

## 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: 85 Offering: \$5488

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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**

**12 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**

"What We Need is Here"

*What we need is here....*

### **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.**

## **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

**SONG:**

**“Change my Heart, O God”**

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make, this is what I pray.*

**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.*

**INVITATION TO LENT**

**FIRST READING**

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

**SONG**

“I Will Supply Your Need”

*Jesus said to me  
“I will supply your need.  
The weak need my strength,  
the strong need my tenderness,  
the fallen need my salvation.”*



## GOSPEL

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

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

### JOHN 8 SELECTED VERSES

<sup>12</sup> 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."

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

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the witness of two people is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one witness concerning myself, and the Father who sent me is the other."

<sup>19</sup> 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."...

<sup>23</sup> ...He said to them, "You are from below; I'm from above. You are from this world; I'm not from this world. <sup>24</sup> 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."

<sup>25</sup> "Who are you?" they asked.

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

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. <sup>32</sup> 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: 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”  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Pow’r and might,  
heav’n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosana in the the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosana in the highest

**SONG:**

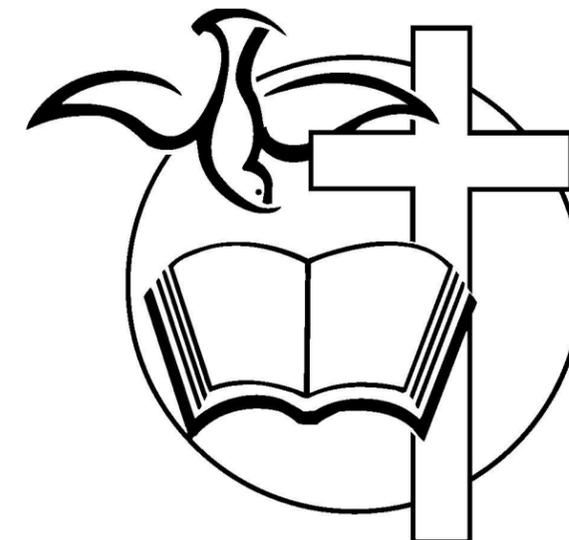
“Oh How He Loves You and Me”  
O how he loves you and me,  
O how he loves you and me.  
He gave his life, what more could he give?  
O how he loves you.  
O how he loves me.  
O how he loves you and me”

**SERMON**

**PASTOR BRENDA BOS**

**SONG:**

“What We Need Is Here”  
What we need is here...



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.**