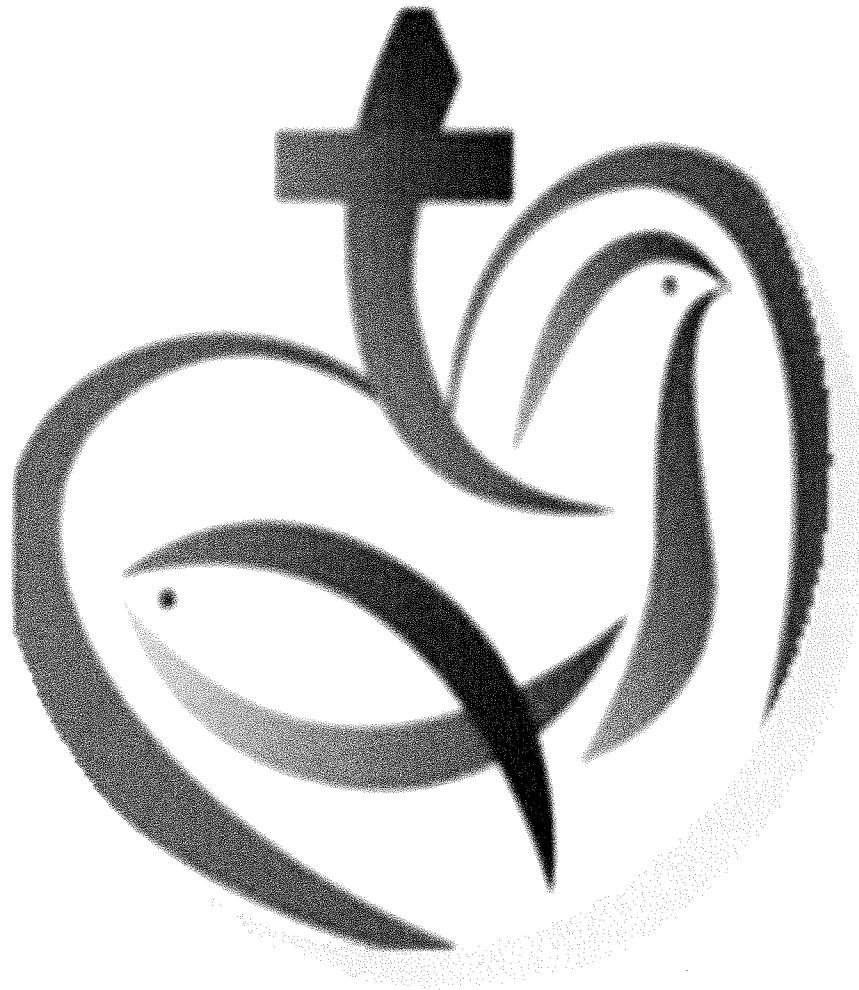


Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day**

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM - Stand As You Are Able

YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

CONFESSION

P Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✝ One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever!

C Amen!

P Let us return to God our Father, confessing our sin in the assurance of His abiding grace, mercy and love!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Compassionate Holy One, God our Father,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for your world. We do not always show others the tender compassion you grant to us. We do not always welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all of your people. At times we oppress others, even though you set us free again and again. At times we squander the abundant gifts of your earth. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to transform our lives and guide us again in the way of your Son Jesus' cross and empty tomb. Amen!

P Beloved in Jesus Christ, God our Father's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome His wandering people home. In ✝ Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Our home is eternal in God our Father's heavenly kingdom!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C O Lord God our Father, you led your people through your wilderness and brought them to your promised land. By the Holy Spirit's power, continue to guide us now, so that, following only your Son Jesus, we walk safely through the wilderness of your world toward the eternal life you alone grant, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine; and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

C 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 into hell. 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!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- 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.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

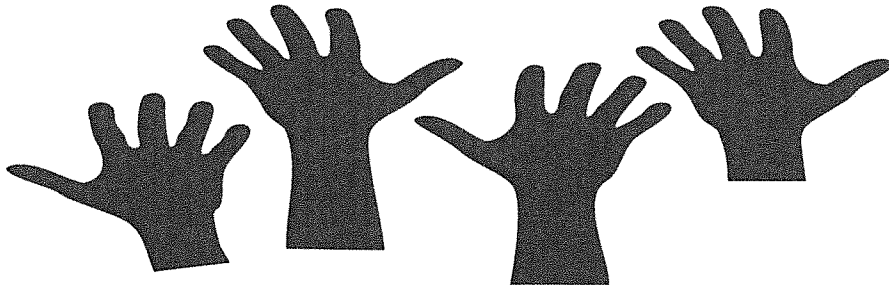
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025



Worship Services
with Holy Communion
At 9:00 am & 10:30am

Christ Lutheran Church
15699 SE 80th Avenue
Summerfield, FL 34491
352-307-6900
Mailing Address
P.O. Box 693,
Summerfield, FL 34492

Website: christlutheranchurchelcm.org

*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. Luke 13:1-9

L Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. Jesus then teaches a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by mercy and patience.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th Chapter.

