

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE - "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #328 - "Restore in Us, O God" (printed below)

## Restore in Us, O God

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1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

### PASTORAL GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. I have wandered from your resurrection life. I have strayed from your love for all people. Turn me back to you, O God. Give me a new heart and a right spirit, that I may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

### **EXTINGUISHING OF LENTEN CANDLES**

During the forty days of Lent, the Christian church prepares to observe the Lord's death and resurrection. We examine ourselves as we remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. In this season of repentance and fasting, we come to terms with our mortality and need for God's mercy. The Lenten candles represent Jesus' life and ministry. Each week we extinguish another candle, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

### **HYMN #338 - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" vs. 2 (printed below)**

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **READING - Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I



HYMN OF THE DAY - "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (printed below)

MEMORIAL

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

C F Gm/F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C C7/F F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;

F Bb F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

Dm Bb F Dm Gm C F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

## **APOSTLES' 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**

**P:** Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*"Lord, in your mercy,"*      **"Hear our prayer."**

**P:** According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## *Staying Connected*

Staying connected to our church family and providing for those needing comfort and spiritual guidance is very important. We are providing information and resources for care and support in a variety of ways:

[www.christlutheranandeforest.org](http://www.christlutheranandeforest.org) - Our church website is the central location where we are posting the most current church information and the resources we are providing such as the "Fixed Hour Prayer" devotional, and weekly online service.

Facebook - From the website home page, you can click on the  button in the upper right corner and it will take you to the Christ Lutheran facebook page, where you can follow Pastor Sue's Posts. She is posting a video of herself reading a bible story and pairing it with a delightful children's story each day to connect with children of all ages.

YouTube - The website will link you to YouTube where the Sunday service videos are available for everyone. Or, you can search on YouTube for Christ Lutheran Deforest to find our channel.

[office@christlutheran.org](mailto:office@christlutheran.org) - Email is a great way to receive up-to-date information quickly as it is posted. The service we use for the Door Post newsletter is the same one we use for the collective group email. If you are not receiving email, go to our website and click on the Door Post sliding banner to sign up. You may receive an email response that may require you to click and "subscribe" to confirm that you want on our list.

US Postal Service - Printed copies of our latest letters and the Fixed Hour Prayer devotional were sent out on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to those members who are on our list to receive printed copies of the Door Post, as well as to the homebound members who receive the weekly bulletins. If you did not receive this packet and would like one, or would like the weekly bulletins for the recorded Sunday services, call the office. If you know anyone else who would like one or does not use technology, please call the church office. The office number is 608-846-4718.

Telephone - Pastor Sue is coordinating phone calling trees with the Stephen Ministers and the Member Care committee to reach out to those who need care or a personal connection. You can call the office or leave a message for a call back as well. The office number is 608-846-4718. Stay safe, and stay connected.

## *Free Family Activities For Holy Week*

Starting Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, there will be a daily post of family activities on the SparkHouse Facebook and Instagram pages. SparkHouse is the company through which we have our Sunday School curriculum. It might be a game or craft using simple supplies. Look for the first post on Palm Sunday!