

Last Epiphany Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP'2019

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Corporate Prayer – Monday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Processional Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

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WELCOME

I will make you as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

Gloria

Elizabeth Simmons

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his people on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his people on earth.

Verse 1

Lord God heav-en-ly King Al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther_____ We

wor - ship you we give you thanks we praise you for your__ glo-ry.

Refrain

Verse 2

Lord Je-sus Christ on-ly Son of the Father Lord God, Lamb__ of

God you take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on

us_____ you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ,

- - - ther_____ re - cieve our prayer_____

Refrain

Verse 3

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One you a - lone are the Lord__

you a - lone are the most high Lord Je - sus
Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo -
- ry of God the Fa - ther

Refrain

A - men. A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, *who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:13 – 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105 – 112 *(Please pray responsively by half verse)*

- 105. Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106. I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107. I am troubled above measure; *
revive me, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108. Let the freewill offerings of my mouth please you, O Lord, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109. My life is always in my hand, *
Yet, I do not forget your law.

110. The ungodly have laid a snare for me, *
Yet, I have not strayed from your commandments.
111. Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever, *
and why? They are the very joy of my heart.
112. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes always, *
even unto the end.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:7 – 14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness,
 At thy speaking, it was done.
 For created light we thank thee,
 While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1 – 19

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 3

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous,
 Bright with thine own holiness,
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: “No Other Gods & Talking About God?”

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people sit.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

March Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus Christ, *who overcame the temptations of Satan in the wilderness, aid us with your grace to live obedient lives, and correct the disordered desires of our hearts, that we may share in your victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.*

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory: Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, *we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Laura Shackelford 3/3

Miriam Quebbeman 3/5

Offertory

The people stand.

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Giving of Communion - *All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

Communion Music *(Please join in singing.)*

Jesus, Lamb of God (3X)

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.

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Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -
 4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
 -in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
 -ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of
 -vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His
 eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
 free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
 blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my
 flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious



-part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 me, to look on Him and par - don me.
 God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.
 love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

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Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure,
And forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted,
Christ completes His work in me.

*Chorus**Verse 3*

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter,
Harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

Chorus

And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge 3X

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore.