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

L ¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

L To those in the southern kingdom of Judah who have experienced long years in Babylonian exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. The Lord God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because the Lord God's ways are not our ways.

L ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with

you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

¹O God, you are my God; eager-¹ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there¹ is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with¹ joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up-¹on my bed,
and meditate on you in¹ the night watches.**

⁷For you have¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I¹ will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being¹ clings to you;
your right hand¹ holds me fast.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L Although St. Paul's devotion to Jesus has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

L ¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were

destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 3/23/25 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/25	\$ 90,689
YTD Income	\$ 119,922
YTD Expenses	\$ 85,774
Balance @ 3/16/2025	<u>\$ 124,837</u>

Offering for 3/16/2025	
Operating Fund	\$ 2,660
Loose	\$ 41
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,231
Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 80
- Salvation Army	\$ 25
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 5
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 375
- Family/G.I.F.T. Ministry	\$ 20
- Property-Lanscaping Beautification Project - 40 Rose Bushes	\$ 500
- St. Jude Children's Hospital	\$ 5
- Flowers	\$ 60
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,032</u>

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack:	\$ 10,952
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 3/17/25	\$ 840,614
2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase-31 Giving Units, Tota	\$ 31,341
<i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-March 23, 2025

Meetings— Tuesday, March 25-Pastor's Grief Support Group-2pm. Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

Hearing Aid Devices-The T Coil is working. We have added Blue Tooth and in case your connection isn't working we have some really nice headphones you can use. **Joe Pence**, Facilities Manager, 352-307-6900.

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$10,952 towards our January 2026 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera**, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC

**FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN**



Children & Youth Ministry



Prayer Shawl

BP CLINIC

Spirit of Art

OTHER CLC EVENTS

2025 Events

Quilt Raffle Tickets on sale now at the table in the Narthex (3 for \$5/7 for \$10)
Quilt displayed at the table Drawing on Sunday, March 30.

Quilt Raffle Drawing-Sunday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt-Saturday, April 12, 10-12pm, Magic Show, Crafts and Lunch.

Recurring Monthly Events for 2025

First Sunday of Every Month-

Second Sunday of Every Month-

Third Sunday of Every Month-BP Check-10am-Library

Fourth Sunday of Every Month

Second Wednesday of Every Month-Prayer Shawl Meeting-11:30am

CONTACTS

**FMSC, Mark Ferrera,
Chair, 407-616-1576**

**GIFT Minister, Cindy Lamb, 615-
713-7025.**

**Medical & Prayer Shawl, Darlene
Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**Family Minister, Ashley Runyon,
980-925-9959.**

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS CONTD.

The Rock-The Rock is pretty well stocked for the moment. The only thing they are in need of is hair conditioner (unisex). Thanks so much for your donations. God bless you all. **Carolyn Korpics, Coordinator, 352-307-3563.**

Phil's Friends-If someone you know has cancer, volunteers in our Hope Centers create and assemble hopeful care packages with comforting items that our friends with cancer need and enjoy. **Linda Scholfield, Coordinator, 352-307-3063.**

Flower Delivery-We still need people to deliver flowers to our sick and homebound on Sundays after 10:30 Worship. **Chris Messersmith, Coordinator, 407-267-5033.**



10th Anniversary Concert-Friday, March 28 at 7pm join Morrison United Methodist Church, 1005 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL for the 10th Anniversary Concert. Threads of Joy presented by The Millennium Master Chorale of Central Florida will be playing selections by G.F. Handel, F. Schubert and R. Thompson. Tickets are \$20 at the door or may be purchased online at: mmcff.ticketleap.com. **Michele D. Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

Daily Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed-The power of prayer makes all the difference. Would you like to be part of the difference? Join the people already praying. Questions call **Patty Judd, Coordinator, 352-208-4706.**

COLLECTIONS

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-URGENT: PAPER TOWELS, PAPER NAPKINS & TOILET PAPER. See ongoing insert for additional insert. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

Cell Phones-We will still be collecting cell phones. They are taken to Interfaith. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry-Thank you for continuing to donate. Keep those donations coming. Non-perishable supplies are always needed. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions call **Pastor Dave Connell, 352-307-6900.**

Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala-We are collecting items for Interfaith to support their Saturday afternoon shower ministry for the homeless. We are currently collecting supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, men's socks and underwear, personal and full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, and tooth paste, and men's shoes. Please mark items Shower Ministry. **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**

Interfaith Free Clinic Medical Center- needs any Over The Counter medicines that are NOT opened and NOT expired. Cold medicine, cough drops, regular aspirin and low dose aspirin are needed too. NO RX MEDS. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

