## The First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023

**As We Gather** - Knowing the history of words can help make them meaningful for us. The word *truth* comes from the English word *true*, which comes from the Old English word *treowe*, which comes from the ancient Indo-European root word *drew*, which means "tree." The concept behind the word is that, like a tree, the truth stands straight and firm. The image brings to mind the word of the psalmist in the very first psalm, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, . . . but his delight is in the law of the Lord. . . . He is like a tree planted by streams of water" (Psalm 1:1a, 2a, 3a). Underscoring the blessedness of being true like a tree, the psalmist states that "the Lord knows the way of the righteous" (Psalm 1:6a). In this Lenten season of repentance and reflection, we may well take to heart the advice of Paul to his co-worker Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). May we be trees of truth to the glory of God!

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** (Sunday Only) Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

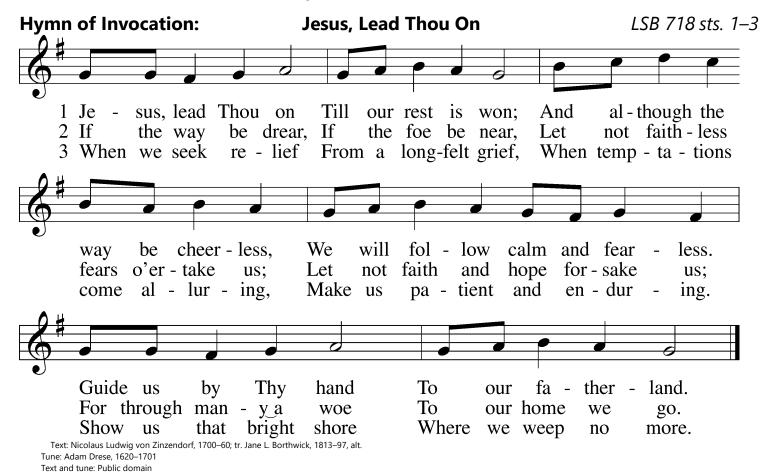
## **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

#### **Prelude:**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

## **Confession and Absolution**



#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- $lap{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $lap{H}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

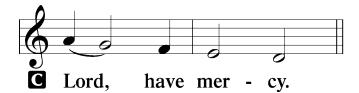
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

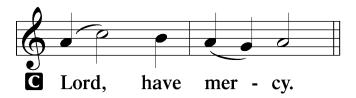
## Service of the Word

Kyrie LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



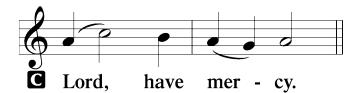
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 3:1–21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the

garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** Romans 5:12–19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

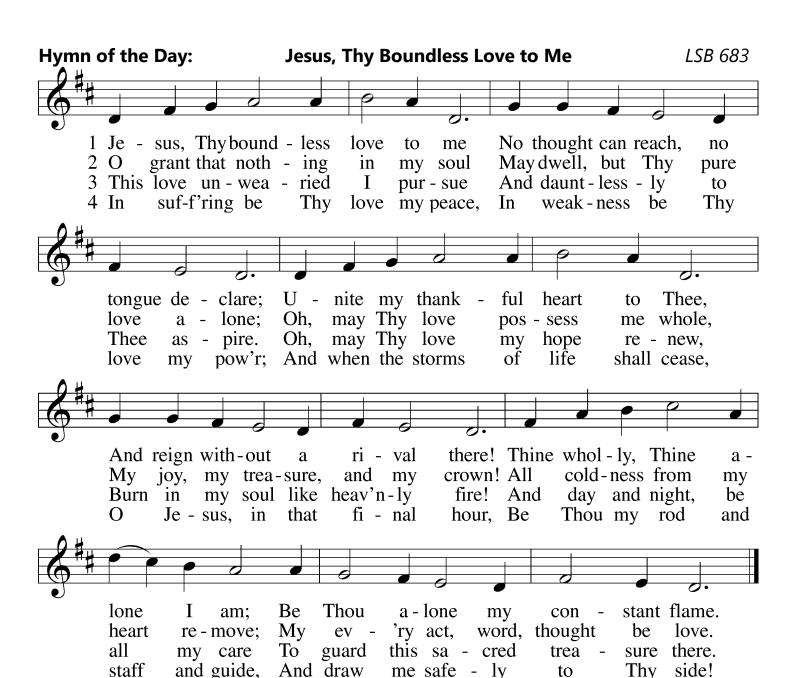
"'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



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Sermon: "We're Covered"
Genesis 3:1–21

## **Apostles' Creed**

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)** 

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.

