

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Mission Statement – “Loving God, Loving People”

Wednesday Lenten Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)

March 11, 2026 – 12:00 Noon & 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,

C: who calls us by name,

P: who restores our souls,

C: who leads us in the way of righteousness,

P: and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.

C: This is the God we have come to worship!

*** Gathering Hymn 776**

“What God Ordains Is Good Indeed”

*** Greeting**

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab

and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** The 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.**

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*** POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

C: Amen.

*** Blessing**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 502**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Three Wednesdays of Lent – March 11, 18, 25

12-Noon *followed by lunch (Noon only)* Please join us for worship and lunch!
6:30 pm Worship

Church Council has designated our Lenten/Easter offerings for the LaVale Food Pantry.

Easter is coming! Our Social Ministry Committee is inactive at the present time. Council has voted to give market food gift cards only to needy family. **If you would like to contribute to these cards, please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets. We usually give to around 25 families. Please donate by Sunday, March 22nd.** Thank you for your help.

On Easter Sunday, April 5 – we are going to have a **EASTER BREAKFAST of Sausage and Pancakes before service from 8:30-9:30am.** Please come and bring friends for this celebration. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up!!!

Mountain Maryland Lecture Series

Theme: Wrestling with God: From Lament to Praise
What: Mountain Maryland Lecture Series featuring Dr. Rolf Jacobson
Who: open to religious leaders and lay people alike
When: Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2026
Where: St John’s Lutheran Church in Cumberland
Cost: \$50 for the entire weekend series

Don't miss the Mountain Maryland Lecture Series this spring, Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cumberland. The speaker is Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. It is only \$50 for the weekend series. Please contact Pastor Daniel if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. It is not too early to register! Please see the flyer in the narthex for more information.



IF YOU WISH TO HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER, please fill out this sheet and return with your payment.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church; place payment and this form in envelope. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS** is Thursday, March 26th.

Flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary for the Easter Worship Services. You may pick-up your flowers to take home after the 10:00 Service on **Easter Sunday, April 5th**

Lilies	Tulips
\$19.00 _____	\$19.00 _____

To the Glory of God, in Memory of, or in Honor of:

By: _____

