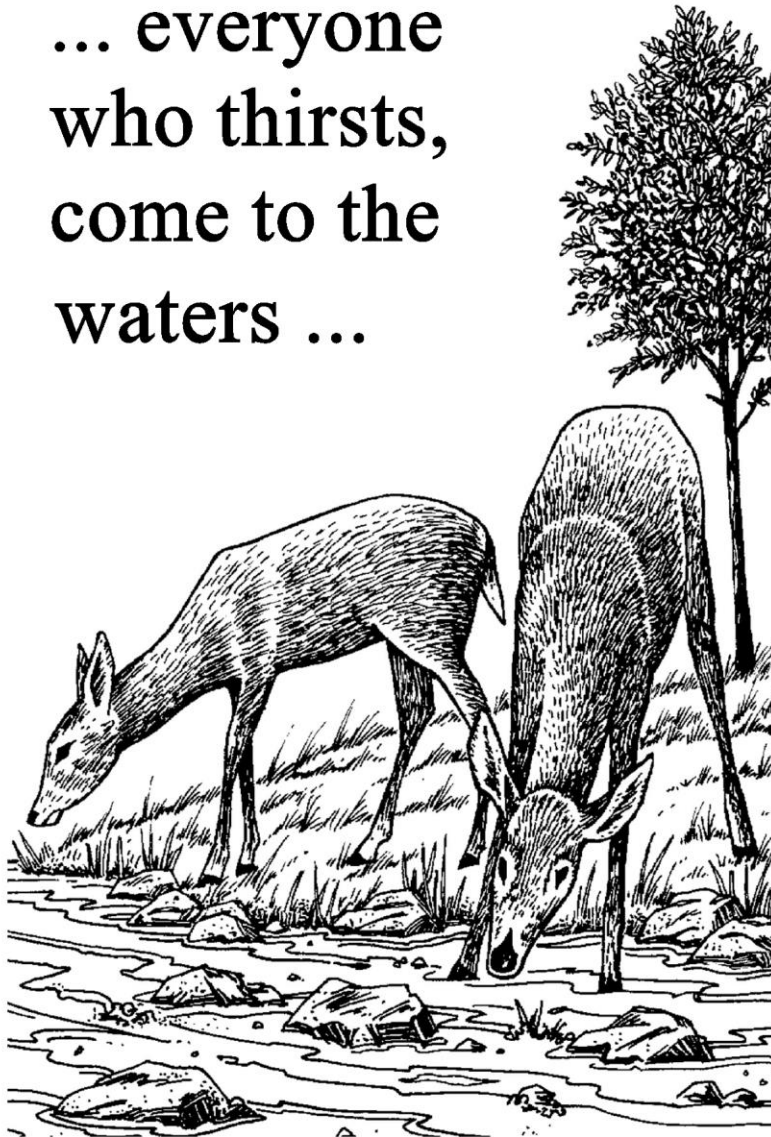


... everyone
who thirsts,
come to the
waters ...



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
MARCH 24, 2019 – 9:00 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIVE FRUITFULLY, OUR GOSPEL PROCLAIMS! Living in the nurtured garden of Christ how can we keep from blossoming for we are nourished with his grace. [Sundays & Season]

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER! We invite you to try one of our listening devices, which allows you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available by speaking to an usher, Tom Kearns or David Crouse.

PINK PRAYER CARDS: You may write names for prayer on a pink card found in the pew rack. Please place your card on the altar rail for inclusion in the prayers of the day. If you wish a name to be added to our printed prayer list (for four weeks) please write "Prayer List" on the card. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

"LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!" Christ Lutheran's Prayer Chain is available daily for prayer for members, friends and family. You may call JoAnn Sallo, chairperson at 201-666-2156 or the church office with your joys or concerns.

HOLY COMMUNION: All who are baptized are invited to the table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and wine. At the directions of our ushers, all who are able kneel at the rail to receive this gift. The individual cups contain wine and grape juice (grape juice is in the center of the tray). A common cup with wine is also available. Children who commune should hold out their hands to the server.