We acknowledge a gift to the Mortgage Fund:

In Honor Of: Kevin Cheeks

By: Carolyn Wright

In Memory Of: Dorothy Mowen

By: Carolyn Wright

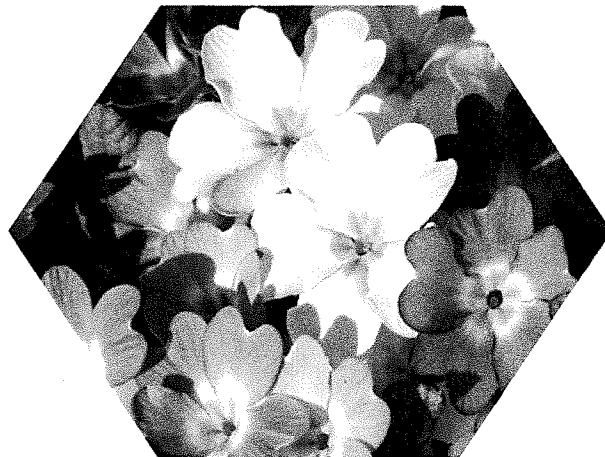
**We acknowledge a gift to the
Property Landscaping Beautification Project:**

In Memory Of: Doris Reier

By: Monica West (daughter)

**Altar Flowers Are Given
To the Glory of God
&**

In Honor Of: Carl Hohenberger's Birthday
By: Janet Hohenberger (wife)



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



PRAYERS

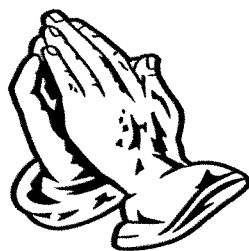
Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Jim & Karen Hedlund; Rick & Gwen Heinlein; David Henebry; Maureen Himelright; Carl & Janet Hohenberger; Curtis & Michelle Holm; Linda Holm; Henry & Delma Hopp; Jim Hopper; Susan Hopper; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, & all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Rose Bell (internal infection health issues repairs surgery rehab - OK); and Patricia "Pat" Holman (fractured pelvis rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Frank Ancona (back spinal discs pain rehab); Ken Geach (back spinal discs pain medication therapy rehab); Carl Hohenberger (back & legs severe sciatic nerve pain rehab); Patricia "Pat" Holman (left hip previous replacement repair surgery add'l loose joint repair surgery 4/29 - Shands Hosp.); Alan Kasper (heart health issues 2-way heart by-pass repairs surgery rehab); Les Langdon (lower back infection removal repair surgery rehab); Vicky Lotz (left hip replacement repair surgery 4/3 - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); Perry Olyer (both hands numbness test results pending); Ashley Runyon (internal health issue repair surgery pending - Moffitt Hosp.); Jack Russell (heart health issues rehab); Ruth Schraven (left hip replacement repair surgery 4/15 - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); John Simmons (heart & pain health issues next steps pending); Louise Soltys (stroke rehab); Dianna Sorrell (heart health issues 3-way heart by-pass surgery & post-surgery internal infection IV antibiotics therapy complications rehab - IN hosp.); and Tom Taylor (internal cancer add'l chemotherapy rehab).

Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital): No one.

Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice): Betty Johnson (Summerfield, FL).



Attendance: 9am: 79
10:30am: 46 Total: 125
YouTube: 25

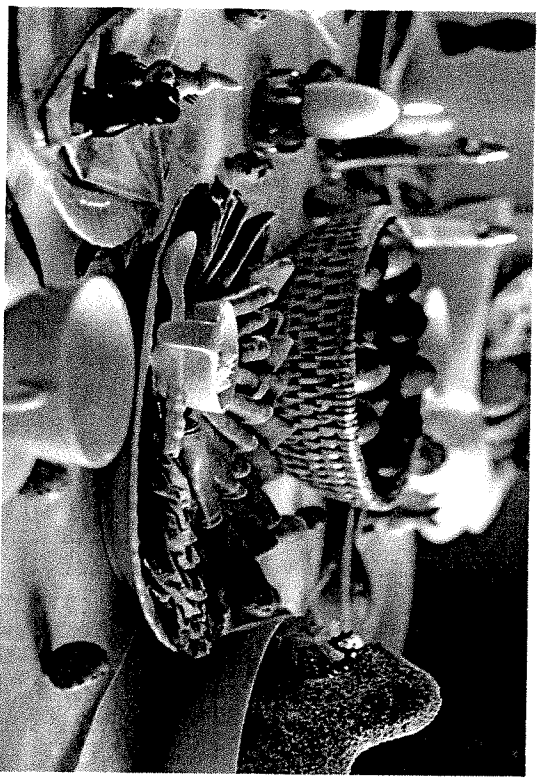
LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel-St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

EASTER BREAKFAST

*Join us Easter Sunday, April 20 from
9:30-10:30am Lots of scrambled eggs,
hash brown patties, bacon, sausage,
fruit and croissants. Coffee and Tea will
be served. Get your tickets now!!! On sale
at the Soup Table for \$5 each.*

*Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346 & Joe Capelli,
352-445-2616, Co Chairs.*



WORLDWIDE

Flower Deliveries-WE NEED PEOPLE one or two Sundays a year to bring joy to someone who can't get out. Questions Chris Messersmith, Coordinator, 407-267-5003.

