



# The Christ Candle March 2024

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\*\*All meetings are open to members  
 of the congregation.  
 Scheduled meetings are sometimes  
 adjusted based upon the ministry  
 team members schedules.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ An E.L.C.A. Congregation ~

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### Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!

- Mar 20 - Lenten Midweek Services End
- Mar 24 - Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday (7pm)
- Mar 29 - Good Friday Tenebrae (7pm)
- Mar 30 - Easter Vigil (7pm)
- Mar 31 - Easter Breakfast (8:00-10am)  
Easter Sunday Worship (10:30am)  
Easter Egg Hunt following Worship

## Highland Community Band Spring Concert

Thursday March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for a free performance by the Highland Community Band!

We have several members that play in the band! Performance will be held at Highland Highschool.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

We are looking for candy donations

(individually wrapped)

for the Easter Egg Hunt! Please see Dara for more information!



## YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Mar 10th—5-7pm Movie Night

Please Bring Your Friends!!

*If you need a ride please call, we will get you there!*



*Please see Robin Bellamy for more information.*

Check out our website.

Visit us at: [clchammond.com](http://clchammond.com)



Go to YouTube.com and Search:

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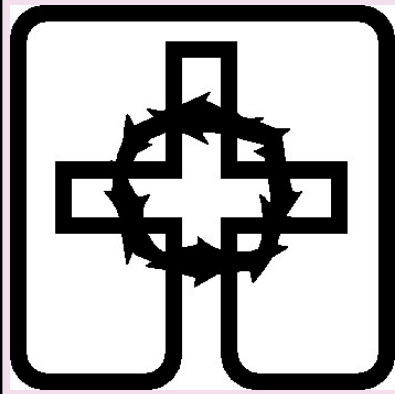
# SHROVE TUESDAY 2024

Thank you to everyone who shopped, set-up. Cooked and helped clean-up!



The “Swanny Suite”  
(Youth Group Room)  
was dedicated on February 4th.  
It is named for Pastor Emeritus  
Pastor James Swanson.





## + The Season of Lent +

For Lutherans the 40-day season of Lent is an important one. Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. It began very simply as a time of preparation for Easter. The earliest reference to a 40 day fast leading up to Easter is the Second Festal letter of Athanasius in 330 A.D. Today Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (Sundays are excluded to preserve the number 40). For Christians living in the Fourth Century, Lent had two major emphases: (1) It was seen as a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians were to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and other Christian ethical precepts and repent where necessary. They were to remember what it cost their Savior to save them; (2) it was a time of instruction and preparation for the catechumens who wanted to become members of the Christian Church.

At the time of the Reformation, some Christians wanted to eliminate Lent since Scripture didn't command it. Luther urged that it be kept, for he saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. Luther tells us that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary.

So we also retain Lent to this day, because we see it as a salutary outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our observance of Lent combines many of the above features. Through our midweek and Sunday services, our Bible studies, and Lenten devotional materials, we come face to face with whatever sin may be hindering our walk with Christ. But most profoundly, we come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes that sin and gives us the power to live anew.

### **10:30AM Lenten Midweek Worship** **“Guided to the Cross”**

Is a special series of Mid-Week Lay Leader Services  
for the season of Lent.

*Beginning on Wednesday, February 21 - March 20 in Byquist.*

*(Soup to follow)*

### **7PM Lenten Midweek Worship - “Holden Evening Prayer”**

**Mid-Week Services Each Wednesday evening in Lent**  
**“Holden Evening Prayer” by Marty Haugen**

*Beginning on Wednesday, February 21 - March 20 in the Sanctuary*

# SERVICES FOR LENT

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*Ash Wednesday*

**GUIDED TO FORGIVENESS**



*Week 1*

**GUIDED TO HOPE**



*Week 2*

**GUIDED TO LOVE**



*Week 3*

**GUIDED TO PEACE**



*Week 4*

**GUIDED TO TRUST**



*Week 5*

**GUIDED TO PERSEVERANCE**

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

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Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Guided to Forgiveness** • Colossians 1:13-14 • When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.

## WEEK ONE

**Guided to Hope** • 2 Corinthians 1:10 • When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

## WEEK TWO

**Guided to Love** • 1 Timothy 1:13-14 • When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

## WEEK THREE

**Guided to Peace** • Colossians 1:19-20 • With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

## WEEK FOUR

**Guided to Trust** • 1 Timothy 1:15 • Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

## WEEK FIVE

**Guided to Perseverance** • Ephesians 6:18 • When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE



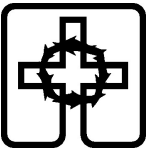
### **Palm/Passion Sunday: March 24th 10:30am**

On this day the church continues its procession from Byquist Hall with our crucified and risen Lord. He is in our midst as we hear of his life-giving death and as we share his body and blood.



### **Maundy Thursday: March 28th 7:00pm**

On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper which Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed the hungry.



### **Good Friday: March 29th 7:00pm**

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval pre-dawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In recent time, this monastic liturgy was transferred among many churches to Friday evening in Holy Week to complete the walk to the cross and our Lord's death for our sin.



### **Easter Vigil: March 30th 7:00pm**

This liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness." It is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes this the crowning moment of the church's year, as the risen Lord leaves the tomb.



### **Easter: Sunday of the Resurrection**

Easter is the festival that celebrates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. All the Christian movable feasts and the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter.

**8:00am-10:00am breakfast**

**10:30am Worship**

## EASTER BREAKFAST

**Breakfast will be served from 8:00am-10am.**

**A free will offering will be collected.**









# **2024 EASTER GARDEN**



Flower orders are now being received.  
Don't be disappointed,  
order yours today!!

**COST: \$10.00 per Plant**

**Orders due by: Sunday, March 24th**

*(In order that names are correct, please print)*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

And/Or

Given in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Money Enclosed At \$10.00 per Plant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check which plants apply:**

*(Please give quantity if ordering more than one type of plant)*

# \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies    # \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips    # \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take home after LATE Service (Easter Day)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave for Easter Season and Planting on Church grounds.