NURSERY FACILITIES: There is a self-serve Nursery and Infant Room for young children accompanied by their parents. The Infant Room contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway from the side door of the sanctuary.

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Open on Sundays: 9:00 and 10:30 am

[For today's worship all *portions in italics* will be spoken by our worship leaders.
Congregational responses are in **bold-faced type**.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoints us,
and makes us new.*

Amen.

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

God at the margins,

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.

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.

Amen.

[Please remain standing as you are able.]

GATHERING SONG – “Lord, Reign in Me”

♩=94

C G^{sus} F² G^{sus} C G^{sus}

1. O-ver all the _ earth, You _ reign on _ high, ev - 'ry moun-tain _ stream,
2. O-ver ev - 'ry _ thought, o - ver ev - 'ry _ word, may my life re - flect

4 F² G^{sus} Am⁷ G^{sus} F² G^{sus}

ev - 'ry sun - set _ sky. But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly _ aim _
the beau-ty of my _ Lord; 'Cause You mean more to _ me than an - y earth - ly _ thing. -

7 Dm⁷ F² G^{sus} C G F² G

___ is that You'd reign in me a-gain. Lord, reign in _ me, reign in Your _ pow'r;
___ So won't You reign in me a-gain.

11 C G F² G Am G F² G

O-ver all my _ dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am, _

15 Dm⁷ F G

1. C G F

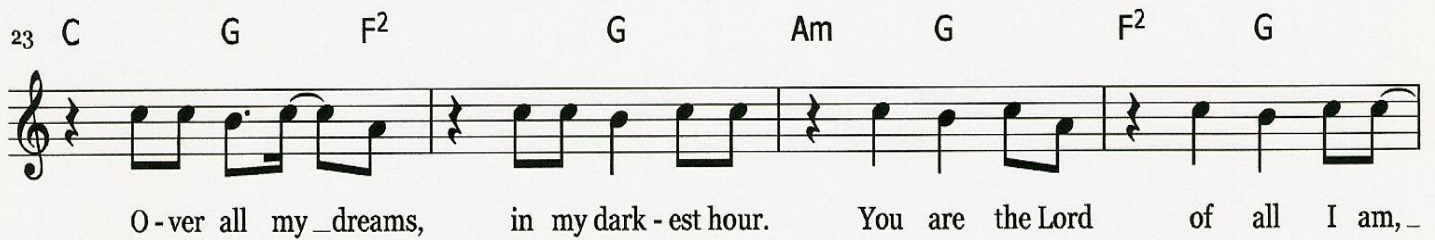
___ so won't You reign in me a - gain.

19 Am⁷ G F

2. N.C. C F² G

Lord, reign in _ me, reign in Your _ pow'r;

23 C G F² G Am G F² G




O-ver all my_dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am, -

27 Dm⁷ F G Dm⁷ F G



___ so won't You reign in me a-gain, ___ won't You reign in me a-gain, -

31 Dm⁷ F G C G



___ won't You reign in me a - gain.

34 F C G F C



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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

[The congregation may sit.]

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-9

¹*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;*

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³*Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.*

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴*See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.*

⁵*See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,*

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶*Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;*

⁷*let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;*

*let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

⁸*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.*

⁹*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,*

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 13:1-9 [Please stand as you are able.]

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹*At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”*

⁶*Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS [The congregation may sit.]

[Pink prayer cards with your joys or concerns may be placed on the altar rail.]

SERMON – “Way”

[The offering will be received during the singing of the following song.]

SONG – “10,000 Reasons” [Words/Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman]

$\text{♩} = 73$ ♩

F C G/B Am F C

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

4 G^{sus} G F Am F G Am F G

Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

8 $\text{2nd time to Coda } \oplus$
F/C C F/C C F C G Am

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,

12 F C G Am F C G

it's time to sing Your song a-gain. What- ev - er may pass, and what- ev - er lies be -

16 Am F C

-fore me, let me be sing - ing when the

18 G^{sus} G C F/C C

eve - ning comes. Bless the

D.S. al Coda

[Song continues on the following page.]

