

Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion
Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026



Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day

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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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper!

C Amen!

P Trusting in God our Father's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Merciful and loving God our Father,

C we are your stiff-necked people. At times we trample on your needy people. At times we grumble about your grace to others. At times we turn away from your poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen!

P Even when we are faithless, God our Father remains faithful. His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord came into His world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the Holy Name of ✠ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Blessed is The Holy One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

L Let us pray!

C We praise you, O God our Father, for redeeming your world through your Son Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Today He entered your holy city Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by your people who spread garments and branches along His way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to grant us grace to follow Jesus in the way of His cross, so that, joined to His death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

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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 Afghanistan, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Pakistan, Ukraine, United States and all other involved/surrounding nations, 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

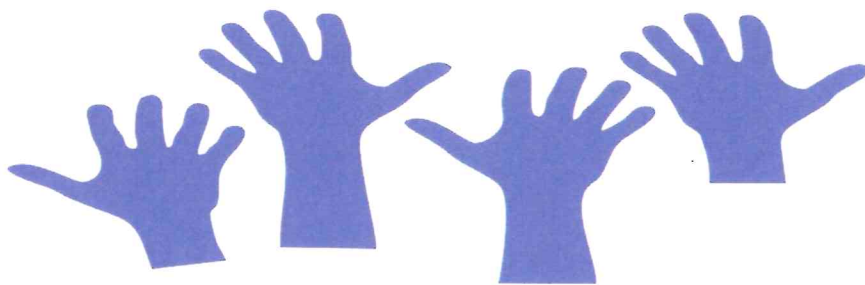
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026



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

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Summerfield, FL 34491
352-307-6900
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*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 21:1-11

L Today Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph as He begins His final journey to His cross and empty tomb.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 21st chapter.

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

L ¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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



"Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me."

PASSION SUNDAY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 26:14-75-27:1-66

(To Be Read From Home Scripture)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

☐ This lesson, the third of the four Servant Songs from the prophet Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians recognize the figure of Jesus in these poems.

☐ ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat¹ and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are
consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to¹ my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a¹ broken pot.**

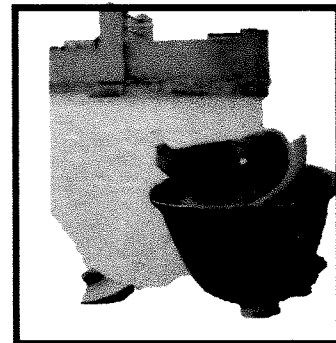
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, "You¹ are my God.**

¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love.**



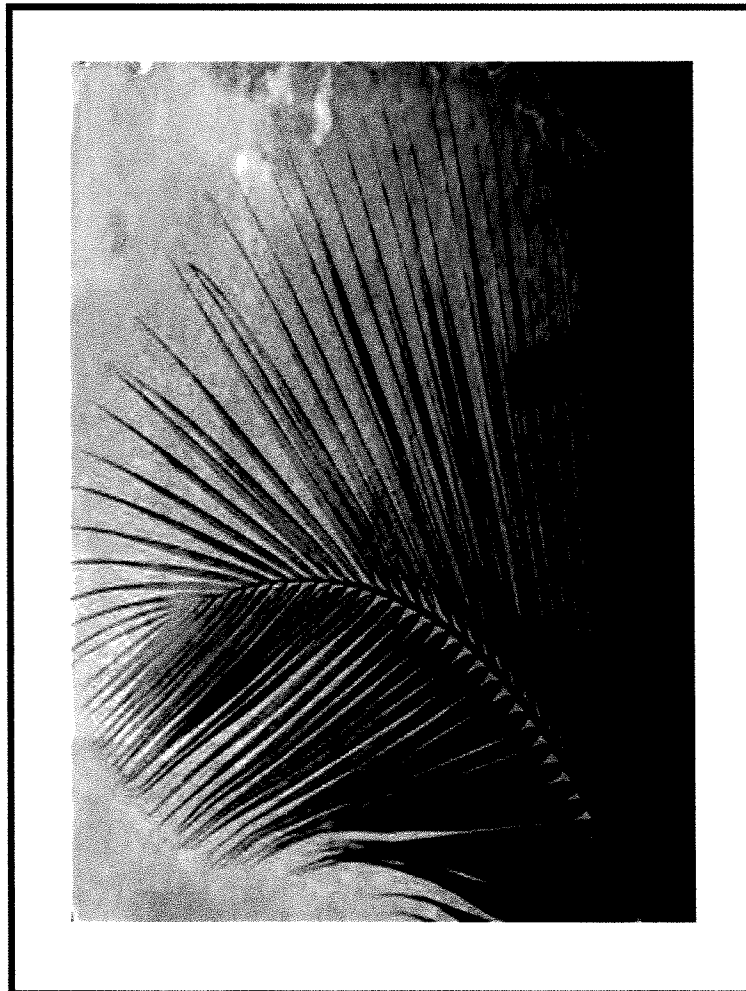
SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

