



CHRIST
CHURCH

March 1, 2026



Welcome to worship at Christ Church!

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger and Christ Kids Worship at the 8:30 service for 4 and 5 year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:15 service are available in the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby during the worship service, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Prelude

Welcome

Lucas Mooibroek
Director of Adult Ministries

Silent meditation Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:20-21

Elder Kyle Yost

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

* *Jesus Loves Me*

text, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary

William B. Bradbury

1. Je-sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je-sus loves me! God's own Son o - ver sin the vic - t'ry won.
3. Je-sus loves me! He is near, he is with his Church so dear.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.
When I die, saved by his grace, I shall see him face to face.
And the Spi - rit he has sent by his Word and Sa - cra - ment.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

* Invocation

New Testament Reading from the Life of Christ

Eily Risma and Morgan McCormick, readers (8:30)
Josie Ratajeski, Maggie Ratajeski, readers (11:15)

...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. —Hebrews 12:1b-2a

Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptation of Jesus

Lord of All Hopefulness instrumental

text, Jan Struther; arr. Virginia Nylander Ebinger

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Luke 18:38

...“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Out of the Deep I Call Trinity Hymnal 490

Declaration of Forgiveness John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Dm Bb C F
- ners, strang - ers, we're wel-comed in. Lift

C F/C Bb F/C
up your hands, lift up your voice. Sing

Dm Bb C F
— with all your heart; he calls you friend. Sing

Dm Bb C F
— with all your heart; he calls you friend.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 3:1-26

¹ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

And the Light Continues to Shine

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Illuminates Jesus as God

Illuminates our true need

Illuminates our sure hope

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast.

The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.

During communion:

Softly and Tenderly with Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus piano arr. Ken Barker

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving spoken together

Loving God, we thank you for this sacrament, for uniting us with Christ, and for giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

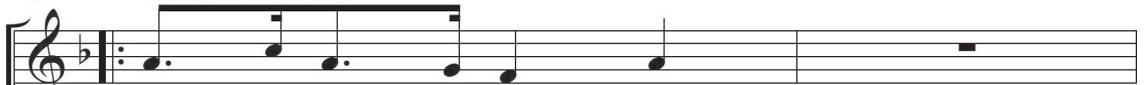
*** Amen! for Lent & Easter**

traditional spiritual

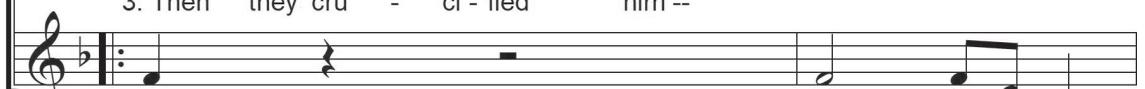
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A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -

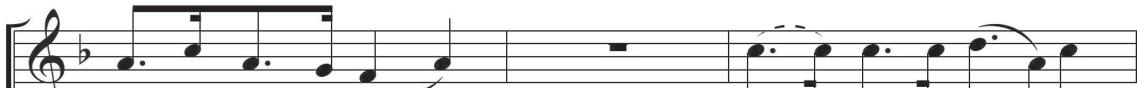
CHOOSE TO SING VERSES OR "AMEN"



1. See him at the sea - shore
 2. See him in the gar - den
 3. Then they cru - ci - fied him --



men! A



preach-ing to the peo - ple heal-ing and for-giv - ing!
 pray - ing to the Fa - ther in ___ deep - est sor - row!
 Je - sus, our ___ Sav - ior -- but he rose on East - er!



men, a - men.

ALL 

A - men, a - men, a - men!

* Postlude

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

Cover art

Rebekah Hanisch

Worship musicians

Youth Ensemble
Susan Guerra & Rebecca Klamer,
directors

Lulu Churchwell, chimes
Tessa Faber, flute, xylophone
Lucy Harley, ukulele,
metallophone
Mirs Harley, ukulele, metallophone
Katrielle Hutchison, chimes
Quinn Klamer, trumpet, triangle
Leo LaFleur, marimba

Jonas Lahmann, chimes
Hope Lorenz, xylophone
Nathan Oliver, xylophone
Josie Ratajeski, cello, djembe
Timothy Ratajeski, chimes, sleigh
bells
Danielle Vanderput, glockenspiel,
chimes
Isaiah Vanderput, xylophone
Jaci Yasugi, violin, chimes
Lincoln Yasugi, chimes, xylophone

Out of the Deep I Call

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You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Neh. 9:17

1. Out of the deep I call to thee, O Lord, to thee.
2. Out of the deep I cry, the woe - ful deep of sin,
3. Out of the deep of fear and dread of com - ing shame;
4. Lord, there is mer - cy now, as ev - er was, with thee.

Be - fore thy throne of grace I fall; be mer - ci - ful to me.
of e - vil done in days gone by, of e - vil now with - in;
all night till morn - ing watch is near I plead the pre - cious name.
Be - fore thy throne of grace I bow; be mer - ci - ful to me.

Amazing Grace!

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Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

1 Chron. 17:16

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The bass line is written on a five-line staff.

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody continues on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: C, G, Em, G, D7, G.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

Musical notation for the fourth system, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The bass line continues on a five-line staff.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779
St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
Traditional American melody
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900