

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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Saturdays: As needed

Sundays: 7:30 - 11:30

Worship Service – 9:30 AM Sundays (In-person & Online)

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**March 24, 2024**

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

**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. An 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 available for children.

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

Prelude

Welcome

**GATHERING**

**Procession with Palms**

**Processional Reading:**

Mark 11:1-11

1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Processional Hymn:**

Ride On, King Jesus (AAH 225)

**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: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalmody	Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1--15:47

**Children's Time**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (*Ps. 31:5*)

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I <sup>l</sup> am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>l</sup> and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>l</sup> years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>l</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>l</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>l</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>l</sup> out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a <sup>l</sup> broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>l</sup> all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>l</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>l</sup> you, O Lord.**

**I have said, “You <sup>l</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>l</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>l</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>l</sup> on your servant;**

**save me in your <sup>l</sup> steadfast love.” R**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ’s death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(For today's special reading of the Passion According to St. Mark, please remain seated.)*

**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.**

### **The Passion According to St. Mark**

*(Please see separate document for the Passion reading. Feel free to join in!)*

### **Sermon**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### **Hymn of the Day**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (AAH 247/ELW 338)

### **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

P: 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.*

P: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Establish peace and justice among the nations (*regions in conflict may be named*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers (*individuals preparing for baptism and confirmation may be named*). Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: 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:**

Were You There (ELW 353/AAH 254)

**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**

The Old Rugged Cross (AAH 244)

### **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:**

Deborah Frazier	Jersey City, NJ	201-333-0707
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### **Worship Participants**

Ministers	The People of Christ Our Redeemer
Pastor	Reverend Kimberly Vaughn
Pianist	Kim Norton

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

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

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### **Our Parish Calendar**

#### **March Birthdays:**

Jalia Carter	9 <sup>th</sup>
Antoinette Mabry	16 <sup>th</sup>
Aniaya Duncan	21 <sup>st</sup>
Desiree Persaud	21 <sup>st</sup>
Stella Hooper	21 <sup>st</sup>
Corey Brooks	23 <sup>rd</sup>

#### **March Baptism Anniversaries:**

##### **Worship Assistants for 3/31/2024**

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

##### **Worship Assistants for 4/7/2024**

Lector: Jameka Carter  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: Timekia Carter

##### **Worship Assistants for 4/14/2024**

Lector: Toni Mabry  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: TBD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Congregational:

- HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: As Holy Week begins, we enter the drama of Jesus' suffering and death. Join us on Thursday and Friday at 6:30 for worship as we sit at the foot of the cross.
- BIBLE STUDY NOTE: There will be NO evening bible study on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. There will be no afternoon or evening bible study on Thurs. April 4th and Thurs. April 18th.
- EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to dedicate flowers to someone, please fill out and return a dedication form (attached below) to the church office by March 27.
- EASTER EGG HUNT for children will be Saturday, March 30, from 1:00 – 3:00. All children under age 12 are welcome!
- 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.

**126<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST  
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**

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR AN

**Easter Egg Hunt & Basket Giveaway**

**CHILDREN 12 & UNDER**

**MARCH 30, 2024  
1 PM - 3 PM**

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- \*Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 2:30pm
- \*Bring your own basket for egg hunt
- \*Giveaway while supplies last

**See you there!**

CONNECTED TO CHRIST  
CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER  
CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY

# 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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