First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

As We Gather - "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness" (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord's earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God's Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God's Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God's truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

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.

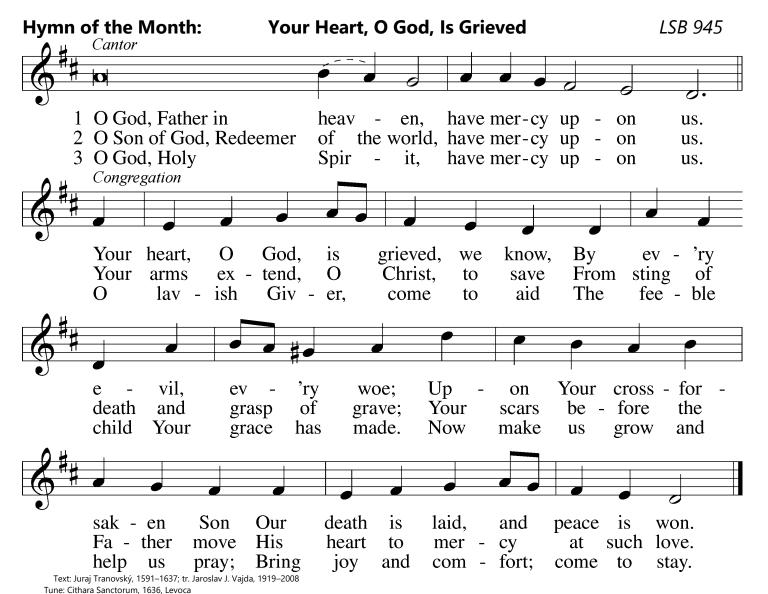
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in **Prelude and Meditation:** 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



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Stand

- **P** 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.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16



- When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

 I will rescue him and | honor him.
- With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation.

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- Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
 the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
 no plague come | near your tent.
- For he will command his angels con- cerning you* to guard you in all your ways.
- On their hands they will | bear you up,* lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- P You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

 I will rescue him and | honor him.
- With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



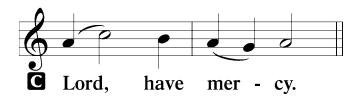
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

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

Epistle Romans 10:8b–13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 4:1–13

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



¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

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

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'

¹¹and

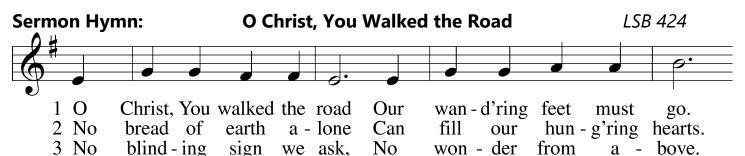
"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine, 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe. Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts. 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. Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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Sermon: "True Worship"
Luke 4:1-13

Apostles' Creed

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

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) "Be Still My Soul"

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

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

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 177

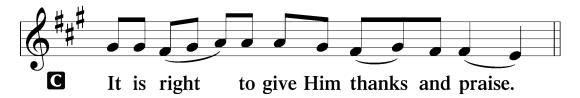
P The Lord be with you.



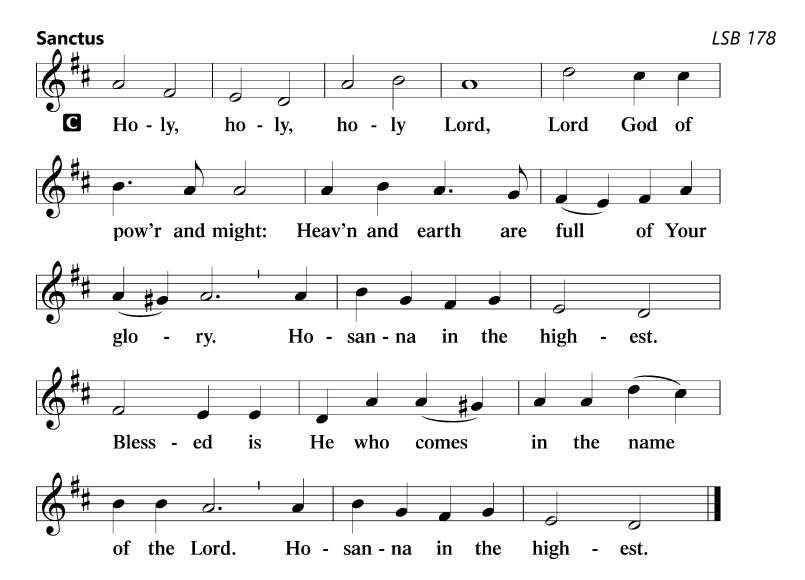
P Lift up your hearts.



