



Christ Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010 - 9 a.m.

ELW, Setting Two—Holy Communion (Kneeling)

Pastor: Geoff Scott
Ministers: All

Assisting Lay Minister: Bob Dahm
Accompanist: Emily Hansen

Prelude

Welcome

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS p. 116

GATHERING HYMN *ELW*, #609 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

GREETING p. 120

KYRIE pp. 120-121

HYMN OF PRAISE pp. 122-123 “This is the feast . . .”

PRAYER OF THE DAY p. 124

P: Let us pray:

C: 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.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1–9

Scripture Reader: Linda Tylee

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

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.

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²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

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

⁵See, 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.

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

⁷let 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.

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

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1–8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)



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O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
 that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
 my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live

and lift up my hands in your name. R

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper,
 and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸My whole being clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in

sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 125 "Let your steadfast love . . ."

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He 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."

⁶Then 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.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Geoff Scott

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW*, #618 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION p. 127

Meal

THE OFFERING

Chancel Choir "Assurance"

Directed by Marilyn Tye; Accompanied by Emily Hansen with Abi Hanson on violin

OFFERTORY *ELW*, #182 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 129

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 134

COMMUNION p. 134

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

BLESSING

C: Amen.

Announcements

SENDING SONG *ELW*, #542 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by Dick & Cheryl Lowery in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Annika Cheryl Corkran (daughter of Ken Corkran & Erin Lowery-Corkran).

The flowers are also in honor of the baptism of Annika Cheryl Corkran from her grandparents, Dick & Cheryl Lowery.

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex and pick up your free Christ Lutheran Coffee Mug before you leave. Don't forget to sign our Guest Register, too!
PRAYER CONCERNS: Kathy Falk; Krista Falk; Dick Lowery; Harold Mork; John Trenter (Kathy Scott's dad); Barb Larson; Jerry Traxler; Marlys Husby; Mike Blakley; the parents of Jeff Schroeder and his son Neil Schroeder; Margery Hedican and family; Maxine Larson; Sue Halvorson-Miller; Pastor John Mikkelson; Jenny Borchardt and her mother Cherrie Timm; Jill Boen; "Mac" McLeod (Arlene Lund's son-in-law); Doug Conru; Bernie Foust; Dianne Smith; Darrel Hastings; Ione Labs; Joy Asp; Roger Card (friend of Tyes); Weldon Nelson (Vickie Kuester's father) and his family; Mike Malone (Molly Lande's brother); Alexander Schultz (Harold & Lois' grandson); Pat Marko; Larry Drier; Joyce Holzhueter (Angela Klatt's friend); Carolyn Hemming; Vi Hawkinson; Muriel Schultz; Joan G. (Christine Ness' cousin); Sue Jenson (Rick Jenson's cousin); Mary Wolff (Gabe Johnson's mother-in-law); Pam Stockland; Dick Larson; Nancy Larson (cousin of Kathy Jenson); Diane Stevens; Rick & Kathy Jenson; Lyla Marlett; Margery Gustman; Irene Williams (Vern Degneau's sister); Vera Dresser; Mike & Carol Olson; Stacey Martenson (niece of Mark & Pam Mattison).

KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK: Neil Schroeder is hospitalized in Madison; Barb Larson is at RCMC.

AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT is Annika Cheryl Corkran, daughter of Ken Corkran & Erin Lowery-Corkran. Annika's sponsors are Greg & Becca Nisius and Theresa Corkran. Welcome to Christ's family, Annika!

JOIN US IN LENT! Lenten Supper will be served at 6 p.m. and the Lenten worship service will begin at 7 p.m. each Wednesday through March 24. Welcome!

SOMETHING NEW! Children's bulletins are now available in the narthex.

EASTER LILY FORMS are available in the narthex. Please return forms no later than March 28.

A SIGN UP SHEET is in the narthex for items needed for the Palm Sunday Brunch. Thanks for contributing! Everyone, please plan to attend the Brunch on March 28 following worship!

AT THE SERVICES NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, we welcome Lutheran Campus Ministry and Pastor Kurt Larson.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.



THANK YOU to Shirley Bostrom for handcrafting the new Baptismal banner.

THANKS FOR ALL THE prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital. I am forever grateful to this family and body of Christ. Thanks so much everything!!!! - Krista Falk

WE WANT TO THANK everyone, once again, for all your thoughts, prayers, and everything else while Krista and then Kathy were in the hospital. We are so fortunate to have our church family. You have seen us through so very much throughout the years. - Darrin & Arla Falk

THANK YOU to Darrin Falk for de-liming the coffee maker/hot water dispenser.

CONGRATULATIONS to Krista Falk on being nominated as a delegate to the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment! Check out <http://webpages.charter.net/falkfamily/>

THE ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER at Christ Lutheran Church will be Sunday, March 21, with serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage, and the famous dessert table will be served for a cost of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 through 10. Children ages 5 and under will be served free. Carryouts available.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE for students entering grades 7th through 10th will start June 6. A coaches' meeting will be held Monday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church to pass out registration forms, collect money, review the rules and schedule for the upcoming season. Call Heather at 235-2500 or email heather@plcmenomonie.com with questions.

PASTOR GEOFF IS LEADING a Book of Faith study on Paul's letter to the Romans. So grab your coffee and schneckies and join Pastor Geoff in the Fellowship Hall following worship each Sunday through March 28.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Strategic Planning Task Team is preparing to conduct a congregational planning session on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 8 a.m. This session is meant to generate ideas that will aid our church in reaching our vision of "Christ is for all." We need approximately 20 volunteers who would like to have an important voice in the future of CLC. Space is limited, so we can only accept one participant per family. The workshop on March 13 will span a full morning in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast and childcare provided. If you are interested, please contact Josie Wilterdink as soon as possible: cosmo.clc@gmail.com or 715-233-4268.

