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Welcome!
Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota
March 10, 2019 ++ 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent
“What Wondrous Love”
Installation of Congregational Leaders



*These forty days called Lent are like no other.
It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts
of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the
wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn.*

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked.

It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares.

*The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and
sustain us.*

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2018)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Please use this time of music to quiet your hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

L: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God at the margins,

C: we have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” (alternate tune)

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God,

C: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Installation of Congregational Leaders

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Romans 10: 8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be

put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation – “Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord” - - - [176]

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day – “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” - - - - - [808]

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith (*The Apostles’ Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.*)

Sharing of God’s Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

<i>We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.</i>
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Offering

Choral Offering – “Lamb of God”

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of God’s People

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”

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.

The March 17 bulletin is being printed early this coming week. Please call the church office with new announcements so that Pastor Janel could share at the March 17 worship service: 507 423 5100 (rather than emailing Rhoda (christlutheran@christcotton.com to have them put in the March 17 bulletin). Thank you!
If you wish to email Pastor Janel, her address is:
pstrjanel@gmail.com

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“What Wondrous Love”

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10 – Midweek Lenten Worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm.



Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion at 7 pm.

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday Worship at 7 pm.

Come for supper at 6:00 before the Midweek Lenten Services and the Maundy Thursday Service.

Stay after Midweek Lenten Services for refreshments and fellowship hosted by our Luther Leaguers (9-12 Graders).

A benefit for Cole Louwagie, infant son of Derek and Kristen Louwagie, on heart transplant list,

will be held on Sunday, March 24th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Cottonwood Community Center.

This event will help with medical expenses, lodging, etc. There will be “all-you-care-to-eat” pancakes, sausages, and a beverage. Plus, there will be a silent auction and bake sale.

Minnesota March FoodShare Month

We are entering into the month of increased awareness and response to the food insecurity that is all around us for our friends and neighbors.

With this in mind, as Minnesota March FoodShare is here, your church council has stepped up to personally match the first \$300 of financial contributions from the congregation.

In addition, the next \$300 will be matched by congregational monies.

YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE TRIPLED!

Thank you for your generosity toward feeding those whose tables and cupboards are empty and lacking nutritional foods to fuel healthy bodies and living.



Thank You for Your Fantastic Assistance with Seating Project

With much gratitude we think of all the helpers who removed the old pews, cleaned up the floor, hoisted heavy bench pews into the balcony for the choir, and lifted them into waiting trucks to be taken away to other places.

Thank you to those who led the efforts, coordinating the advertising and taking phone calls from those who might be interested in having our old pews.

Thank you for all who have contributed financially and in other ways to this project in our sanctuary!

Thank you to the women who prepared and served the lunch!



Beverages and Snacks in the Sanctuary

We don't want to hide our lights under a bushel basket (Matthew 5:15) but we would like to ask that you hide your beverages under a lid in the sanctuary!

Please help us keep the clean-up of spills of drinks and snacks to a minimum. "Let your light shine!" (Matthew 5:16)



— This Week: March 10, 2019 —

Today, Sunday, March 10

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:00 Preschool Sunday School

9:30 Worship and Installation of Congregation Leaders

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

11 am First Communion Session with Student and Parent

6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University

Monday, March 11

5 pm Worship on Cable 180

Tuesday, March 12

7 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, March 13

6 pm Mission Possible

6:00 Lenten Supper: Thank you Broberg Family, Brenda & Ione, Scott & Natalie Pederson Family, Jeff & Shawna Tusberg Family, Sandy Dovre

7:00 Lenten Worship, followed by refreshments served by Luther Leaguers: Thank you Kaitlin Fischer, Calli Newton, Colby and Shailey Marczak

8:00 Choir

Next Sunday, March 17

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:00 Preschool Sunday School

9:30 Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism of Hadley Stevens

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Craig Ahmann	Mark Bode	Darleen Cole
Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza	Norm Evers
Gail Gregoire	Gordy Geistfeld	Sue Gropel
Jon Hakes	Bruce Hoffman	Alton Huso
Virginia Isaackson	Bob Kaeter	Cole Louwagie
Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Robert Nolin
Gretchen Noon	Rodney Olson	Milton Rebers
Rhoda Schmidt	Harvey Suer	Gary Timmerman

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Families of our Congregation.

Pray for: Brenton Johnson Chad and Tessa Johnson, Peyton, Jayce

Death: Cliff Hanson, brother of Alnora Pederson

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