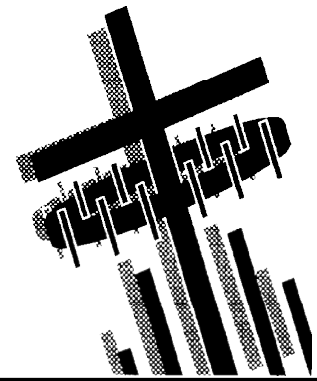


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Jesus: The Son of God

Over the past several months, in our Sunday services, we have been reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Throughout the Lenten Season, we have been looking at the end of Jesus’s earthly ministry and considering the question “who is the greatest?” We have been comparing our ideas of the greatness of rulers, the greatness of power, the greatness of wealth, the greatness of achievement, and the greatness of status to the kingdom that Jesus has come to bring. How do all those things add up when they are confronted by Jesus himself?

As Jesus reveals to us the true nature of the world, he also reveals something about himself. Jesus is the King of heaven and earth. He is the Son of God—the one who has true authority. But there’s more! The Gospel of Matthew begins, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham”. Jesus’s description as the Son of David and the Son of Abraham tells us even more about what it means for him to be the Son of God.

In 2 Samuel 7:12b-14a, God makes a promise to David: *“I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”*. The son of David is one whom God will place on the throne forever—an eternal ruler.

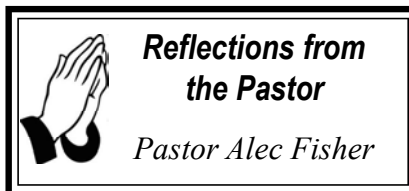
Likewise, in Genesis 22:17-18, God made a promise to Abraham: *“I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”* The offspring of Abraham would be many, and all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

At the very end of Matthew’s Gospel (Matthew 28:18b-20), Jesus shows us how he fulfills these

prophecies. He tells his disciples: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son*

and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Jesus has all authority and an eternal kingdom, just like the promise to David. Jesus tells his disciples to disciple all nations, just like the promise to Abraham.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus also refers to himself as the “Son of Man” thirty-one times! When Jesus was on trial in Matthew 26:64, he told the high priest: *“You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”* This is one of the last things



CLC Notes and News

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Jesus says before he was handed over to Pontius Pilate to be crucified. Jesus is fully God, and he is fully man. Because the Son of God is also man, he could die on a cross.

This Holy Week, we are going to be talking about Jesus as the Son of God and what that means for us. On Palm Sunday, we will celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and focus on him as the *Son of David*. On Maundy Thursday, we will remember Jesus's Last Supper and consider him as the *Son of Abraham*. On Good Friday, we will walk through the telling of Jesus's crucifixion and lament his pain as the *Son of Man*, who has also come to reign. At the Easter sunrise service, we will extol Jesus as ruler and judge, who has always been and will always be—the *Son of Eternity*. Then finally, at the late Easter Sunday service, we will bring it all together and glorify Jesus as the *Son of God* whose majesty consumes heaven and earth.

Jesus, the Son of God, saw it fitting to step into the world we inhabit and bring us life. He brings it to us abundantly and places his eternity into our hearts.

In Christ,
Pastor Alec

Dear Friends:

Thank you for partnering with us in ministering to the needy in our community. Generous gifts like yours make it possible for us to help meet the increasing needs of those who are hungry in our area. We depend upon faithful friends like you to enable us to continue to address their needs. Thank you for putting your compassion into action. Thank you so much for your kindness, caring, and generosity! You are a huge blessing for our guests!

Sincerely,
Austin Pearce, Exec. Dir.

As part of our church's 125th anniversary, we're having a *Hobby Day*.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th, 10:00am in the Family Life Center.

Fun & Fellowship & More Fun!

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy our 8 church members who have agreed to present their hobby, collections, or interest.

Afterwards, stay around for some lunch and more fellowship.



Contact: David Puett (828-291-7228)



The CLC Council will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:00pm. Please remember to submit board reports.