Offertory: (Sunday Only)

Stand

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 177

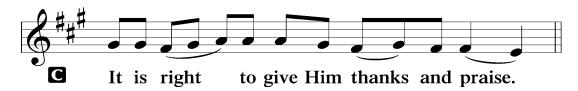
**P** The Lord be with you.



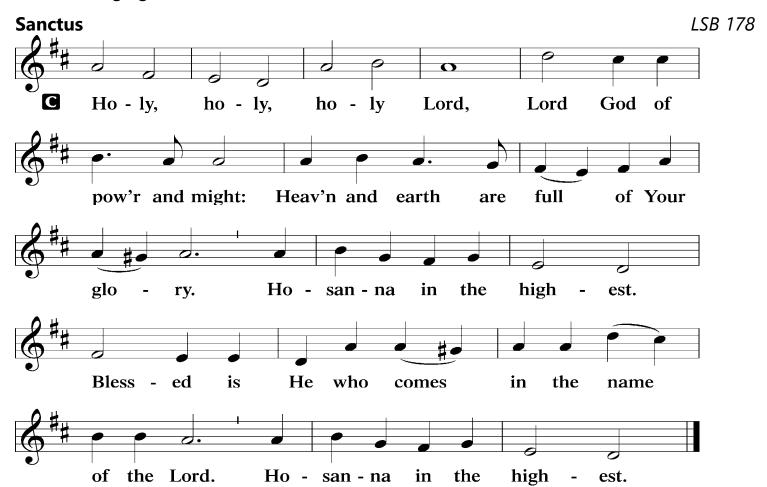
P Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Lord's Prayer LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

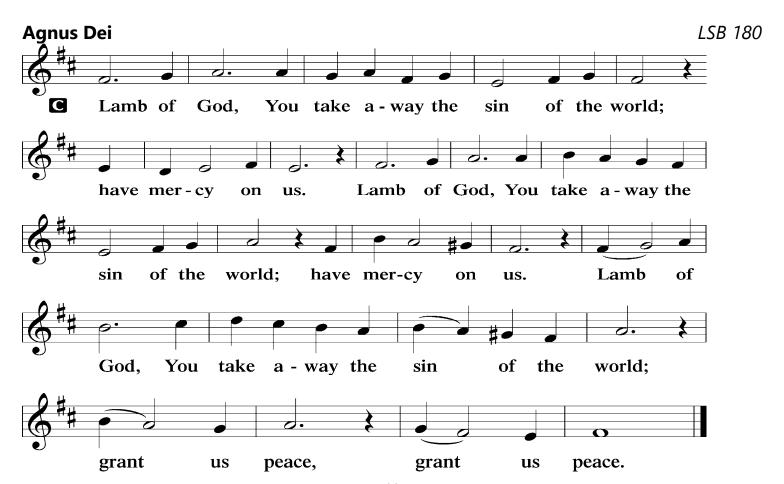
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### **Distribution:**

## **Distribution Hymns**

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be LSB 744 Amazing Grace sts. 1–5 LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Stand

# Post-Communion Collect (Saturday)

- P Let us pray together.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## (Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



### **Closing Hymn:**

## O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424 sts. 1, 3–4



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go. 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a - bove.

4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe. Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un-swerv-ing love. Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.