⊕ Coda

21 F/C C F C G Am F C



2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your

25 G Am F C G/B Am



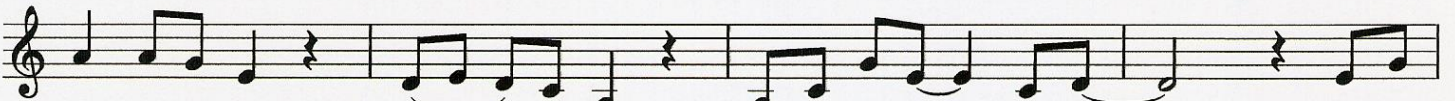
heart is kind. — For all Your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing; —

29 F C G^{sus} G C F/C C



Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. Bless the

33 F C G/B Am F C G^{sus} G



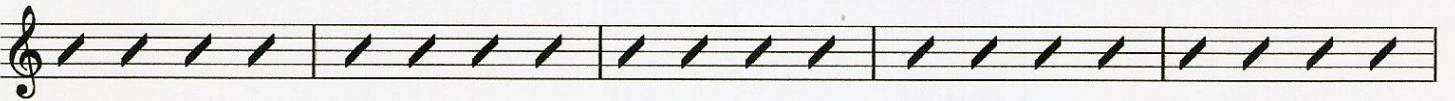
Lord, O my soul, O — my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. — Sing like

37 F Am F G Am F G C



nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. —

41 F C G/B Am F C G^{sus} G F Am



46 F G Am F G C F C



3. And on that day, when my

50 G/B Am F C G Am F Am

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; _ Still, my soul will sing Your

54 F Am F C G^{sus} G

praise un - end - ing _ ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er -

58 C F/C C F C G/B Am

-more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _ my soul;

62 F C G^{sus} G F Am F G Am

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll

66 1. F G C 2. F G Am

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _ Bless the wor-ship Your ho - ly name, _

81 F G Am F G C

wor-ship Your ho - ly name, _ wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _

APOSTLES' CREED [Please stand.]

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF THE DAY [Please remain standing.]

Loving God, you teach us to keep nothing from you. We bring to you all our prayers, large and small, those heavy on our hearts and those known only to you.

Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Tracie, and all deacons who work as chaplains, social workers, immigration advocates, and more. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. We pray for Donald, the President; Phillip, the Governor of New Jersey; and Carlos, the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide relief for those suffering and in pain, especially. . .

Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Sharon and Victor Bongard, Kathy Cipoletti, Tony Conboy, Coraline, Jean Dale, Elizabeth Danko, Ken Eastlund, Ken Eiken, Flynn, Kim Herrera, Aurora Hill, Mae Hulburt, Jane, Katie, Julia Kopcso, Camp Koinonia, Kristi, Lorraine and Jack Sadlon, Argine Safari, Jimmy Saladino, Lynn Sladovich, Nancy Sweet, Jack Wiker, the family of Jared Bowen

Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Let us pray. God our provider, 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.***

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Come, not because you are perfect but because, through Christ Jesus, you are invited.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

At the direction of our ushers, everyone who is able kneels at the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),

followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups. A chalice with wine is also available.

Children and all who have not received First Communion will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**]

[Please stand.]

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for spring flowers, spring rainstorms, and warmer weather. Help us learn how to spread your joy to others by being kind, patient, and always listening to you. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

[Please remain standing.]

SENDING SONG – “*This Is Amazing Grace*”

[Song words below; music continues on the following pages.]

