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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
19 MARCH 2023  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Our Mission:  
As God's forgiven family,  
we grow in faith through  
Word and Sacrament to  
share the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ.

# WELCOME!

**WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.**

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

**Holy Communion:** CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**AS WE GATHER** Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB* 420 vv.1,2,5-7

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 119:33–35, 40–41*

*P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.*

**C: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

*P: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.*

**C: Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*P: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.*

**C: Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

*P: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, 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.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### **KYRIE**

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 42:14-21 *(The Lord turns darkness into light.)*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:8-14 *(Walking as children of the light.)*

<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 9:1-3,5-11,13-22,24-39 (*Jesus heals a man who had been born blind.*)

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And

they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Just as I Am, without One Plea” *LSB 570*

**Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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## SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C:hear our prayer.**

*P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C:hear our prayer.**

*P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend ... and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C:hear our prayer.**

*P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C:hear our prayer.**

*P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C:hear our prayer.**

*P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C:Amen.**

### OFFERING + Solo "Gethsemane" (Getty, Townsend)

*To see the King of Heaven fall in anguish to His knees;  
The Light and Hope of all the world Now overwhelmed with grief.  
What nameless horrors must He see, To cry out in the garden;  
"Oh, take this cup away from Me, Yet not my will but Yours."*

*To know each friend will fall away, And heaven's voice be still,  
For hell to have its vengeful day Upon Golgotha's hill.  
Now words describe the Savior's plight To be by God forsaken  
Till wrath and love are satisfied, And every sin is paid.*



*What took Him to this wretched place? What kept Him on this road?  
His love for Adam's cursed race, For every broken soul.  
No sin too slight to overlook, No crime too great to carry,  
All mingled in this poisoned cup. And yet He drank it all;  
The Savior drank it all.*

## **OFFERTORY** LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

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## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE**

*P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1*

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the perfect substitute, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## SANCTUS LSB 195



**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

*P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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 INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C: And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

+ Piano Solo (8:30)

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB* 433

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!**

**Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

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“Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed” *LSB* 437

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov’ reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**

**Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures’ sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

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“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through this Holy Meal in faith toward You and in caring love toward one another as we live out our callings. With Your loving grace, hear our prayers and grant all that is best for us according to Your caring will. Grant us Your abiding peace as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, we pray.*

**C: Amen.**

### **NEW MEMBERS** (11:00)

Brandon & Whitney Freeman (Evelyn, Beau)	Ashlee Long
Vernon & Betty Wilkinson	Gracie Griffin

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

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

*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB* 919

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us From error’s gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

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**SILENT PRAYER** *Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, Oulman family, Jeff Hetzler, Dr. Ralph Reynolds, Marsha Lulloff, John Mewbourn, Kymberlye Ruleman, Jessica Barnett, Ethan & Denise Dunn, Margo McKee, Gayle Klitzing, Bobbie Ruleman, Eleanor Scott, Bettye Dedmon, Jill Bingham, Gene Mallett, Ernie Echols, Marsha Mundinger, Kay Lewis, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Adam Britt, Dixie Guest, Bernie & Judy Jacquez, Paul Gable, Lindsey and Dylan Bruns, Marilyn Skwor, Don Carroll, David Joffre, Joyce Burke, Cindy Adams, Charles Turner, Willie Garner and continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria as well as the residents of East Palestine, OH. Comfort Dave Swan and his family as they mourn the passing of his brother-in-law and the family and friends of Nancy Mokros as they mourn her passing.

The Altar flowers this week were given by:

Carol Kutteh in celebration of Billy and Will's birthdays

Dave & Genie Swan to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents

Bill & Pat Day and Harold & Lucille Swan

Sign up for vase of Altar Flowers by going to [bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2023](https://bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2023)  
Or contact the Church Office and we'll sign you up! Each vase is \$35

**TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY!** PLEASE POUR YOUR MITES AND  
COINS INTO THE OVER-SIZED MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.

**Join us today at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for a gathering of people who love the Comfort Dog ministry and are interested in seeing it continue.** Do you have a heart for outreach, for caring for others? Would you like to know more about the various positions involved in caring for and handling a Comfort Dog? We would love to answer all your questions! See you today!