If you or a member of your family had been a member of the Stephen's Ministry, please contact Nancy Rinehart or Debbie Wolf. We are working on the church history for the 125th Anniversary.

Yard Sale: Start thinking about what items you would like to donate for the Spring Yard Sale, May 1. The Parish Hall will be available in the month of April to have items dropped off on Tuesdays & Saturdays. If these times are not convenient, please contact Evelyn Crooks or Pat Hamby to schedule a more convenient time. Thanks!



The LWML will meet April 2nd at 11:30am in the multi-purpose room for their monthly meeting.

We will attend the Lenten service for our topic. Bring Mites. NOTE: The MAY meeting has been changed to the SECOND WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, at 11:00am. Please mark that on your calendars. Also, we thank the congregation for their \$27.60 for mites. “They are mighty for missions”.

Guiding Through God’s Love

Christ Bible Camp: June 2-5, 2025, 9:00am–Noon (lunch is included). Our theme this year is “Living Water”. Registration forms are available online or by completing a form at church. Children must be 3 years old (potty trained) through rising 6th grade. Registration deadline is May 15th. Would you like to volunteer? Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Sister Robie (srrobie@msn.com).



Pastor Alec’s Book of the Month: Pastor Alec invites you to read books that he’s now revisiting. Each month a new book will be recommended for your own enjoyment. For the month of April, Pastor Alec will be reading *The Reason for God*, in which Timothy Keller talks about “belief in an age of skepticism”. If that’s a topic that might interest you, you’re encouraged to pick up a copy and read along!

The 2024 Giving Statements are ready and available for pick-up on the **church office counter**, AND remember to pick up your offering envelopes on the large table on the other end of the narthex.

125 Years – God is still making all things new: Christ Lutheran Church was formed in 1900 and officially brought into the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in 1903. So, 2025 marks 125 years of our life together as a congregation! This year, we will have all kinds of reminders about what God has been doing and continues to do at CLC. Our Theme verse for this year is: *And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new”* (Revelation 21:5a). God has been making all things new at Christ Lutheran Church for the last 125 years, and he continues to do so today. We pray that this year of fellowship, celebration, and trust in God’s future plans for us will be a reminder to us all! Happy 125th anniversary!

Holy Week 2025 Schedule

Holy Week is quickly approaching! This year, our Holy Week theme will be “Jesus: The Son of God”. Beginning on Palm Sunday, during each service, we will reflect on how Jesus is presented as the Son of God in the Gospel of Matthew and what that means to us. Below is the Holy Week schedule with the particular service focal point for each service.

Palm Sunday (“The Son of David”) - April 13th
9am Contemporary Service / Sunday School / Small Groups

10am Fellowship Time
10:30am Traditional Service / Sunday School / Small Groups

Maundy Thursday (“The Son of Abraham”) - April 17th
6pm Last Supper Service

Good Friday (“The Son of Man”) - April 18th
6pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday - April 20th
7:30am Sunrise Service (“The Son of Eternity”)
9am Breakfast
10:30am Resurrection Service (“The Son of God”)

THE CHURCH FAMILY

JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

Mission outreach for:

- our ministry of Guiding through God's Love
- local outreach ministers: CCM, Soup Kitchen, University Christian High School, Pregnancy Care Center
- Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (malim.org)
- Lutheran Heritage Foundation

For those who mourn the deaths of Alice Yount Jim Starkey, Peggy Mays, and Ronald Coley (brother-in-law of Jimmy Gantt)

Surgery: Pat Hamby (TBD)

Recovering: Tim Brewer (3/2); Carmen Divers (3/2); Teresa Mays (3/23); Eric Yount (3/16); Katie & Max Cochran (3/16 mother & new son, friends of Kathryn Pingel)

Undergoing treatments: John Sigmon; Doris Smith; Barbara Jones (sister of Lois Hunt); Thekla Sebaugh (3/16 sister of David Ludwig); Courtney Brown (3/16 friend of the Hamby's)