☐ St. Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in His incarnation as a human being, even to death, and His exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

☐ ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 3/29/2026 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 123,376
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 103,609</u>
Balance @ 3/22/2026	<u>\$ 99,949</u>

Offering for 3/22/2026	
Operating Fund	\$ 27,915
Loose	\$ 74
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,239
Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds	\$ 380
Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 105
- Salvation Army	\$ 30
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 25
- ELCM Missions	\$ 25
- Fellowship	\$ 602
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 185
- Library Fund	\$ 25
- Family/G.I.F.T. Ministry	\$ 85
- Debt Reduction	\$ 5,100
- Lent Soup Sales \$280.00 (included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
Total Offering	<u>\$ 35,790</u>

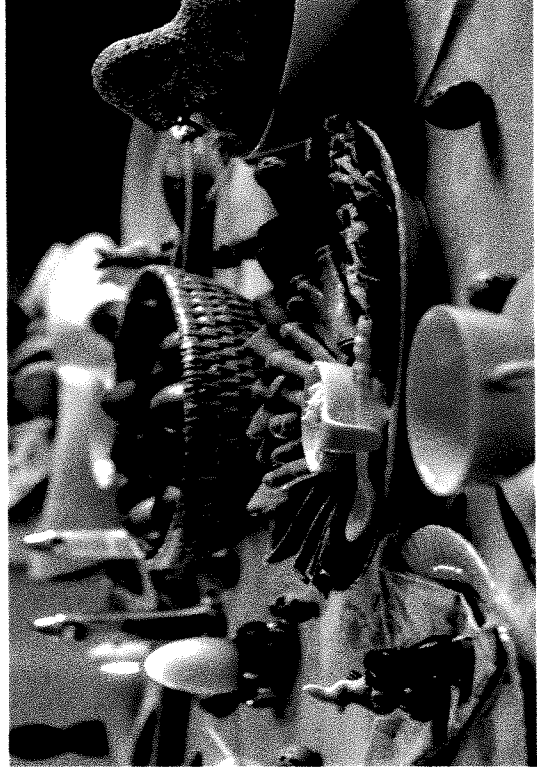
FMSC Net Fundraising for 2027 Pack:	\$ 9,983
2026 FMSC Shared Proceeds with Mortgage Fund:	\$ 892
(included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 3/15/2026	\$ 802,915
 <i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

EASTER BREAKFAST

*Join us Easter Sunday, April 5 from 9:30
-10:30am Lots of scrambled eggs, grits,
sausage, fruit and croissants. Orange
Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.*

Free Will Offering

*Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346 & Joe Capelli,
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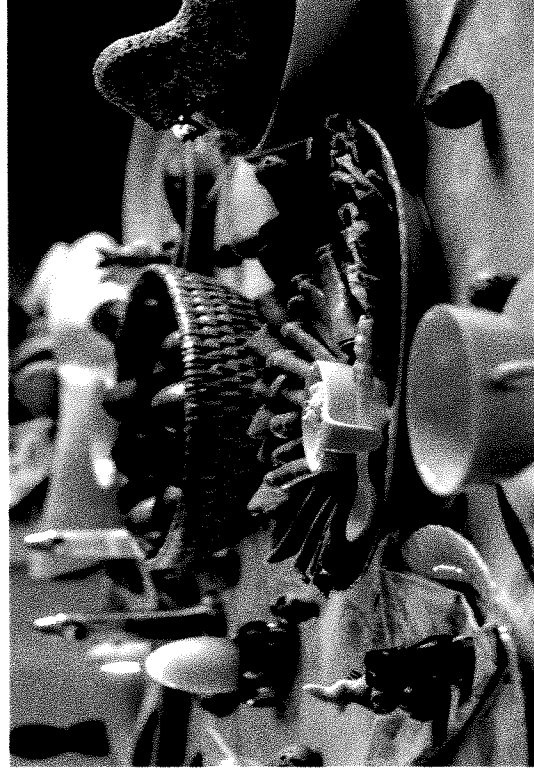


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CLC Summer Giving

As you travel this summer your CLC family is still here for you. Please don't forget to send your giving envelopes, even if you aren't here.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7-the point is this: whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Peter 4:10 says As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied.