**Those Who Serve**

- Proclaimer Rev. Mark Goble
- Liturgist Rev. Charles Neugebauer
- Organist Martha Israel
- Soloist Donovan Smith
- Accompanist Carol Kutteh
- Pianist Carol Kutteh
- Acolytes John Wilson, Celeste Hair
- Crucifers Sarah Albertini, Isaac Hair
- Elders Lloyd Wilson (L), Henry Askew  
Glenn Maclin (L), Josh Thompson
- Greeters Mike & Orma Simpson
- Ushers Dan Seward, Jim Chapin, Bob Bortz,  
Jeff Higginbotham, Paul Howell, m  
Gary Carlson  
Barry Copley, Jeff Jungkans, Mike  
Burton
- Nursery Valery Brown (8:30)
- Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kelsey  
Boling, Kim Goble, Jim Hofer
- Live Streaming Kevin Madden

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**CALENDAR**

**Today**

- Comfort Dog Handler Meeting, 12:15pm,  
Fellowship Hall
- Youth Group, 1:00-3:00pm, Youth Room
- Calvary Rescue Mission, 5:00pm

**Monday, March 20**

- Room in the Inn, 5:00pm, Host: Colonial  
Methodist
- Faith in Action, 5:30pm, Panera Germantown
- Church Council, 6:00pm, Parlour

**Tuesday, March 21**

- Men’s Bible Study 7:00am, Parlour and via  
Zoom
- Nehemiahs, 8:00am
- Griefshare, 2:00pm, Room 202
- Room in the Inn, 5:00pm, Host: CTK

**Wednesday, March 22**

- Adult Bible study, 10:00am, Room 201
- Noonday Lenten Worship, 12:00pm
- Lent Soup Supper, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Lenten Worship, 7:00pm

**Thursday, March 23**

- Call Committee, 5:30pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Choir Loft
- Woodworking Group, 7:00pm, Workshop

**Friday, March 24**

- “The Chosen”, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 25 No scheduled events**

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**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
PK4-6th GRADE meets in Building 3**

**CONFIRMATION ~ 9:45am in Room 203.**

**YOUTH (9th-12th Grade)**

**Join us for Sunday Bible Class in the Youth  
Room at 9:45am. Led by Jeanette Novy  
Topics will vary ~ everyone is welcome.  
YOUTH GROUP ~ Sundays from 1:00-  
3:00pm in the Youth Room**

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**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

**BEGIN at 9:50**

Sanctuary Bible Class Led by Pastor Chuck “The  
Great Divorce”.

Women’s Sunday Bible Class “Numbers-Finding  
Contentment” led by Ashley Baskette. Please join us  
for a lively and informative class in Room 201.  
**\*\*Please note: We will not meet today or March  
19th.\*\***

Gospel According to John: The Word Became Flesh  
Join Dr. Rakow for a study and discussion in the  
Library.

The Final Words from The Cross led by Matt Adler, Kyle Brown & Brandon McNeill. Room 202

**WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

Wednesday Bible Class Led by Pastor Chuck the study picks up as he leads us through the book of Mark. 10:00am in Room 201.

Men's Bible Study Led by Gary Osing on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour. "Bible Difficulties and Seeming Contradictions" (cph.org). This book helps us with passages of scripture that look like contradictions or with which our finite minds have trouble understanding. There is a chair for you at the table. For more information, contact Gary Osing at 901-326-6737 or [garyosing@gmail.com](mailto:garyosing@gmail.com).

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**MONTHLY POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY!**

Get out your casserole dish and your favorite recipe -- it's time for our Monthly Potluck! Join us next Sunday, March 26, at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy delicious food and fellowship with new and old friends. Sign up in the rotunda today or go to [bit.ly/CTKPotluck](http://bit.ly/CTKPotluck)!

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**NURSERY Volunteers**

Nursery volunteers! Sign up today!  
[bit.ly/NurseryVolunteers](http://bit.ly/NurseryVolunteers).

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“Company d” Dance Performance  
March 23 & 24 at 7:00pm

Wiener Theater/Hutchison School

Celebrate Down Syndrome Week and enjoy a performance by local young adults including our very own Nolan Johnson! Tickets are \$20 - Nolan will be available with tickets this morning.

We continue our observance of Lent with weekly Wednesday services at 7:00pm, preceded by a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Thank you to the groups who have volunteered to host a Soup Supper this year: LWML, Board of Fellowship, CTK Faculty, CTK Elders, The Chosen Group, and Faith in Action.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**March Open House March 28th  
4:30-6:00. Spread the word!**

Our 2nd Annual Gala is set for Saturday, April 22 at the Agricenter. This year's gala will raise funds to upgrade security counter measures on the school campus. Theme: Jeans and Bling!  
Tickets on sale soon.

As we look toward the next school year, we are in need of a PART TIME Art teacher. If interested, please contact [ann.laury@ctkschool.com](mailto:ann.laury@ctkschool.com)

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**Quilts of Valor**

**1st & 3rd Saturdays @9:00am Room 203**

Join our ministry as we make quilts to honor not only our veterans, but also our police and firefighters who serve and protect us every day.

