

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEACH SERVICES - 8 AM @ North Beach

SANCTUARY SERVICE -10:30 AM

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to participate in the service please fill out the volunteer sign-up sheet or contact the church office for volunteer opportunities! THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

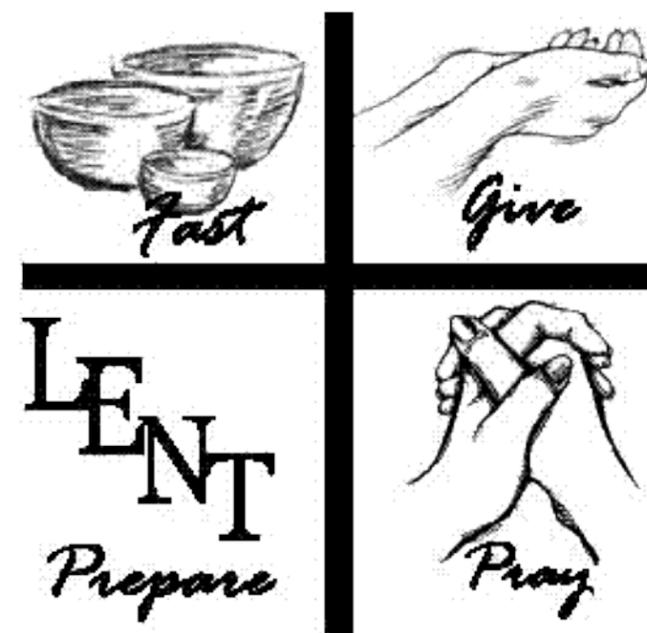
January 14	Attendance:73 Offering: \$3503
January 21	Attendance: 77 Offering: \$3749
January 28	Attendance: 74 Offering: \$2987
February 4	Attendance: Offering: \$

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Christ Lutheran Church of San Clemente, CA

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Ash Wednesday

The Rev. Brenda Bos, Pastor

February 14, 2018
6 PM Service

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

WELCOME to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are alive and wish to celebrate. Christ Lutheran Church affirms its longtime celebration of the LGBT community and joyfully extends its welcome to all who wish to follow Jesus Christ, including but not limited to those battling addiction, the homeless, the impoverished and the mentally ill. Join us as we see the face of Jesus Christ in each person in our presence.

Pastor/Leader reading in plain print./Assembly response in bold print.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

FORTY IDEAS FOR LENT

PASTOR BRENDA BOS

This year, as a Lenten practice, "add" something new, rather than giving up something. And as you do these things, take a moment to thank God for giving you this opportunity, and ask God what God wants you to learn from it. God bless your Lenten journey!

1. Compliment a stranger
2. Adopt a pet
3. Drink more water
4. Read a book by a person of color or a young person
5. Read a classic novel you've always wanted to read
6. Call a high school friend
7. Walk a mile every day (or a block or 2 miles, whatever would be challenging)
8. Pray a new way – sit in a different place, walk, try silent meditation
9. Forgive someone
10. Sing in the car
11. Clean out a closet
12. Stop gossiping
13. Throw out 40 unused items in 40 days
14. Donate. Clothes, money, volunteer hours, an old car
15. Write a short story
16. Write a letter to a dead parent or friend
17. Write a love letter to yourself
18. Meet a neighbor
19. Invite someone to Easter service
20. Journal every day for 40 days
21. Think of 3 things you are grateful for every day
22. Talk less, smile more (From the musical, "Hamilton"!)
23. Thank your mailman or delivery people
24. Eat a fruit or vegetable at every meal
25. Read poetry
26. Go to a museum
27. Take the train somewhere
28. Watch less television
29. Take a boat ride
30. Buy new socks for yourself. Buy a pair for someone else while you're at it
31. Write thank you notes every Sunday. Or every day.
32. Try a daily devotional on your phone, online or by book
33. Pay cash for everything for a day or a week or a month
34. Give up Starbucks for a month and donate that money to a charity you admire
35. Clean out your refrigerator
36. Clean out your garage. Or pay a nice kid to help you clean out your garage.
37. Read a biography on someone you admire. Or someone you've never understood
38. Read an entire book of the Bible, maybe in one sitting
39. Create something worthwhile. This might be as simple as an omelet.
40. Take deep breaths at least once an hour

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sundays 8am on North Beach, 10:30 in our sanctuary

Tuesdays 10am Bible study on Lenten gospel texts, 6pm Bible Study on Exodus

Wednesdays 7:30am Spiritual practices in our sanctuary, 6pm "Jesus in the Movies" film series of Hollywood films depicting the life of Jesus. See our website for details

Palm Sunday, March 25 8 and 10:30am

Good Friday, March 30 12-3 at St. Clement's by the Sea, 6pm in our sanctuary

Saturday, March 31 Easter Egg Hunt for children under 8. 10am at our preschool,

Easter Vigil, March 31 – 6pm North beach – bonfire and family-friendly Bible stories

Easter Sunday – 6am, 8am North Beach, 10:30am in our sanctuary

GATHERING

L: We gather on this first day of the forty days of Lent.

All: Forty days is enough time.

L: Forty days was enough time for Jesus to wander in the wilderness.

