

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas

**One does not
live by bread
alone.**

Luke 4:4



First Sunday in Lent
LIVING BY THE WORD
March 9, 2025

TODAY'S MESSAGE: LIVING BY THE WORD

As we begin another season of Lent, we focus our minds, our hearts, and our lives on the severity of our sins and on the sufficiency of the sacrifice of our Savior, whose body and blood made full atonement for the forgiveness of our sins. Like the 40 years the Hebrews journeyed in the desert from the Red Sea to the Promised Land and like Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the desert after His baptism, the 40 days of Lent remind us of our journey from baptism, through our life in this world, to heaven. Confronted by trials and temptations, God strengthens us as He feeds us with the bread of life, His holy Word and the Word made flesh, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through whom we receive forgiveness and eternal life.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way: (1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper". Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

["Divine Service: Setting Three" from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Word of God, Come down on Earth"

LSB 545

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending.
Touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You. Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word eternal, throned on high. Word that brought to life creation.
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation.
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are – our healer be. Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken. Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling.
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling.
Word of truth, to all truth lead us. Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Psalm 32:5

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and 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.

John 20:19-23

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place – the Most High, who is my refuge – no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C: **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

C: **"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name."**

P: "When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

C: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, your Son was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted, and too often overcome, by many temptations. Give us strength and victory through Your Word and the Word made flesh, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.” Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

And you shall make response before the LORD your God, “A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.”

And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 4:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB 589

**Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near.
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life.
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor, that I cling to You forever!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near You, and to listen to Your voice.
Let me ever love and hear You, let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at Your Word.
But to all who feel sin's burden, You give words of peace and pardon.**

**Lord, Your words are waters living, when my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving, on Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light, through death's cold and dreary night.
Yes, they are my sword prevailing, and my cup of joy unailing!**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me, let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me, that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given, in the endless joy of heaven.**

Sermon

LIVING BY THE WORD

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”
Deuteronomy 8:3

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offertory *(sung)*

Psalm 51:10-12

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.

Offering *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

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

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

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

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**ALL: 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.**

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - - men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

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.... A - - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

**I come, O Savior, to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul.
Thou Bread of Life, alone art able, to satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning, that sinners may salvation see,
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning, so I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Weary am I and heavy laden, with sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden, my heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base.
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”

LSB 421

**Jesus, grant that balm and healing, in Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling, pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within, tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning, keep me from its first beginning.**

**Should some lust or sharp temptation, fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion, and new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," that the tempter flee confounded.**

**If the world my heart entices, with the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, let me weigh the awful load,
You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure,
And to master each temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.**

**Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me, by Your wounds, Lord, is made whole.
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet, ev'ry bitter cup I meet.
For Your all atoning passion, has procured my soul's salvation.**

**O my God, my rock and tower, grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power, since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony, ever help and comfort me.
When I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.**

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

LSB 750

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love, builds on the rock that naught can move.**

**What can these anxious cares avail thee, these never ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou be-wail thee, o'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press, the heavier for our bitterness.**

**Be patient and await His leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content,
To take what'er thy Father's pleasure, and His discerning love hath sent.
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to Him who chose us for His own.**

**God knows full well when times of gladness, shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness, and from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware, and makes thee own His loving care.**

**Nor think amid the fiery trial, that God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial, must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring, and sets a bound to ev'rything.**

**All are alike before the Highest. 'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, to make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought, who setteth up and brings to naught.**

**Sing, pray and keep His ways unswerving, perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need, the soul that trusted Him indeed.**

Song of Thanksgiving "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish.
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Psalm 107:1

C: *(sung)* And His mercy endureth forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this
salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C: *(sung)* Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C: *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.**

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