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:



P 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

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P 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:

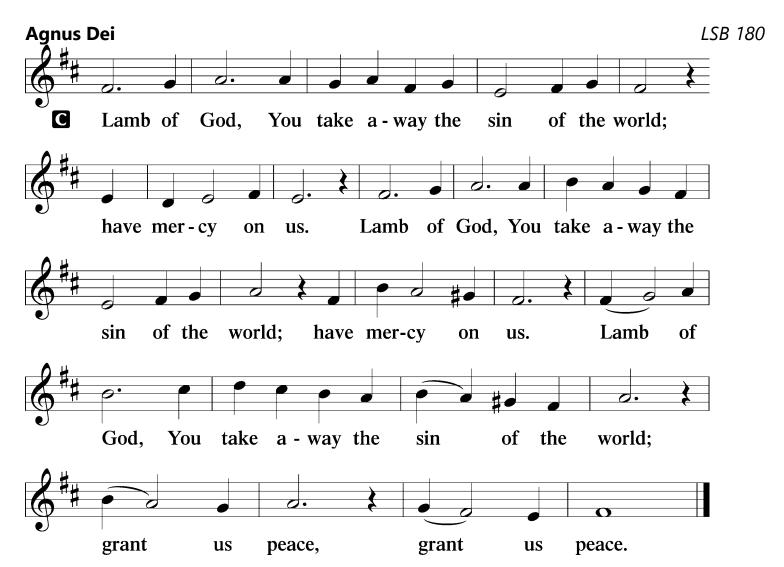
Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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Stand



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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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.





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| Organist | Elena Miraztchiyska |

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| Elder | Steve Rosane |
| Lector | Gerie Slaten/Carlos Orellana |
| Audio | Robin Fox |
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| Sunday | |
| Elder | Keith Kallstrom |
| Lector | Kim Kaniecki |
| Greeter | John T. Doherty Jr. |
| Audio | Judi Rudolph |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Lent I – Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 3 is serving this week. Team 4 will serve next week. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. March freewill offerings will go to VISTE.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING – The Communications Board will meet next Sunday, March 16th, after service.

MARY MARTHA MEETING AND SPRING LUNCHEON – The Mary Martha will have a meeting and our Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, March 12th at the Brack Shack Bar and Grill, 231 East Lake Ave. in Auburndale. We will hold a short business meeting at 10:30 with the luncheon to follow at 11:00 am. Carpooling is available – see Charlotte Mantz.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND FUNDRAISING DRIVE - The Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is having our semi-annual fundraising drive next weekend, SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH and SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH. We ask the congregation to prayerfully consider making a donation to support the Endowment Fund. You may designate it as a memorial gift to your loved one if you desire. We will have a separate offering plate in the back and ask that you make your check payable to CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND which is a separate account from the church's general fund. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call Helen Borgwardt at (863) 660-0055.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING - The Endowment Fund Committee will be having their next meeting on SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Zoom Room, 1st door on the right in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Committee. Helen Borgwardt, Chairperson

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. Partial proceeds will benefit our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Tickets are on sale now!

BASEBALL PARKING – We need help for today, Sunday, March 9th and Sunday, March 16th. You can come out after the service is over if you like. Please consider helping with this fun outreach fundraiser. If you are able to help, please contact Cathy Sterns at 989-657-2916.

GRIEF SHARE – A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one continues on **Tuesdays**, **at 1 pm**. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - *CHANGED TO WEDNESDAYS* - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday 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.

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 stewardship@clclakeland.org.

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 4:8 – "And Jesus answered him, 'It is written ..." Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

| | Circuit Pastors MeetingAdopt-A-Block |
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| · | GriefShare @ 1 pm |
| Wednesday | Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran |
| | Trustee Workday @ 9 am |
| | Mary Martha Quilters @ 10 am |
| | Mary Martha Meeting & Luncheon @ 10:30 am |
| | Baseball Parking |
| | Jr. Confirmation |
| | Advent Service @ 6:30 pm |
| | Choir @ 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | Baseball Parking |
| Friday | |
| Saturday | Worship @ 5:30 pm |
| Sunday | Bible Study @ 8:30 am |
| | Worship @ 10 am |
| | Communications Board Meeting |
| | Baseball Parking |