Call Sharron Bearly at 901-654-9631

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**Visitation Committee**

When visitors join us on Sundays, the visitation committee contacts them via phone, email, or a letter, thanking them for visiting, answering any questions they have and fill out a short report sheet for the church office. Team members have a partner and volunteer on a 5-week rotation. If you are interested in joining this very important behind-the-scenes committee, contact Georgia Clark at 619.787.6690.



**Faith In Action**  
**Next Meeting: March 20**  
**G'Town Panera Bread @ 5:30**

Special Abilities Art Night, April 20, 6:00-8:00pm, hosted by FIA and sponsored by The Down Syndrome Assoc. of Memphis. Free to anyone with special abilities. Siblings welcome for a small fee. If you're interested in assisting please contact Caroline Johnson. Our April Art Night will be Pour Painting with CTK member, Matt Davis.

Dorothy Day House is in need of various items for the homeless families they house. DDH provides temporary housing for mostly single parent families with pre-teen/teens, but also families with babies, helping them to heal from past trauma and to establish new employment and housing. Item needed: hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, female products, cleaning supplies, and more. Full list by the collection basket in the narthex. Thank you!

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We continue to enjoy episodes of "The Chosen" on Friday evenings Join us for dinner, viewing, and discussion. It's a great opportunity for fellowship! For ages 7th grade to adults. RSVP at [bit.ly/TheChosenRSVP](http://bit.ly/TheChosenRSVP).

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Easter is just around the corner and the Altar Guild is asking for your help to beautify our sanctuary as we praise our Risen Savior. You may purchase Azaleas and Hydrangeas for \$20 each by either signing up on the board in the Narthex or online at: [bit.ly/EasterFlowers2023](http://bit.ly/EasterFlowers2023). There are also a limited number of Lilies available for \$12 each.

**CTK LIBRARY ~ BOOK REVIEW**

*At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon  
If you're looking for a good curl-up-in-the-corner-of-the-couch-and-read novel this may be just the book for you. It's the first in the beloved series of Mitford books, as comforting and enjoyable as a bowl of steaming potato soup on a cold winter day.

This humorous book looks at small town life, almost too sweet to be true. It introduces the reader to Father Tim, the Episcopalian priest who came to be the new rector in a small North Carolina town. Father Tim is a bit lonely until a huge, stray dog adopts him, and he adopts a stray boy. His attractive neighbor keeps coming through the hedge, he has to deal with a jewel thief and a sixty year old secret, and he is truly a part of Mitford.

The Library is on the second floor next to the south stairwell and is open to members all week and on Sundays.

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**Call Committee Update**

The Pastoral Call Committee has completed the initial interviews with our Pastoral Candidates. Based on the interviews, we have narrowed the list to 3 candidates and will be conducting second interviews toward the end of the month. We will provide another update once the interviews are completed and the committee has had a chance to meet.

We would also like to thank Justin Zagel and Charlie Gemeinhardt for all of the work they have done to get us to this point. They have both transitioned off the committee. Chris Hugo will be taking on the role of Committee Chair and Matt Adler will become the Vice Chair.



# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, WE WILL APPROACH THE CROSS IN WORSHIP TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAST WORDS JESUS UTTERED. PLEASE JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY AT NOON OR 7:00<sup>PM</sup> AS WE EXPLORE JESUS' WORDS SPOKEN FROM THE CROSS. A SOUP SUPPER WILL PRECEDE WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT 6:00<sup>PM</sup> IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

## MARCH 15 ~ BEHOLD

WHEN JESUS SAW HIS MOTHER AND THE DISCIPLE WHOM HE LOVED STANDING NEARBY, HE SAID TO HIS MOTHER, "WOMAN, BEHOLD, YOUR SON!" THEN HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLE, "BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER!"

*JOHN 19:26-27*

## MARCH 22 ~ THIRST

AFTER THIS, JESUS, KNOWING THAT ALL WAS NOW FINISHED, SAID (TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURE), "I THIRST."

*JOHN 19:28*

## MARCH 29 ~ FINISHED

WHEN JESUS HAD RECEIVED THE SOUR WINE, HE SAID, "IT IS FINISHED," AND HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. *JOHN 19:30*

## HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2 ~ PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AND 11:00<sup>AM</sup>

APRIL 6 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00<sup>PM</sup> ~ FATHER, INTO THY HANDS

JESUS CALLED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." LUKE 23:42

APRIL 7 ~ GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE 7:00<sup>PM</sup>

APRIL 9 ~ EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 7:00<sup>AM</sup> ~ 8:30<sup>AM</sup> ~ 11:00<sup>AM</sup>

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A LIGHT EASTER BREAKFAST FROM 9:30 ~ 10:45