

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you'd like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Young worshippers may visit our COR-KIDS Playspace in the rear of the sanctuary. Activity bulletins are also available for children (see ushers or Pastor).

How do I find worship music?

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

Find us online at:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristOurRedeemerJerseyCity>

Instagram: www.instagram.com/cor.jc

Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

Prelude

Welcome

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are comfortable.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (ELW 324)

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

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| First Reading | Exodus 20:1-17 |
| Psalmody | Psalm 19 |
| Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 |
| Gospel | John 2:13-22 |

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (*Ps. 19:8*)

¹The heavens declare the glo-¹ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**

³Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(In honor of God's Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)

C: Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. O, Lord, come by here.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple.

When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.)

Sermon

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Hymn of the Day:

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

The Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation.

Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (*regions in conflict may be named*). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (*especially*). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We share a sign of Christ's peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)

Please be seated.

Offering & Offertory Music

(In response to hearing God's Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)

Please stand as you are comfortable.

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Please be seated.

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you

take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn:

How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

Distribution of Communion

(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Canticle:

God is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.

HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.

HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

Announcements

(Please see the last page.)

SENDING

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Benediction

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803)

Closing Anthem

Jesus Remember Me

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:

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| Deborah Frazier | Jersey City, NJ | 201-333-0707 |
| James Gumbs | Jersey City, NJ | 646-940-3464 |
| Joe Heard, Sr. | Linden, NJ | 201-725-5231 |
| Jonathan Strong Sr. | Jersey City, NJ | 551-580-5759 |
| Juanita Larkins | North Plainfield, NJ | 201-798-3460 |
| Kate Fauder | Jersey City, NJ | 201-333-5752 |
| Kathy Connally | Jersey City, NJ | 201-451-9057 |
| Louise Givens | Jersey City, NJ | 201-432-1486 |
| Maggie Graves | Jersey City, NJ | 201-434-2251 |
| Rabone Goolserran | Jersey City, NJ | 201-432-8215 |
| Sylvia Bishran | Jersey City, NJ | 201-492-8108 |
| Vernon Goolserran | Jersey City, NJ | 201-432-8215 |
| Yvonne Grant | Jersey City, NJ | 973-444-2266 |
| Sylvena Davis | Jersey City, NJ | 201-279-2002 |

Worship Participants

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| Ministers | The People of Christ Our Redeemer |
| Pastor | Reverend Kimberly Vaughn |
| Pianist | Kim Norton |
| Lector: | Timekia Carter |
| Counters: | Jameka Carter and TBD |
| Usher: | Timekia Carter |

Thank you to those who assisted in today's worship.

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Our Parish Calendar

March Birthdays:

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| Jalia Carter | 9 th |
| Antoinette Mabry | 16 th |

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| Aniaya Duncan | 12 th |
| Desiree Persaud | 21 st |
| Stella Hooper | 21 st |
| Corey Brooks | 23 rd |

March Baptism Anniversaries:

Worship Assistants for 3/10/2024

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| Lector: | Janasia Carter |
| Counters: | TBD |
| Usher: | Timekia Carter |

Worship Assistants for 3/17/2024

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| Lector: | Corey Brooks |
| Counters: | Janasia Carter and TBD |
| Usher: | Timekia Carter |

Worship Assistants for 3/24/2024

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| Lector: | Joy Griggs |
| Counters: | Joy Griggs and TBD |
| Usher: | Timekia Carter |

Worship Assistants for 3/31/2024

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| Lector: | Janasia Carter |
| Counters: | Jameka Carter and TBD |
| Usher: | Timekia Carter |

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational:

- **SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD** one hour next Sunday, March 10!
- **LENTEN SERVICES:** Joint supper/worship with area churches continues next Wednesday, March 6, hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church 2015 JFK Blvd. Meal begins at 6 pm and worship begins at 7 pm.
- **COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Please note the date changes!
- **EASTER FLOWERS:** Easter flowers will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary, and donations are now being accepted by any and all. If you would like to dedicate flowers

to someone, please fill out and return a dedication form to the church office.
Dedications are due by March 27.

- BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on “Daily Discipleship”. See Pastor Kimberly for details.
- HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION: If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
- Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for March and following months.

NJ Synod and Community:

- The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Late fee (Feb. 15—April 15) is \$475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is \$190 (Waived restriction apply). A \$150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.
- SYNOD BOOK CONVERSATION: All are invited to join a New Jersey Synod Zoom discussion of the book “Black Cake” on Sunday, March 3rd at 7:30pm. To register for the Zoom link, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAufu2ppj8tHdBD2UiBQubqMGEhPaFvPQpv#/registration>

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THROUGH GOD’S WORD,
THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,
WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST**

† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community

**Wednesday Supper &
Worship w/ friends
(6 p.m.):**

2/21 - Grace Lutheran,
Bayonne
3/6 - Bethany Lutheran,
JC
3/13 - Trinity Lutheran, JC



**At Christ Our
Redeemer:**

Wednesday 2/28 & 3/20
- Supper & worship
beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday Worship
3/24 - 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday 3/28 -
6:30 p.m.
Good Friday 3/29 - 6:30
p.m.
Holy Saturday 3/30 -
Children's Easter Party
Easter Sunday 3/31 - 9:30
a.m.

***Lent & Holy Week @Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran
Church, 37 Warner Ave., Jersey City NJ***

EASTER FLOWER FUND



Enclosed is \$_____ to assist with the cost of flowers to enhance our sanctuary for the Easter season.

Please include the following dedication in the bulletin:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR _____

BY: _____

Please return by Wednesday, March 27th

NOTE: Donations in any amount are welcome to cover the cost of flowers



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