



# Lent

The word "Lent" is written in a large, black, serif font. The letter "L" is particularly large and features a detailed illustration of a rabbit, likely representing the Easter Bunny, integrated into its vertical stem. 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

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*He Did It All!*

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**W**elcome! 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.
- ✓ **Cry Room:** Parents are free to use the hallway adjacent to the restrooms as a cry room for your children.



TODAY'S THEME:

TURN FROM SIN

# LENTEN GATHERING RITE

## THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT<sup>1</sup>

### *Refrain*

This is the time of ful - fill - ment! The  
reign of God is at hand!

Cantor: Refrain

**All: Refrain**

Cantor: Reform your lives, and bear fruit in God's sight, bear fruit in God's sight.

**All: Refrain**

Cantor: The reign of God is at hand!

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<sup>1</sup> 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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and Merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**L:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## KYRIE<sup>2</sup>

L: For all that we need in life, and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power, and keep us in your tender care.

C: **Amen.**

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<sup>2</sup> The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie eleison* which means, “Lord, have mercy!” This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the *Kyrie* at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years (that’s why its name is Greek, the language most commonly spoken at the time). This morning, may it also be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.

## 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: EXODUS 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you[b] will worship God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”

## **THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 85**

*Read responsively with the leader.*

L: You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

**C: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

L: You forgave the iniquity of your people

**C: and covered all their sins.**

L: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

**C: and grant us your salvation.**

L: I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

**C: he promises peace to his people, his saints.**

L: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

**C: that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Love and faithfulness meet together;

**C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.



## **SERMON:**

Learn from History

1. It warns of us unfaithfulness
2. It directs us to God's faithfulness

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

# 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:

### 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 SACRAMENT

✓ *Christ Alone Lutheran Church practices “close” communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

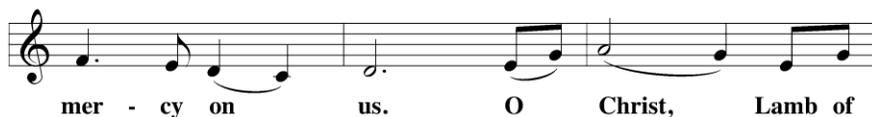
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

## *Agnus Dei*

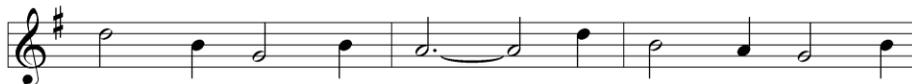


THE DISTRIBUTION:

## SONG OF DEPARTURE: #129, *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*



1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
shut its glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
his dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
Mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.  
thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.  
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

### 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: #765, *Day by Day*

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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# Announcements

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**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 19 - 26:**

Today	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	7:00PM	Council of Ministry
Wednesday	5:45PM	Confirmation
	7:00PM	Faithbuilders
Saturday		Lewis/Jackson Wedding
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship

**Ladies Bible Study:** Christ Alone will be offering a ladies Bible on Wednesday nights, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Good Friday and Easter Worship** is right around the corner. Good Friday is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunday is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Save the dates to worship our Savior!

**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.

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

**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.

## 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			
<b>Frey</b>	<b>Joel</b>	Snapp	Stas	<b>Horn</b>	<b>John</b>	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

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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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