



Lent

**Christ Lutheran Church
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania**

2025 Midweek Lenten Service

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on Entering Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

SERVICE OF LIGHT (*please stand*)

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: **and may the poor be lifted up.**

HYMN OF LIGHT

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,

In You the Father's glory shone.

Immortal, holy, blest is He,

And blest are You, His only Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;

The lamps are lit to pierce the night.

Praise Father, Son, and Spirit Three,

Who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are You of endless praise,

O Son of God, life-giving Lord;

Wherefore You are through all the earth

And in the highest heav'n adored.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all the universe,

C: who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

P: Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

C: may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

P: for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation

C: and we, Your creatures, glorify You Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PSALM 141

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;

C: Hear my voice when I cry to You.

P: Set a watch, before my mouth O Lord,

C: And guard the door of my lips.

P: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

C: let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

P: But my eyes are turned to You, O God;

C: In You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Following the reading...

L: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

HYMN

(listed

at end of service)

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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HYMN

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On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of
grace,

That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your
work erase;

Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and
salvation!

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promise, we are
bold to pray:

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.

PRAYERS

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

C: And grant us Your salvation.

P: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

C: Let your people sing with joy.

P: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

C: For only in You can we live in safety.

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

C: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

P: Let your way be known upon earth;

C: Your saving health among all nations.

P: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

C: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

C: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR LENTEN RENEWAL

P: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace. So clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; For the honor of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

P: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your

immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

P: Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name You will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (†)
Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

HYMN LIST

March 12	March 19	March 26	April 2	April 9
423	436	437	431	435
456	425	424	427	433

You are invited to join us for supper and Lenten services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Supper will be served from 5:45 to 6:45 pm with worship following at 7:00 pm.

Holy week services will include Maundy Thursday Holy Communion on April 17 and Good Friday Tenebrae on April 18. Both of these services are scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Then, join us for a special celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning with a Sunrise Service at 6 am. and an Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 am.