

Lent

The word "Lent" is written in a large, black, serif font. The letter "L" is significantly larger than the other letters and contains a detailed line drawing of a rabbit, likely representing the Easter Bunny. The rabbit is shown in profile, facing right, with its mouth open as if speaking or singing. The rest of the word "ent" is in a standard serif font.

The word Lent comes from an old English word for spring (“lengten,” the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. It is a time of repentance and renewal.

During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord’s suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are one lived in the certain hope of the resurrection.

The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us. Thanks be to God!

For the precise counters in the congregation, the Church speaks of 40 days of Lent because they did not count the Sundays, which retained their significance as “little Easters.”

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

He Did It All!

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LENT 4

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

- ✓ **Restrooms** are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.
- ✓ **A Mother's Room** is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.



TODAY'S THEME:

THE LOVING FATHER FORGIVES

LENTEN GATHERING RITE

THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT¹

Refrain

This is the time of fulfillment! The
reign of God is at hand!

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: Return to the Lord with repentant hearts, repentant hearts.

All: Refrain

Cantor: The reign of God is at hand!

¹ The Gospel writer Mark records the very first words of Jesus' public ministry in Mark 1:15, "The time has come (literally, "is fulfilled"). The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." God's kingdom, or his ruling activity, happens when people repent, which is: 1) confessing sin and 2) trusting in Jesus who died on a cross to take away the world's sins.

INVOCATION

L(eader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

***C(ongregation)*: And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, Lord.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;

let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 32

Read responsively with the leader.

L: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

C: whose sins are covered.

L: When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;

C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

C: and did not cover up my iniquity.

L: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

L: You are my hiding place;

C: you will protect me from trouble.

L: Many are the woes of the wicked,

C: but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:1-10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: CWS #748, *Lamb of God*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide,
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied.
3 I was so lost; I should have died,



But you have sent him from your side
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
But you have brought me to your side



To walk up - on this guilt - y sod
The hum - ble King they named a fraud
To be led by your staff and rod



And to be - come the Lamb of God.
And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,



I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,



Mv Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

SERMON:

The LORD Is My Salvation

1. Own it
2. Share it

Isaiah 12:1-6

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

When the leader says, "Let us pray to the Lord," the congregation prays, "Lord, have mercy."

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C: **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.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord
with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #379, *Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound*

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Announcements

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

March 26 – April 2:

Today	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship
Wednesday	5:45PM	Confirmation
	7:00PM	Faithbuilders
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

Palm Sunday is April 9th. We would love for your children to be a part of the Palm Sunday Procession. We will be practicing on March 26th and April 2nd after Sunday School. All children and adults are welcome to participate!

Good Friday worship will be held here at Kay Granger on **April 14th** at 8:00 pm. Please join us! As a reminder to parents, the children will be singing, so please ensure they are in attendance.

Easter is coming Sunday, **April 16th**! We are sending 10,000 outreach cards into the community. We ask you to pray for God's blessings as we worship our Risen Savior. Easter morning includes a breakfast at 9:00 am and worship at 10:30 am with an Easter egg hunt to follow. Save the date... and bring a friend.

Easter Lilies: Please sign up to purchase lilies for our Easter service on April 16. The cost is \$12. These lilies will beautify our Easter worship space. Please speak with Lisa Bartels if you'd to purchase one or several.

Easter Egg Hunt: We have plenty of plastic eggs for our Easter egg hunt. But we do need candy donations for the hunt. Please bring your donations with you on the Sundays leading up to Easter.

Ladies Bible Study: Christ Alone will be offering a ladies Bible on Wednesday nights, May 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st beginning at 7pm. The Bible study will be led by Cindi Sampe and take place in her home located at 9424 Oliver Dr., 76244. All ladies of Christ Alone are invited. This Bible study is a great way to introduce friends to our Christ Alone family.

March - April Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping
Mar 5	Brenden Eicksteadt	Isaac Murry	Julia Sampe
Mar 12	Samantha Fleisher	Aurora DeAmicis	Dylan Sampe
Mar 19	Jessica Horn	Eliana Seager	Micah Berens
Mar 26	Nathan Covarrubias	Nadia Covarrubias	Christopher Gross
April 2	Joshua Siegler	Luke Siegler	Dalton Gross
April 9	Ashley Horn	Eliana Seager	Peter Sampe
April 16	Pejah Berens	Grant Thowe	Dominic Gross
April 23	Addison Fleisher	Nadia Covarrubias	Garrett Bartels
April 30	Aurora DeAmicis	Isaac Murry	Julia Sampe

Ushering Teams

March				April			
Frey	Joel	Snapp	Stas	Horn	John	Berens	Chad
Gross	Chris(AV)	Becker	Michael	Murry	Keith(AV)	Sampe	Pete
Gross	Christopher	Bunch	Troy	DeAmicis	Tony	Sampe	Peter
Gross	Dominic	Schrandt	Todd	Covarrubias	Edgar	Sampe	Dylan
Gross	Dalton	Bassler	John	Collura	Alex	Siegler	John

ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. By God’s grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God’s inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus’ perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus’ resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), *“that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men’s sins against them”* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—*He did it all*

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