Under doctors' care: Kathie Albright; Shelly Baker; Jack Divers; Jimmy Gantt (3/23); Lois Hunt (3/16); Rita Roseman; DiAnn Wichman; Paul Cates (3/16 husband of Angela); David Pingel (3/2 father of Kathryn); Sandy Smith (3/16 friend of Ludwig's, Cam Davis, Hamby's, & Kathryn Pingel); James Robinson (3/16); Evan Lail (3/16 father of Tony); Wayne Daniels (3/23 neighbor of Tony & Anna Lail);

David Pingel (3/23 father of Kathryn); Lance (3/30 friend of Maria McKinney)

For shut-ins: Juanita Isenhower at Trinity Village; David & Donna Lumb at home; Becky Rimmer; Robert Sigmon (Autumn Care, Statesville); Carolyn Smith (Autumn Care); Randy Smith

For those who are suffering due to *Hurricanes Helene* and *Milton* and the California wildfires

If not otherwise updated, prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for four (4) weeks. Some dates are listed next to names to indicate when a person has been added to the Prayer List. Please update the church office with any changes within four (4) weeks to help us keep the Prayer List current.



Financial Stewardship

	Actual: February 2025	Actual: Jan.-Feb. 2025
Income	\$ 28,140.23	\$ 50,222.64
Expense	\$ 26,742.50	\$ 56,232.76
Net Income	\$ 1,397.73	-\$ 6,010.12

April 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Communion † - early †† - late		1 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study (Zoom)	2 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:30a LWML 12:30p .Lenten Service	3 7:00p CMT (FLC) Church Council	4 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 	5 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 9:00a Hobby Day! (FLC)
5th Sunday in Lent 6 9:00a 1 st Service † Small Group 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a 2 nd Service Small Group 11:45a <i>Breaking Bread Together</i> - Sunday Lunch	7 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba	8 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 10:30a PEEPS	9 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 12:30p Lenten Service 	10 7:00p CMT (FLC) 	11 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba	12 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations
Palm Sunday 13 9:00a 1 st Service Small Group Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:10a Ad. Choir Reh. 10:30a 2 nd Service †† Small Group 11:45a Elders	14 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 1:00p <i>Matthew Monday</i> w/ Pastor Alec	15 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study (Zoom)	16 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Soup Kitchen	17 6:00p Maundy Thursday Service 7:00p CMT (FLC) 	18 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 6:00p Good Friday Service	19 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations
Easter 20 7:30a Sunrise Service 9:00a Easter Breakfast NO Small Group NO Sunday School 10:30a Resurrection Service	Newsletter Deadline 21 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 	22 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 6:00p Womens Bible Study (Zoom)	23 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC)	24 7:00p CMT (FLC) 	25 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba	26 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 11:30a <i>Feed the Needy</i>
2nd Sunday of Easter 27 9:00a 1 st Service Small Group Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:10a Ad. Choir Reh. 10:30a 2 nd Service †† Small Group	28 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 1:00p <i>Matthew Monday</i> with Pastor Alec	29 9:00a Receive Yard Sale Donations 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study (Zoom)	30 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p Bible Study with Pastor Alec			

*April 2025 Birthdays and Anniversaries
Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!*

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| 1 Danyon McKinney | 16 DiAnn Wichman |
| 2 Zachary Garber | 17 Maddox Childers |
| Sylvia Lail | Glenn Roseman, II |
| Clay Lawter | 18 Sally Roseman-Lowery |
| 3 Misty Lail | Sarah Roseman-Lowery |
| Freyja Lemaire | 19 Skylar Abromaitis |
| Kerri Pearson | 20 Charles Beeker |
| 4 Holly Hedemark | Randy Smith |
| 6 Ethan Kiziah | 21 Raegan Lail |
| 8 Beth Goans | 22 Kayla Fulbright Erwin |
| 10 Lea Ann Sloan | 25 Kayli Mathews |
| 11 Tim Isenhower | 26 Emma Monahan |
| Johnny Ross | Karen Sigmon |
| 12 Danyelle McKinney | John Tucker, Jr. |
| 13 Ashley McKelvain | 27 Brian Rose |
| 14 Lisa Brewer | Zachary Rose |
| Carrie Grater | 28 Adele Houk |
| 15 Jean Schwandt | 30 Libba Juerges |
| Brandon Sturgill | |