TAKE HOME A COIN BOX TO FILL: There are cardboard coin boxes on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one or more home with you to fill. Funds from the coins collected will go to our companion synod in Malawi and also will help support ELCA World Hunger. Please return the filled coin boxes to the church office no later than May 17 so that the money collected may be taken to the Synod Assembly as our donation to the Assembly offering. The Synod Assembly will be held this year on May 21-22 in Stevens Point. The theme of the Assembly is "Sowing Seeds of Hope: God's work. Our hands."

THANK YOU FOR DONATING YOUR OLD computers for the "Qimo" Project. Please note that you must contact Dan Tye (235-0120) before dropping off your old computers. Thanks!

THE "QIMO" PROJECT at CLC provides families with free computers refurbished with educational games for children ages 2-12 years. In addition to the educational benefits, the project reduces the amount of computer equipment disposed of in expensive, dangerous and/or illegal ways. Several of these computers have already been donated to families through CLC, the Food Pantry and West Cap, but we are running out of donated computers. If you have an older computer you will not be using and could donate it, please contact Dan Tye at 235-0120.

THANK YOU so much for past support for improvements to the Christ Lutheran—Halvorson Cemetery. The west road needs blacktop, and a few more large trees need removing. Please consider supporting these projects for our 2010 budget. Thank you. —Halvorson Cemetery Board

WALKING TOGETHER: A CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE EVENT will be held March 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Chippewa Falls Middle School. This event has something for everyone—pastors, staff, council members, committees, volunteers—anyone who is involved in the congregation! Cost of \$20 per person includes program and lunch. Sponsored by NW Synod of WI. Childcare will be available at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. Registration forms available in church office or register online at www.nwswi.org.



Holy Week Schedule

March 28 — Palm Sunday

April 1— Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.

April 2 — Good Friday at 1 p.m.

April 3 — Easter Vigil at 5 p.m.

Praising God at Worship Time

Altar Care: Gloria Snyder and Twila Tiller

Greeters: Joel & Mindy Eckert and family **Ushers:** Joe Oestreich and Kerstian Mick

Comm. Assts.: Laura Lund, Sally Johnson, Abigail Vanasse, Caitlyn Zunker,
Bob Dahm (Assisting Lay Minister), Pastor Geoff Scott

Nursery: Susie Merritt

Acolyte: Jace Cseter

Coffee Servers: Jace Cseter and family **Bakers Guild:** Jackie Finder and Barb Larson

Memorials: For the Building Fund in memory of: 2/28—Wilbur Hake from Betty Gesche. **For Current Expenses (General Fund) in memory of:** 2/28—Wilbur Hake from Bill & Sandy Neverdahl; from Don & Arlene Eiseth. **Honorarium: The New Baptismal Banner:** 3/7—is presented to the congregation in honor of the baptism on March 7, 2010, of Annika Cheryl Corkran by Shirley Bostrom.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- * 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Comm.
- * 10:10 a.m. COSMO
- * 10:15 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
- * 10:30 a.m. Outreach Committee
- * 2 p.m. Worship at Autumn Village

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- * 6:30 p.m. Council in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- * 9 a.m. Work Day
- * 10 a.m. Spiritual Direction
- * 6:30 p.m. Administration Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- * 6 p.m. Lenten Supper
- * 7 p.m. Lenten Worship

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- * 3:30 p.m. Communion at DCHCC
- * 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- * 8 a.m. Strategic Planning Event
- * 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Winter Farmers Market at Grace Episcopal Church
- * 5 p.m. Worship with Holy Comm. in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- * LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY (Pastor Kurt Larson)
- * 9 a.m. Worship
- * 10:10 a.m. COSMO
- * 10:15 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
- * 10:15 a.m. Worship Team

Pastoral Ministry

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.

Pastor: Geoff Scott (home 632-2195 or cell 556-3699; RevGeoff.CLC@gmail.com).

Assisting Minister: Bob Dahm (rcdahm@gmail.com).

Assisting Minister: Marilyn Tye (marilyn.tye@gmail.com).

Lutheran Campus Minister: Pastor Kurt Larson (larsonku@uwstout.edu).

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Director: Marilyn Tye.

Organist: LuAnn Dohms.

Choir Accompanist: Emily Hansen.

Substitute Organists: Emily Hansen, Andrew Maki, Christopher Amble.

Sunday School (COSMO)

Superintendents: Josie Wilterdink and Shawn Gilbertson.

Music Director: Emily Hansen. Accompanist: Mary Merritt.

Maintenance

Custodian: Mark Ziegler

Missionary Sponsorship

Patrick & Jackie Bencke, Japan (jackie@bencke.com or bencke@klc.ac.jp).

Office Staff

Church Secretary Office Hours: Monday through Thursday—8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

Friday—8:30 a.m. to Noon. (Please note that the pastor’s day off is Friday.)

Secretary: Jane Amble (home 235-0748; Jane.Amble.CLC@gmail.com).

Treasurer: Dick Rank (Financial.CLC@gmail.com).

Radio Ministry

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Web Ministry

Sunday bulletins, “Friendly Visitor” newsletters, calendar, audio of Sunday services, and much more may be found on: www.Welcome2CLC.org.