Chorus

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

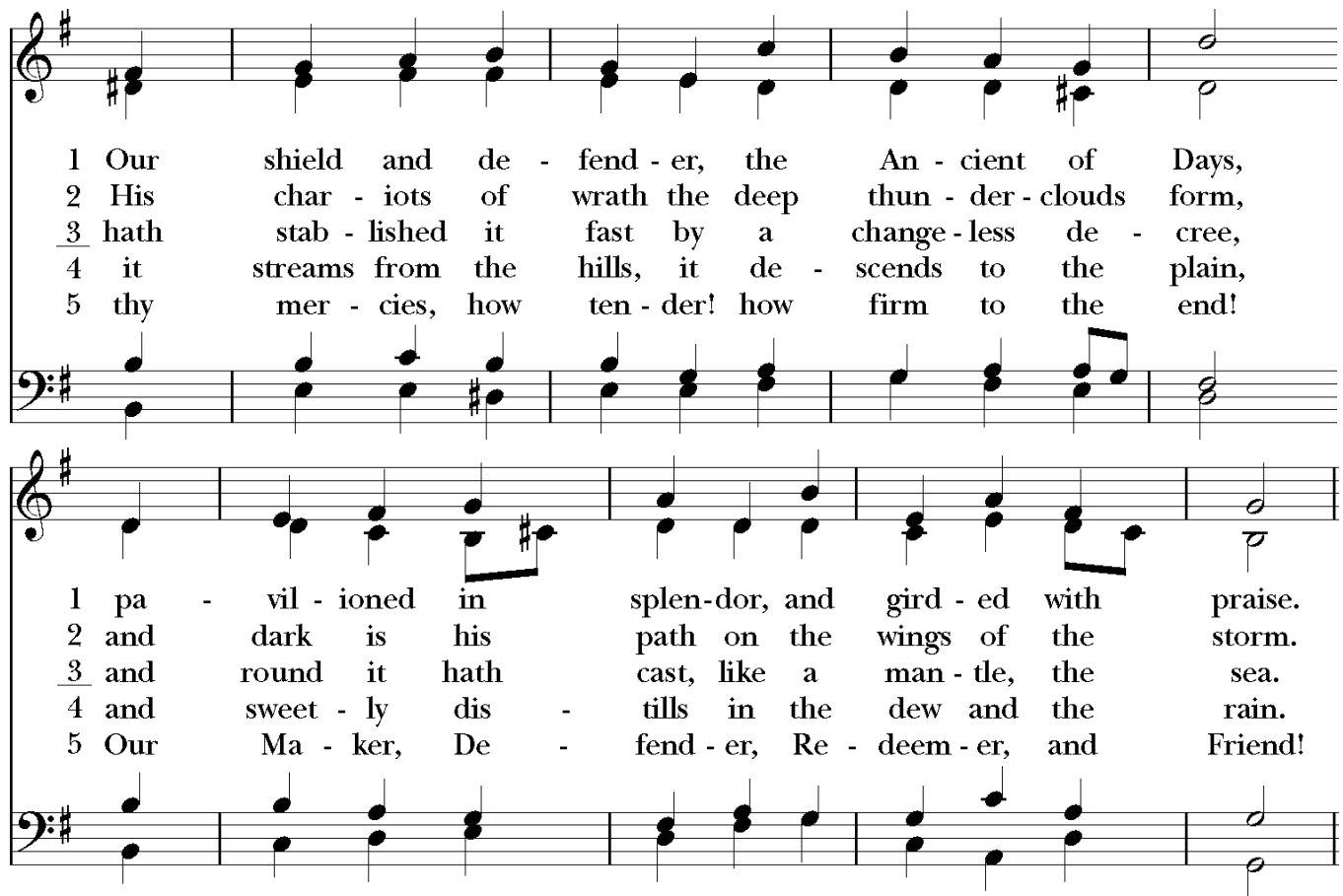
O Worship the King

Hymn 388

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first five verses of the hymn, and the second system covers the next five verses. The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and defend-er, the An-cient of Days,
 2 His char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form,
 3 hath stab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer-cies, how ten-der! how firm to the end!

1 pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma-ker, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838): Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Come enjoy pancakes & sausage with your CCW family **Tuesday, March 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the talent show, line dancing, and cheer the kids on as they race and flip pancakes to win the Golden Skillet. We will need volunteers to set up, cook, serve, and tear down. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for volunteers. If you are available to help, please add your name(s) to the appropriate column. Contact Gene directly for the talent show. Make sure to invite a friend or two for the fun and games!

Easter Plastic Eggs & Candy Needed – The Bayvon Lake Little Church is planning on an Easter event for our children. Would you please consider donating plastic eggs and candy? If so, bring your donations to church. There will be a bin marked accordingly in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ash Wednesday – Our Ash Wednesday Communion services are on **Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:30 pm in our sanctuary.** There is also a service at Knickerbocker Apartments (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH) at 1:00 pm.

March 21-23, St. Anselm Anglican presents “The Parish on Pilgrimage, Journeying from the Prayerbook to the Altar,” by The Rev. Dr. Arnold W. Klukas. The event times/locations are detailed on the flyer posted on the board in the narthex, and for more information or to register, please go to <https://www.stanselmanglican.org/>.

Saturday, April 5th, at Rush Inn (35840 Chester Road, Avon, OH), from 4:00-6:00 PM, SAVE THE DATE – Everyone is invited as we gather to bid Cody & Amy farewell. Please consider joining us for the party. The menu will include appetizers and a cash bar. More details to come as soon as they are finalized.! Please call Iris with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE – Please join us for our annual **CCW Women’s Spring Luncheon on April 12th in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 2:30 pm.** Amy Jackson will be our speaker for the event. Details to be announced as soon as they have been finalized. Please call Kristin Hewko at 440-823-4403 with any questions or concerns.

CRS Update – CRS is currently in need of cereal, jams or jellies, hearty soups, snack crackers, canned fruit, apple sauce, Velveeta shells & cheese, & canned meats. In addition, they are completely out of pasta! Donations can be brought to church and placed in the collection area outside the sanctuary.

March Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus Christ, who overcame the temptations of Satan in the wilderness, aid us with your grace to live obedient lives, and correct the disordered desires of our hearts, that we may share in your victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.



Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 6:13 – 14 & Question 9, NCC

¹³It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—

Question for Week 9

The New City Catechism

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. **Third, that we treat God’s name with fear and reverence**, honoring, also his Word and works.

(Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you.

*Children’s answer emboldened



Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God
by Harry & Karen Huhndorff
in loving memory of their daughter, Lisa Jane Huhndorff,
& especially to honor and remember April 28, 1964,
the date of her birth!

2025 Cash Requirements

Through Sunday	02/23/2025
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$51,983
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$35,794
Current Month Additional Requirements	\$16,189
YTD Cash Need	\$103,966
YTD Actual Revenues	\$89,874
YTD Additional Requirements	\$14,092
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$623,798

Attendance for 02/23/2025

10:00 am — 111

Wednesday — 6

Online — 30