



# Christ the King Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Divine Service Setting 3, p. 184 ~ Pastor Rob Morris

Welcome & Prelude

*Fantasia* ~ Pachelbel

Hymn of Invocation

798 The God of Abraham Praise

*Exodus 3:6, 14; Psalm 142:5-6; Psalm 9:7-11; Revelation 4:8*



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.  
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.  
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore  
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

# Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from the book of Genesis, chapter 12:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their

possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Anthem

*God So Loved the World ~ Stainer*

### Psalm

*Psalm 121*

**A** We say together today's passage from the Psalms:

**C** <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

**A** Today’s Epistle reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans:

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly,

truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.<sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?<sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Conversation with the Children



# Hymn of the Day 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

*John 3:16; Titus 3:4-7; 2 Timothy 1:9; Matthew 9:2*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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## Sermon



*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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 thence 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Following the prayers, people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*



# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

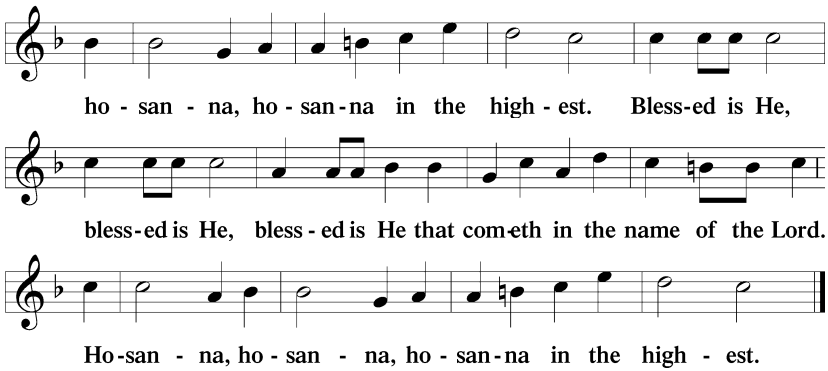
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;*

*Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



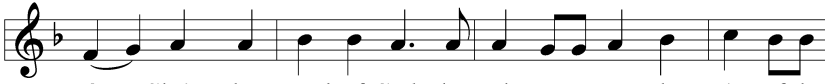
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution Instructions

*\*Gluten-free hosts are available in the small bowl; and alcohol-free wine in individual cups in the center of the tray. Please indicate to server if you need one of these.*



*Stand*



## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



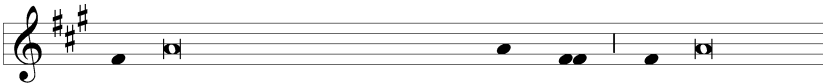
**A** Bless we the Lord.



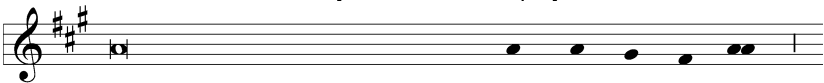
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

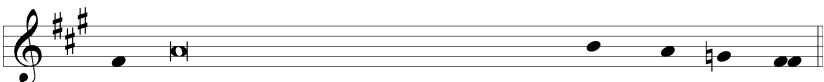
*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Hymn to Depart

# 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

*Galatians 6:14; 1 John 4:8-10; Philippians 3:8; Revelation 5:12*



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
 2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
 3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
 4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
 let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
 fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
 The measure and the pledge of love,  
 The sinner's refuge here below,  
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
 Be praise from all the ransomed race  
 Forever and forevermore.

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# Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

Postlude

*Prelude in A minor ~ JS Bach*



*But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.*

*Jude 1:18-21*

## **Lenten Schedule and Resources**

**Sunday Divine Services** 9:30 am & 4 pm

**Wednesday Lenten Prayer** Midday 1 pm  
Compline 7 pm

*Soup Supper 6 pm (preceding 7pm service)*

### **Devotional**

Devotionals from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in the narthex or by download: [www.ctklutherannewtown.org](http://www.ctklutherannewtown.org).

### **Confession**

If you desire private confession and absolution during this Lenten season, please talk with Pastor Rob about scheduling an appointment with him

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### **Attendance Insert**

*Welcome to our members & guests.* Please fill out the attendance insert noting your name(s), communion participation and any contact changes for church records. Kindly leave this card in the offering plate. Thank you.

### **Weekly Newsletter and Prayer Emails**

*Thank you for being a community that prays for one another.* To receive our newsletter & prayer announcements, please provide a current email address. To request prayer or update us, email: [ctknewtown@protonmail.com](mailto:ctknewtown@protonmail.com)



And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:  
**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**Revelation 19:16**

### **Today's Volunteers & Worship Staff**

March 1, 2026	
<b>Reader:</b>	Kirsten Balancia
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Jim Wallace, Jason Miller
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer:</b>	Sam Wolfard, Ryan Marks
<b>Chancel:</b>	Kirsten Balancia
<b>Communion Preparation:</b>	Carolyn Mandarano, Sandy Wallace
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts:</b>	Lindsay & Jason Miller, Carole Woolery
<b>Organist/Director of Music:</b>	Bev Thompson
<b>Guitar:</b>	Peter Obre

### **Today's Flowers**

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, with praise to our Lord, by a grateful congregation with repentant joy and Easter hope.*

### **Easter Flowers**

*To sponsor flowers for the Easter altar display, details are on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.*

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