Please mail your Giving Envelope to:

Christ Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 693

Summerfield, FL 34492

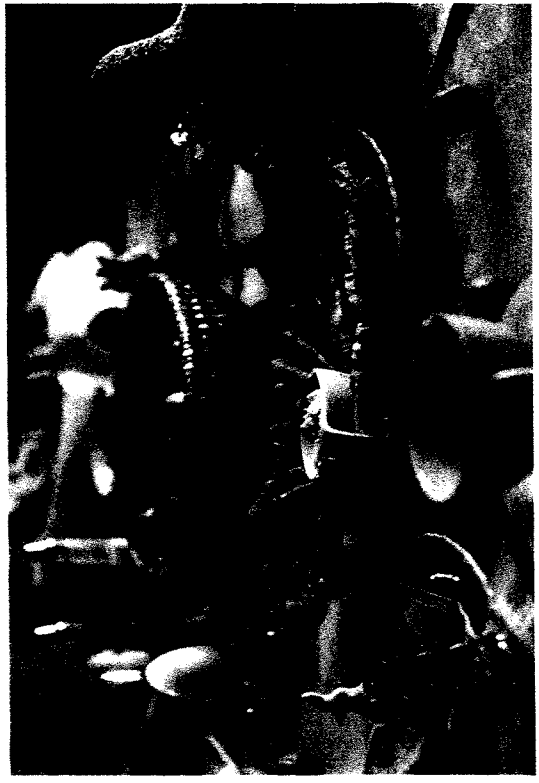
Kay Bertzyk, Financial Secretary, (352) 245-0346.



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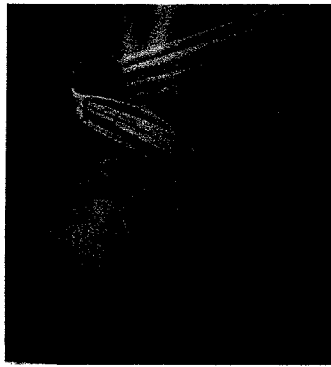
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He Lives \$12.00 (Support the Mortgage Fund)

by Margaret Best

The Easter story that changed the world comes to life in these pages. Journey through the hundred days of Easter, from preparation and Lent, through Holy Week and the Resurrection, to Jesus' many appearances, His Ascension, and the celebration of Pentecost. Engaging stories position you at the heart of the action, followed by thoughtful commentary, essays, and devotions. Enjoy creating themed crafts with children and preparing meaningful meals using the included recipes. This book is perfect for Sunday School, family church groups, or personal reflection. Read. Review. Renew. Author, **Margaret Best, 352-753-4030.**



Easter Basket Giving Mystery \$12.00 (Support the Mortgage Fund)

by Margaret Best

This book is meant as a bedtime story for Grandma or an older sibling to read to a younger child. It talks about a family in Make-Believe Land who brings the Easter tradition to human children each year. Where did the tradition of giving Easter Baskets begin? What is the mystery behind this rite



of springtime? Is it true that bunny families take turns overseeing this well-loved tradition? Here is one story of how the bunnies possibly do it and the reason behind it all. Want a hint? Two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus brought a new way of living. He taught that being kind and loving to each other is the way to happiness.

LENT SOUP TIME

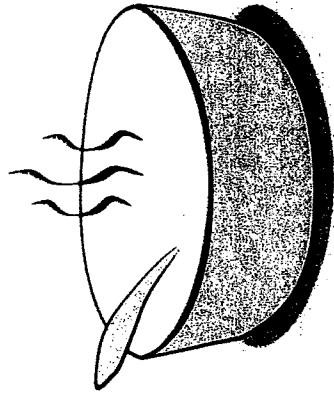
It is already time for Lent Soup Sundays!!! We are looking for soup/stew/chili Makers and Buyers for Sunday, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 & March 29, 2026.

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 \$10 and \$15 per container. Soup may be purchased Sunday mornings after each worship service.

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 PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

Quiet Moment-Where He Cometh-Choir Only

1. All Glory, Laud, Laud and Honor ELW 344
2. Hark! The Glad Sound ELW 239
3. **Communion-A.** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! ELW 346 **B.** I Heard the Voice of Jesus
ELW 332
4. Prepare the Royal Highway EWL 264