Ministry Leaders-The interest in promoting Jesus' Ministries is awesome! If you are going to use the Fellowship Hall you must check with the office and any other ministries that might be affected to be sure the calendar is open for that day, before scheduling any event. Also, please bring anything to the office you would like placed on the pick up table. Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

DOMINATE

Altar Flowers-The 2025 Flower Calendar is up. If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone please sign up on the chart by the main doors in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$50 and \$60 if you pay the delivery fee. Questions Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

St. Vincent de Paul Society-Many households are just one missed paycheck from being homeless, or one unexpected emergency from being forced to choose between food and shelter. We are here to help those in need. Main Services: emergency payments, help pay for housing, help pay for utilities, emergency food, home goods, transportation, prescription assistance, navigating the system, home visiting, or one-on-one support. Call 352-245-4700 or go to 7083 Southeast Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491. This is St. Mark's Catholic Church. To donate please contact 352-245-4700. Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-A faith based organization which houses teen girls and their babies, and girls at risk for sex trafficking. Donations of paper products, craft material, house supplies are always needed. They also take donations of NEW clothing for the moms and babies. Gift cards are great, too!! Website HandsOfMercyEverywhere.org has a complete list. Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.

(11-24)

The Big Red Bus-The Next Blood Drive is TODAY, Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 8am-12:30pm. Please eat a 600 calorie meal before donating. If 11 people donated Blood on Sunday, March 9. One person saw the sign and came in. Another person was deferred. It is possible that each pint can help 3 people. There is a Sign Up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may also make an appointment to donate by Text to: Hero to 63928, online to www.oneblood.org, or call 888-936-6283. If you have an appointment please check in at the bus when you arrive. Cin-



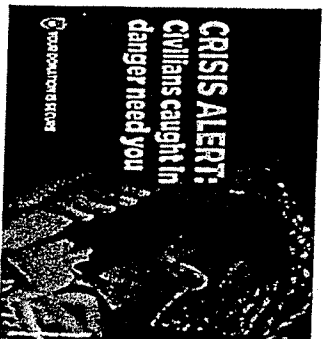
National & Worldwide Disasters-People everywhere are in need of HELP. Donations may be made to the following places. Please be sure to mark the memo line of your check as to where the donation is going. Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service-POB 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297, Call 410-230-2700, or Email lirs@lirs.org; Salvation Army-POB 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301, or thru CLC (be sure to mark envelope clearly): Food For The Poor-Cash-www.foodforthe poor.org/haitirelief, or AmazonSmileCharity-www.FoodForThePoor.org. If you choose this way it will ship directly there. Donations may also be made to Lutheran World Relief, 800-597-5972, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Carolyn Wright, International Outreach, 415-696-4334.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Show families in Israel, Gaza — and around the world — that they are loved. Here is my caring gift to rush lifesaving support to where it is needed. Carolyn Wright, International Outreach, 415-696-4334.

Mail Checks To: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Questions call 800-597-5972 or www.lwr.org



LENT SOUP TIME

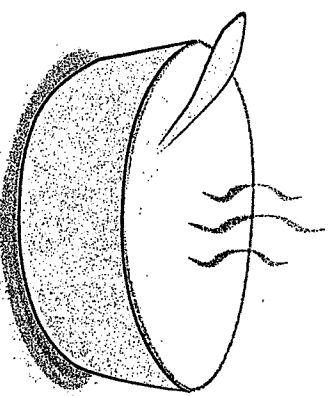
It is already time for Lent Soup Sundays!!! We are looking for soup/stew/chili Makers and Buyers for Sunday, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6 & April 13, 2025.

Containers can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Label all containers with the contents. Please Do Not return containers if you buy soup.

Soup will be \$5 and \$10 per container. Soup may be purchased Sunday mornings after each Worship.

The sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall for all of our Chefs!

Kay Bertzyk & Joe Capelli, Fellowship Co-Chairs. Questions Kay-352-245-0346 or Joe-352-445-2616.



HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

Quiet Moment-Choir Only- Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am ELW 814

1. In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW 325
2. Bless Now, O God, the Journey LW 326
3. **Communion-** A. A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth ELW 340 B. O, Love How Deep ELW 322
4. Come to My All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW 777