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#### **Postlude:**

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## **LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor Organist	•
Saturday	
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox
Sunday	
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	Jon Lindstrom
Greeter	
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Rita and George Czanko

## **LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard	
Organist	Marvin Dalton	
Elder	Fred Sterns	
Lector		
Greeter	Joann Shepker	
Audio	Kyle Welch	
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch	
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox	
Altar Guild	Rita and George Czanko	
ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM <u>LAST WEEK</u> Saturday Worship Attendance		
Sunday Worship Attendance		
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings		
Paypal Offerings		
Website (ShareFaith)		
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Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts		

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Lent I –** The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.

**FLOWER SPONSOR**– No Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 2 is serving today; team 3 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

**COMMUNICATIONS MEETING** – The Communications Board will meet today, Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**STEWARDSHIP MEETING** – The Stewardship Committee will meet today, Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED-WEDNESDAY** – Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled this week, March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will also be cancelled on March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**LENT SERVICES** – Lent Services will be at 6:30 pm each Wednesday during the month of March. The worship series is "By My Hand for My Sake".

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Movie Night will be next Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The movie is Part 2 – Unbroken- Path to Redemption. There will be popcorn and other snacks. No charge for the movie or food, and a free-will offering will be accepted.

**ELDERS MEETING-**There will be an Elders Meeting next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, after service.

MARY MARTHA SPRING LUNCHEON - Mary Martha will be hosting their Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at Huntington Hills Country Club at 2626 Duff Road, Lakeland. Mary Martha will hold our regular monthly meeting at 10 am, then depart to Huntington Hills for an arrival time of 11:30 am. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our luncheon, and if interested in our guild, a great day to check us out! Our entree selection is as follows: Club Wrap, Tuscan Chicken Salad, Haddock sandwich, or a Hamburger. All of these choices are \$15.95 each and include a side and a drink. This does not include tax and tip! They will accept cash or cards; sign-up sheet is in the narthex for your selection of meal. Payment is made at the restaurant the day of the luncheon.

**LWML RALLY - Ladies, come fly with us!** Our Savior, Zephyrhills & the LWML Winter Haven Zone invite you to join us for "Divine Destinations" with Wisconsin based musician and speaker Wendysue Fluegge on Saturday March 4th from 9 - 1:30 in Zephyrhills! (5626 20th Street). We've little control over routing, turbulence, or lost luggage, but we can trust THE PILOT! Through music, messages, activities and discussion, we'll prepare for this flight and our final destination. Oxygen masks, seat belts, and lunch will be provided. Buckle up for a wild ride! "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint" Isaiah 40:31. Our Gifts from the Heart is Caterpillars to Butterflies. Their mission is to provide resources to children in foster care. We are collecting kids PJs in all sizes, underwear & socks for toddler to age 6, cash and gift cards. Registration is \$10, recommend \$3 for the YWR program. Sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Volunteers are needed for the Hot Dog Stand on Baseball Parking Days for about four hours. This is a wonderful way to get outdoors, interact with others, and raise funds for the missions we support. For more information contact Charlene Rosane at 863-660-1689 or email her at rosanecharl@gmail.com

**SPAGHETTI DINNER -** Mary Martha will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 11 from 4-7 pm. We will have both sit down, take out and drive up options available! The cost is \$10 per person /\$5 for children 12 and under. The meal includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert and a drink. We will be selling tickets after Sunday worship service! Our mission for this event is Trinity Church Orlando Comfort Dogs ministry.

**RUMMAGE SALE** - The Outreach committee and Mary Martha will be holding a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 25. Please start gathering the treasures you would like to donate! Collections will start Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Times for drop off will be 9am–Noon on Wednesday and Thursday, on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm–7 pm, on Saturday, 9 am–2pm, on Sunday from 11:30 am–1 pm, on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1pm–7pm, and our FINAL day on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am–7pm. NO appliances or furniture.

**RECIPES WANTED -** Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY –** If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written...'"

Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	
	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	
	Baseball Parking
	NO Bible Study
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Lent Service @ 6:30 pm
	Choir @ 7:30 pm
Thursday	Baseball Parking
Friday	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Baseball Parking
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
	Movie Night @ 6:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
•	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Elders Meeting
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