All: Wander with us, O God, in these forty days.

L: Forty days was enough time for God to strengthen Jesus for His ministry

All: Forty days is enough time.

L: Forty years was enough time for Israel to come to the Promised Land.

All: Lead us O God, to the promises you have for us.

L: Forty years was enough time for Israel to become the people God meant for them to be.

All: Forty days is enough time.

L: Forty days is enough time for God to do great things.

All: Forty days is enough time for God to do great things in our lives, in our families, in our church, in our cities.

L: Lead us, guide us, teach us, renew us, O God in these forty days.

All: Forty days is enough time for God to change our lives forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO LENT

THE FIRST READING

LECTOR

I CORINTHIANS 6:2b-10

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God.



POETRY

*“Ash Wednesday,
an echo of the Hebrew Testament’s ancient call to sackcloth and ashes,
is a continuing cry across the centuries
that life is transient,
that change is urgent.
We don’t have enough time to waste time on nothingness.
We need to repent our dillydallying on the road to God.
We need to regret the time we’ve spent playing with dangerous
distractions and empty diversions along the way.
We need to repent of our senseless excesses and our excursions into sin, our
breaches of justice, our failures of honesty, our estrangement from God, our
savorings of excess, our absorbing self-gratifications, one infantile
addiction, one creature craving another.
We need to get back in touch with our souls.”*

Joan Chittister, “The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life” p. 118

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**A tray is located at the rear of the sanctuary for your financial gifts. Thank you for your generosity.*

SONG:

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

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SONG

"Jesus Remember Me"

Refrain



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, re - mem - ber



me when I am lost, count - in' the cost,



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.



- 1 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all of your chil - dren as you're
- 2 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all of the peo - ple who are
- 3 Re - mem - ber me, Je - sus, and all who are cap - tive; come and



hang - in' up there on the tree.	So beau - ti - f'ly
hang - in' a - long - side of you.	The in - no - cent
set all the pris - on - ers free.	Come, take off our

Refrain



born, now dy - in' in scorn:	Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.
die and we don't know why:	Je - sus, come, car - ry us through.
chains and re - call our names:	Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter,

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 8 SELECTED VERSES

¹² Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, "Because you are testifying about yourself, your testimony isn't valid."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, since I know where I came from and where I'm going. You don't know where I come from or where I'm going. ¹⁵ You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one. ¹⁶ Even if I do judge, my judgment is truthful, because I'm not alone. My judgments come from me and from the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the witness of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am one witness concerning myself, and the Father who sent me is the other."

¹⁹ They asked him, "Where is your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know me and you don't know my Father. If you knew me, you would also know my Father."...

²³ ...He said to them, "You are from below; I'm from above. You are from this world; I'm not from this world. ²⁴ This is why I told you that you would die in your sins. If you don't believe that I Am, you will die in your sins."

²⁵ "Who are you?" they asked.

Jesus replied, "I'm exactly who I have claimed to be from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say in judgment concerning you. The one who sent me is true, and what I have heard from him I tell the world." ²⁷ They didn't know he was speaking about his Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When the Human One^[c] is lifted up,^[d] then you will know that I Am.^[e] Then you will know that I do nothing on my own, but I say just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ He who sent me is with me. He doesn't leave me by myself, because I always do what makes him happy." ³⁰ While Jesus was saying these things, many people came to believe in him.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

P: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P: 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.

Holy God, we come to you on our knees
Confessing our sins, receiving your forgiveness
Feed us now with this bread and wine
Strengthen us for our Lenten journey
And keep us in your grace.

C: **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est.

SONG:

"O How He Loves You and Me"

O how he loves you and me,
O how he loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
O how he loves you. O how he loves me.
O how he loves you and me"

SERMON

PASTOR BRENDA BOS

SONG:

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for
you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,
Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me. "Come home, come home!
mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

CONFESSION

L: As we begin these forty days, we come expecting to be transformed. We start by letting go of the things which we keep us from being reconciling to our loving Creator. We confess our sin, the things which hold us captive, injured, angry, unforgiven and undeserving of grace and mercy. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, trusting our merciful God to cleanse us now and always.

L: Most Holy and Merciful God,

**All: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault,
By our own fault,
By our own most grievous fault,
In thought, word and deed,
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

L: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We confess that holding back our hearts has made them smaller.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have chosen our own solutions rather than the Holy solutions.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: We cover our insecurity with pride, envy, hypocrisy, blame and apathy.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. Our self-satisfaction at the expense of others, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our neglect of human need and suffering, our indifference to injustice and cruelty, our assumption that "someone else should do something about that", we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our waste and pollution of our creation, our misuse of public resources, our dependence on food and clothing and products obtained in unethical ways, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Restore us, O God. Wash away the sin and human turmoil that have withered our souls. Prune away the excess in our lives, so we can emerge as young shoots of life, bearing fruit and forgiveness, mercy and compassion. Help us to see where we have buried ourselves in work or stress or food or unhealthy relationships or technology or over-confidence or addictions. Help us to name these barriers to grace and pass them over to you in these forty days. Heal us O God.

All: Your mercy is great. Amen.

SONG

"Stay With Me"