- | <i>Anniversaries</i> | |
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| 1 | John & Manda Tucker, Jr. |
| 13 | Frank & Elaine McClough |
| 15 | Don & Leisa Peck |
| 19 | Andrew & Adrienne Isenhower |
| 24 | Tony & Anna Lail |
| 29 | Terry & Kathy Hefner |



	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	
Preaching	Pastor Fisher	Pastor Tucker	Pastor Fisher	Pastor Ludwig	
Lector	Robie Hillhouse	Pastor Fisher	Pastor Ludwig Pastor Tucker	Britt Griffith	
Distributor	~*~	Linda Bolick	~*~	Zach Rose	
Acolyte	Jack Fisher	Adeline Fisher	Jack Fisher	Adeline Fisher	
Elder	Jim Crooks	Sadie Lail	Nancy Rinehart	Maria McKinney	
Counters	Pat Hamby Bob Rinehart	Cam Davis Kathryn Pingel	David & Shawn Terry	Cam Davis Kathryn Pingel	
Audio/Video	Noah Lail	Kyle Donovan		Cam Davis	
Media	Rick Lail	Kyle Donovan	Karla Bolch	Lisa Smith	
Host	Anna Newton	Betty Link	Mary Puett	Pat Hamby	
Altar Guild	Sadie Lail	Laura Fite	Sadie Lail	Laura Fite	
Security Team	Jimmy Gantt	David Puett	Britt Griffith	Rick Lail	

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

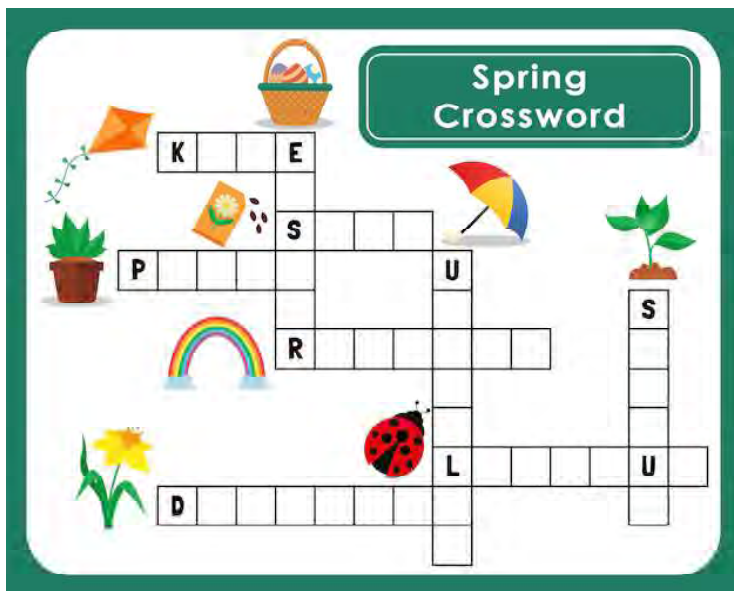
With these words we leave the quiet, reflective season of Lent and joyfully enter the Easter season of the Church Year. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a contemporary hymn writer. We have sung several of her hymns at CLC. Here is one of her Easter hymns. Enjoy singing, humming, and/or praying this hymn throughout the Easter season.

Now Sing the Gospel Story (tune: “The Day of Resurrection”)

Now sing the gospel story, the news we have received!
To God be all the glory for what we now believe:
Christ died to take our sinning; the scriptures say it's true!
It seemed that death was winning, yet God makes all things new.

There's news by which God saves us, if we believe God's way;
See! Death cannot enslave us; God gave us Easter Day.
For Christ our Lord was buried, the scriptures say it's true!
His friends all grieved and worried, yet God made all things new.

We sing the gospel story that Jesus is the Christ.
He is God's Son! Give glory! Through him, God gives us life.
For he was the beginning; he also is the end.
Christ Jesus is our Savior, our Lord and God. Amen!



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