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory,
the king above all kings.*

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the king above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
all that You've done for me.*

*Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the king above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

♩=100 **VERSE 1**

D

G²(no3)



1. Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark-ness, whose love is might - y ___

4

Bm

A



and so much strong - er? ___ The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all ___ kings. _

VERSE 2

D

7

G²(no3)



2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der

11

G²(no3)

Bm



and leaves us breath - less in awe and won - der? ___ The King of glo - ry,

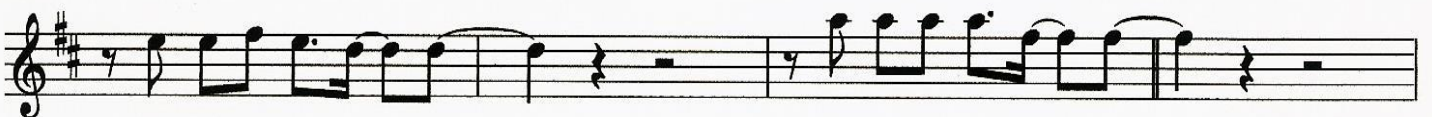
CHORUS

14

A

G²(no3)

D

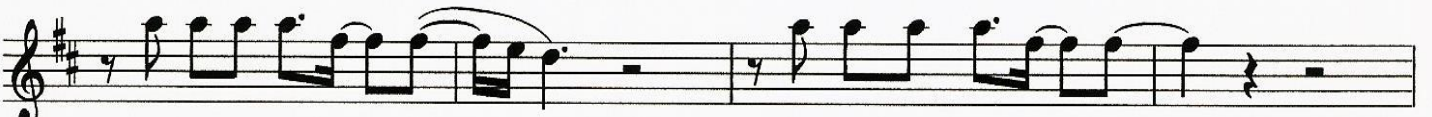


the King a - bove all ___ kings. ___ This is a - maz - ing _ grace, ___

18

G

Bm



this is un - fail - ing _ love, ___ that You would take my _ place, ___

[Song continues on the following page.]

22



that You would bear my _ cross. _ You _ laid down Your _ life _

26



that I would be _ set free. _ Oh, _ Je-sus, I sing _ for

INSTRUMENTAL

30



all that You've done for _ me.

VERSE 3

33



3. Who brings our cha - os

36



back in - to ord - er, who makes the or -phan _ a son and daugh - ter? _

VERSE 4

39



The King of glo - ry, the King of glo - ry. 4. Who rules the na - tions

42



with truth and jus - tice, _ shines like the sun in _ all of its bril - liance? _

45 Bm A

The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all ___ kings. ___

47 G²(no3) D.S. al Coda

___ Yeah, ___ this is a - maz - ing ___ grace,

⊕ Coda
49 A D

all that You've done _ for me. ___

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Now that spring has officially sprung, I long for the new life spring represents. I look at my garden every day, trying to spot each new bulb as it breaks ground. I stare at my lawn, waiting for the grass to turn from a dried yellow to a vibrant green. I peer at every tree, looking for the buds of new leaves. And I can't wait to hear the song of birds that announces every new day. Spring is a season dominated by nature. But there are other "things of spring" that I wait impatiently for and one of them is the return of the neighborhood ice cream truck.

Ice cream is usually a sign of summer but once the temperature breaks 60, that truck is out and about. I usually hear it circling my neighborhood, with a soft jingle turning loud as the truck nears my home. Before you know it, I'm spending my evenings figuring out new ways to distract my children from noticing the sound. The sound of songbirds and the sound of ice cream trucks are signs that a new way of life is here.

Today's reading from Isaiah starts with a jingle from an ancient version of that ice cream truck. The scripture begins like a street vendor would, offering everyone free water, milk, and wine. But this gift isn't a free sample hoping to trick us into buying something expensive. The street vendor of Isaiah 55 is offering a gift of abundant and rich food that will last forever. He wonders, out loud, why those around him invest their time, talent, and energy in that which does not truly satisfy. This poetic passage is an invitation for the community to turn away from what takes their life and, instead, turn towards what gives life. And the new free and satisfying life is a life that finds its home in God.

Although written to the community of Jews living in exile, this text also applies to us. Walter Bridgeman writes that these rhetorical questions ask us why we "invest so much in forms of life that cannot work - why work so hard and so long in ways that give no satisfaction; why give life over the demands and rewards of the empire that yield nothing of value in return." We are encouraged to ask ourselves hard questions and to wonder if our way of life is bringing a new life to those around us. What, right now, are we investing in that is taking us away from God? And what are we doing that is taking our life away from us?