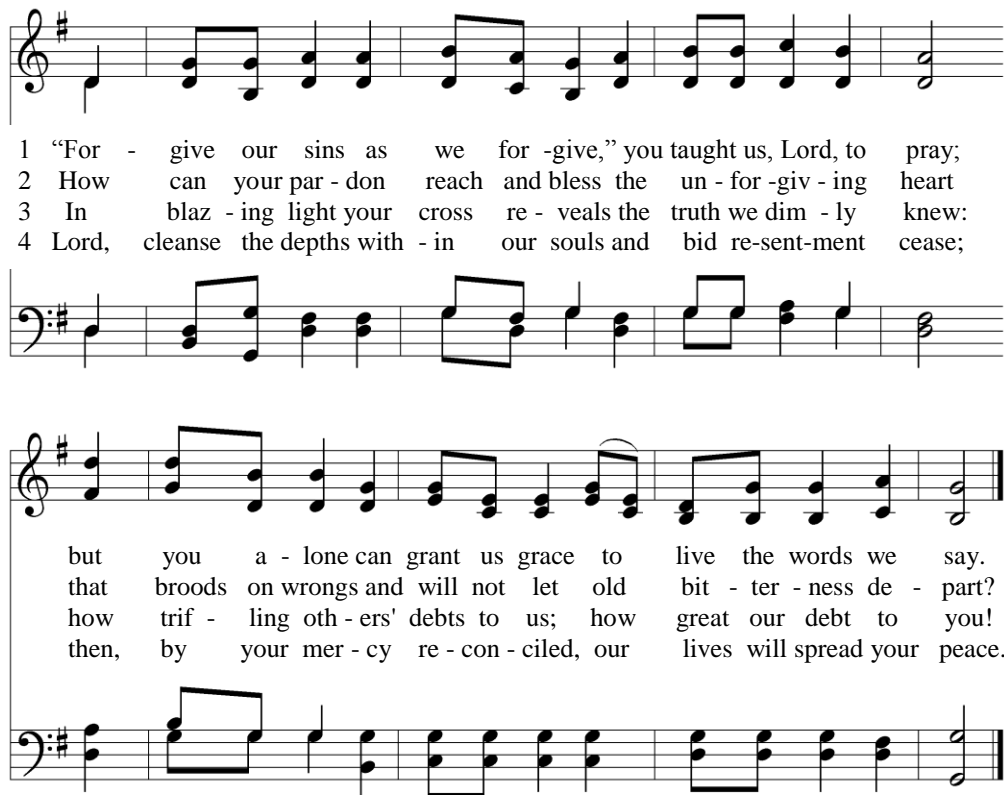
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON:

*Pastor Amy*

## HYMN: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*



1 “For - give our sins as we for -give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for -giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re-sent-ment cease;

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how trif - ling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy re - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## 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:**

*We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

## 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues: B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2. The third staff continues: B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, F#0, E0, D0, C0. The fourth staff continues: B-1, A-1, G-1, F#-1, E-1, D-1, C-1, B-2, A-2, G-2, F#-2, E-2, D-2, C-2. The fifth staff continues: B-3, A-3, G-3, F#-3, E-3, D-3, C-3, B-4, A-4, G-4, F#-4, E-4, D-4, C-4.

## 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.

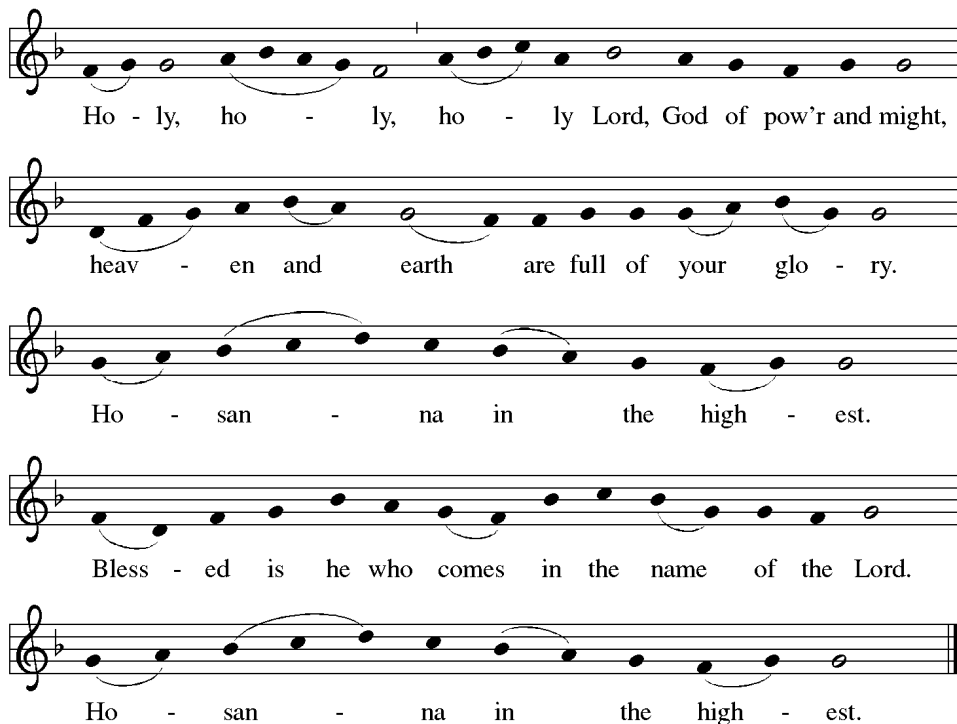
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens (e.g., 'al - so').

## PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right and salutary  
that we should at all times and in all places  
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father,  
through Christ our Lord.  
You bid your people cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.  
Renew our zeal in faith and life, and  
bring us to the fullness of grace  
that belongs to the children of God.  
And so, 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: *Christ, the Life of All the Living***

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## 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

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

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

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

**Thursday**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**Friday-Saturday** -Youth Retreat at Camp Mountain Run

7:00 p.m. Friday through 5 p.m. Saturday

### FUTURE MINISTRIES

**Mon-Mar 31**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-Apr 1** -2:00-Bible Study

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

**Thurs-Apr 3**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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**Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-52; 9:45-92; 11:00-44; SCS-21**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented  
to the Glory of the Lord.

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**We welcome our newest members** Ernie & Susan Hauser this morning at the 8:30 worship service.

**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 next Sunday, March 30.**

**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!

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders ***next Sunday, March 30*** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Looking ahead, special Holy Week Sunday School class, ***Sunday, April 13.***

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Spring Retreat *this 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. Please contact Pastor Amy if you haven't yet registered.**

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

**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.

**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.

**Food Pantry Items** for March are SPAGHETTI and/or SPAGHETTI SAUCE.