Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 2, 2025

As We Gather - Apart from God, we know not how to speak. And yet in His dominion embryos are deemed to be prophets before birth – equipped in life to proclaim the deliverance of God without fear, armed with God's truth that destroys, redeems, and restores nations and kingdoms. Yet the greatest prophet, with unrivaled authority, is Jesus. His proclamations cast out our demons, rebuke fever, heal disease, and preach the Good News. His Word alone empowers the Church and her people to speak truth.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: 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.

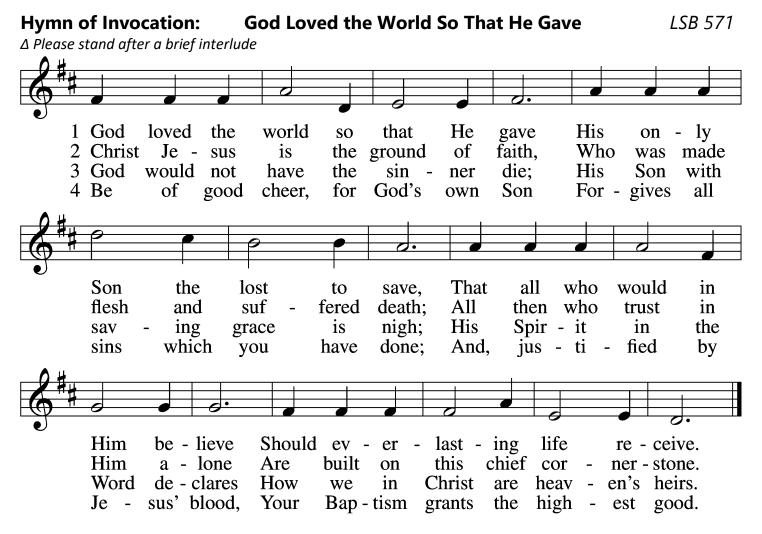
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

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



- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Remain standing

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + 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.

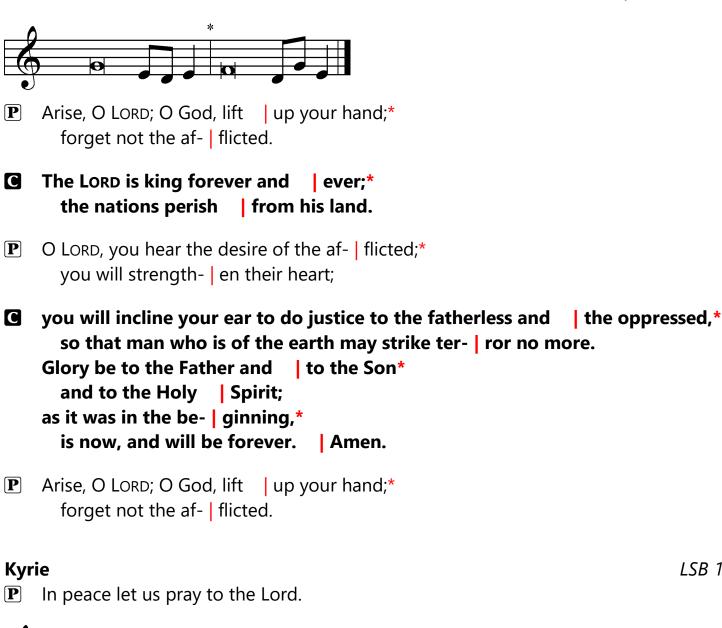
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **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.

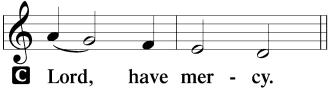
Service of the Word

Psalm 10:16–18; antiphon: v. 12

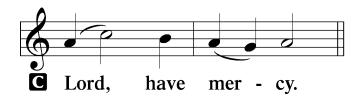
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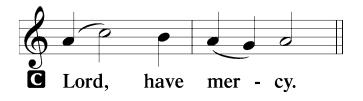
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. P



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.

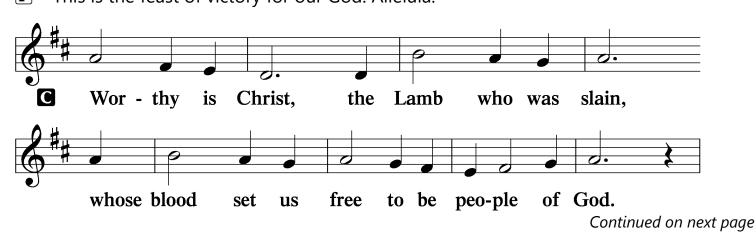


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the FeastP This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.









Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

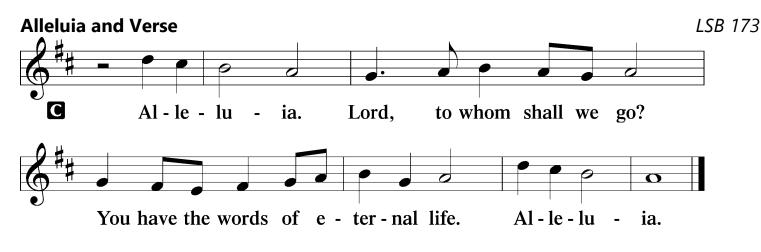
⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31-44

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



³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

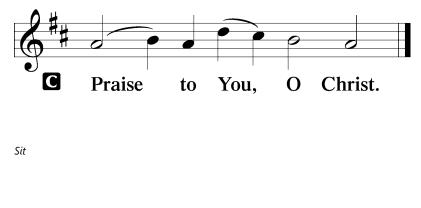
³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said

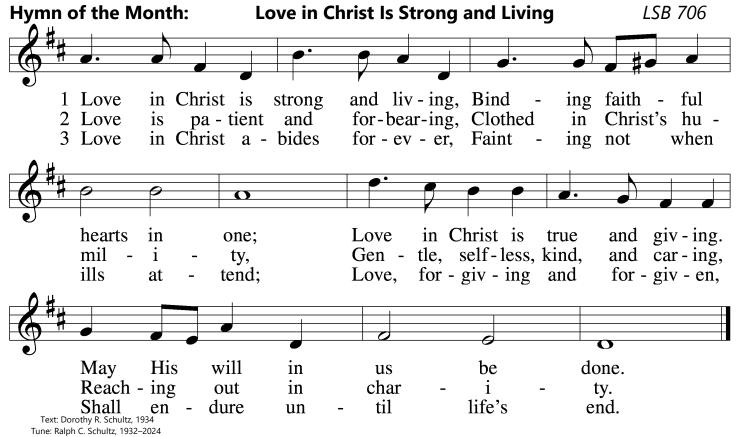
to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. P



Children's Sermon





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Sermon:

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 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

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Heart Of Worship" Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you. P



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"Love in Christ" 1 Corinthians 13

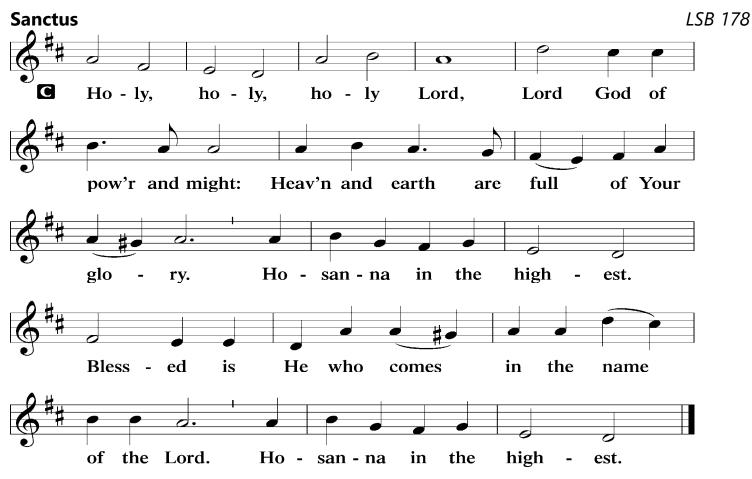
P Lift up your hearts.



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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.



Sit

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)



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.



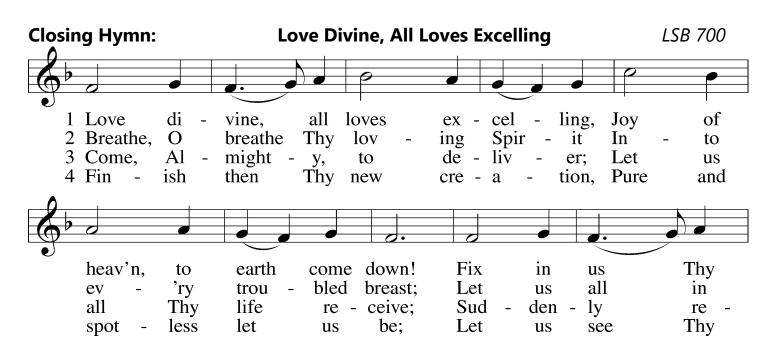
Benediction

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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.







Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	•
Saturday	
Elder	Keith Kallstrom
Lector	
Audio	Robin Fox

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Pat Calhoon
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeter	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Audio	Judi Rudolph
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Helen Borgwardt and Gwen Snook

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	19
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord – Ever since sinfulness first afflicted creation, labor and delivery sheds a mother's blood. The Law of the Lord laments that this echo and threat of death operates right where human life emerges from. So He intervenes with atonement to preserve that precious life. And Jesus embodies this opposition to abortion from the very beginning (Luke 2:22-24). **FLOWER SPONSOR** – Barb Szymanski is our Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – Barb Szymanski is our Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 4 is serving today. Next week is Souper Bowl Sunday. Team 5 will serve February 16th. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. February freewill offerings will go to Senior Orphans.

ELDERS MEETING – The Elders will meet today, Sunday, February 2nd, after service.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9th – Bring your favorite soup (to share) and a can or two of soup to benefit Adopt A Block. Place the cans of soup in the bin in the Narthex. A sign-up sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, February 16th, after service.

CHURCH POTLUCK – There will be a Church Potluck on Sunday, February 16th. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – January 25th through March 2nd, we will have the Baby Bottle Drive for Options for Women pregnancy help clinic. Please take a bottle home and fill it with coins or cash as you can. Bottles should be returned to the church by Sunday, March 2nd.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – There will be an Altar Guild Meeting on Sunday, February 23rd, in the sanctuary, immediately following the service, to go over the plan for Holy Week.

BASEBALL PARKING – Baseball Parking will be here soon! The first of 15 games is February 22nd. Please consider helping with this fun outreach fundraiser. We need about eight willing helpers for each game, three hours with a free lunch and you can still get to the game if you want. Get a schedule from Cathy Sterns in the Narthex or call 989-657-2916.

HOT DOG CONCESSION STAND – SPRING TRAING – Now is the time to volunteer for the CLC Hot dog Concession Stand! Once again we will be selling quarter pound, all beef hot dogs, chips and water. February 22nd is our first game. We will need five (5) people in our stand. There is an average of three (3) games per week. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sign your name, phone number and days you can help. We set up at 9-9:30, and will finish grilling around 1, and then we dismantle our concession site. Contacts are John Freer @ 863-660-6438 or Charlene Rosane @ 863-660-1689. This is a great way to meet people from all over the USA and even abroad. Also a good way for our fellowship to reach beyond the CLC grounds. Appreciate all your time and efforts, thank you in advance.

WINTER HAVEN ZONE SPRING RALLY – will be held March 1st at Our Savior Lutheran in Zephyrhills. Gifts from the Heart will feature "Phil's Friends" a support ministry for cancer patients.

PURSE AND ACCESSORIES SALE - Ladies and Gentlemen, bring your Purses, wallets, jewelry and other accessories in for our Annual "Purse and Accessories Sale" on Sunday, March 2nd, after the Worship Service and during Fellowship time! A box is in the narthex for you to place your items! If you have an item, too large, place it next to the box and we will take care of tucking it away for the sale! No shoes, please!

FASHION SHOW - Mary Martha will be hosting a Fashion Show on March 29th in the Fellowship Hall from 1-4 pm. The Fashions will be from Bungalow Boutique. The cost will be \$10 per person and hors d'oeuvres are included. Proceeds will benefit local ministries. Ticket sales will begin soon! If you are interested in modeling, please contact Charlotte @ 863-409-6270. Sizes that are available are XS- XL and a discount will be given to the models for items they purchase!

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - <u>**CHANGED TO THURSDAY'S</u>** –Mary Martha Quilters meet each Thursday at 10am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.</u>

ALTAR GUILD- HELP NEEDED - We are looking for two to four individuals willing to serve on a Communion service team -- men and couples also welcome! This is a low time-commitment role of roughly an hour combined each weekend for one month each year and a wonderful opportunity to serve God and church. Full training will be provided and completing a year of membership at Christ Lutheran Church is not a requirement. Please see Dawn Peters for more information.

HELP WANTED- The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

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.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

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 <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

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 - Luke 4:34 – "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God." The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life: trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn't necessarily lead anywhere — but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life build on Him and walking in His footsteps.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block
-	Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Jr. Confirmation
	African Violet Society set-up & Show through Saturday
Thursday	Bible Study @ 10 am
	Mary Martha Quilters @ 10 am
	African Violet Show
Friday	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
	African Violet Show
Saturday	
	African Violet Show
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am
	Souper Bowl Sunday