



Christ Lutheran Church

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LENT

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**Beach Church LIVE 8 AM North Beach
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, physical ability, nationality, socio-economic status, mental health, and in-recovery, — all who want to join us in serving the world with gratitude, reflecting the unconditional love of God. Our unity is in Christ.

Introduction

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Blessed are you, holy God.

You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the everlasting wellspring.

You gather your people together and you comfort all who weep.

Your Son the King of the Universe, leads all the saints through death to life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit.

May this water be a sign of the end of all tears; for we stand under the name above every name, Jesus your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Canticle of Turning 336

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. ***Refrain***

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. ***Refrain***

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. ***Refrain***

A Reading from the Old Testament

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

Special Music Russell Crabtree & Kenneth Haro (1030 AM Service)

Psalm — Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress. R**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy. **R**



John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel According to John/ **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] 14“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord / **Praise to you O Christ.**



SERMON

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Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from you side
To walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash Me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he dies.
The humble king we name a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Apostle's Creed

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 Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry (specific mission partners may be named), our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought (especially). Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter (especially). Give us patience and courage when the way seems long. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Requests

Gerry Loughman (surgery), Jeff (serious headaches), Jeff T. (health issues), Robin (COVID-19), Jana (surgery), Lynn (hip), Brad S. (cancer), Cindy (hospitalization), Mike (health issues), Mark M., Tom G. (lung cancer), Barbara (pneumonia), Ken T. (cancer), MaryAnn Z (cancer), Bill (corona virus), Lali Cook, at the death of her husband Greg, the families of those who have suffered & died from COVID-19, all who have suffered the isolation, loss and exhaustion of Covid. and our La Cristianita Preschool staff, children and families.

*Please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to: pastor@clcsanclemente.org.*

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace (*please do not leave your seat but do wave or share a sign of peace*)

Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



Offering of Gifts (*a basket is available for your gifts when you leave worship*)

You are invited to give at [https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)

OFFERING PRAYER

*Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.*

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.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

Lord's Prayer *(please reflect on this prayer that the Lord has taught us)*

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. Amen

Holy Communion

If you desire to receive communion in your heart you benefit from the power of Holy Communion. You are not isolated and alone, because together we are the church, no matter what.

Communion Prayer

*God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



God Loved the World 323

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

- 5 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Sending

As we pray,

Christ is with us.

As we serve,

Christ is with us.

As we give,

Christ is with us.

Tell the world,

Christ is with us.

Thanks be to God. AND WE WILL

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 AM Beach Church
10:30 AM Internet Live-Stream

Registering for Worship

<https://clcsanclemente.org/our-services/>
and click on the link for the date and time you would like to worship; you will be taken to our Sign Up Genius Page. Simply click on an available slot Press 'Submit and Sign Up'. Fill out your name and email and press 'Sign Up Now' to reserve your spot.

CLC on the go!

Services posted Sunday afternoon
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EVENTS

The Installation of Pastor Juli Patten, March 21, 2021 at 3 PM

Join us as we recognize the calling of Pastor Juli Patten, to acknowledge her responsibilities and duties, and celebrate a new chapter in our congregation's life. We hope you can all join in the celebration.

Hurry and reserve your spot now at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caeab22a6fdc34-sanctuary6>

Tuesday Night Bible Study – 6PM

Lenten soup supper with prayer and healing service via zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86911978909?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86911978909?pwd=MXBZcWhGU2hoaXBLOTFEZjVybk5KUT09)

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Meeting ID: 869 1197 8909

Passcode: 274564

CLC Book Club News

Our good read for March is “Love Is the Way” by Bp. Michael Curry. We will meet on Wed., **March 24, at 6 p.m.** via Zoom to discuss this book about the redemptive power of love shared through the prism of Bp. Curry's faith, ancestry and personal journey, and show us how to hold onto hope in troubling times, from global to personal.

Contact Judy Franz for the Zoom invite!

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