



# SUNDAY EXTRA

March 11, 2018  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Community Lutheran Church



“Welcoming Others, Growing in Grace, Sharing Christ’s Love”

## Sunday

8:15am Worship  
9:30am Christian Education  
11:00am Worship

## Selected Readings

“Crux est mundi medicina.” - “The Cross is medicine for the world.”

"The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments. The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, 'Me too.'" - Rob Bell

## Luther Quote of the Day

"Here is an old, dry tree, nay an accursed wood; but it causes us to become freed from sin and to obtain eternal life. For there hangs the Son of God with outstretched arms, in order to testify that He rejects no one but wants gladly to accept everyone and ... draw all unto Himself. His head is lifted to heaven and shows us the way to eternal life."

## Worship in the Season of Lent

Lent is from an Anglo Saxon word meaning “to lengthen.” As the days lengthen, we observe a 40-days of preparation for Holy Week, recalling Jesus’ journey and discipleship. We sing “Lord have mercy” and use this beautiful liturgical setting composed by our own Music Director, Jen Quiñones.

## Today at Community Lutheran

**Worship Servants** meet the Pastors in the Narthex for prayer before the service.

## Adult Christian Ed: 9:30am

**Bible Study:** *The Parables* led by Mike Tinman (Sanctuary) *"I love the discussions and our faith is strengthened."* – Peggy Darr

**Adult Forum: *Down & Out: Where Grace Takes You -> Spirit/Flesh*** led by Susan Devereaux (Granger Room). *"These conversations help me understand and live out my faith."* - Susan Devereaux

**Bake Sale and Noisy Offering** benefits Rwanda School and Geoffrey and Devotha.

**Pre-Gathering Meeting, 12:00pm**, Youth Room.

## Upcoming Opportunities

**Year In Review:** Pick up your copy of this beautiful reminder of our life together in 2017.

**Lenten Devotionals** are available in the Narthex for your study, please pick one up!

**Pancake Supper: Thank you for your support.** The youth raised over \$1000 toward the National Youth Gathering. They loved serving you and spending time with everyone.

**Readers Group: Tues, 7:15pm, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>.** We will discuss the book *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. Join us for good conversation and refreshments.

**“Fitness with Friends” Thurs., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Join your Church Staff for a fun hour of fitness combining strength training with games to make getting in shape fun, in Fellowship Hall, led by a local instructor. If this works well, we’ll find an optimal date/time going forward. Sign up on the bulletin board!

**YOUTH EVENTS:**

**Pre-Gathering Meeting Mar.11,**  
12:00pm (all attendees and parents)  
**Shekinah Mar. 16-18 (6-8)**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Rachmaninoff Concert 3/25  
Women’s Retreat 4/13-15  
Blood Drive 4/22

**Boy Scout Troop 950’s Pancake Breakfast at CLC on Sat., Mar. 17, 8-11am.** This is the troop’s activity to raise funds for their programs. Thomas Nowak will be selling tickets to this event the next two Sundays. See the flyer on the bulletin board for info.

**Blood Drive benefits Children’s National Health System, Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>** *Last year, I gave blood that helped our friends' grandchild, it made a difference.* –Deborah Kalas Make a difference and sign up in the Narthex.

“Come, ye people, come and worship our King and Almighty God!” **Rachmaninoff Vespers Service Sun., March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Join us as we worship and prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

**Simply Giving Updated?** Anyone using Simply Giving who increased their pledge for 2018 should contact our Treasurer to update the amount. *I forgot to update my Simply-Giving, so I called our Treasurer and he was happy to make the correction.*-Mike Turner Contact Jeff Biber at [treasurer@communitylutheran.org](mailto:treasurer@communitylutheran.org).

**A Few Words about our Lenten**

**Altarscape:** The altarscape reflects the barrenness of the desert, the empty barrels are void of water or wine, tree branches sleep until their rebirth in spring. It's a solemn time of prayer, reflecting on Jesus’ sacrifice, discipleship and our own. – Joan Heath and Kathy LoGalbo

**Giving to Church is a Blessing: Two CLC Families share their Witness**

*We were happy to make offerings to CLC through our ‘Required Minimum Distribution.’ It was easy and has tax-advantages.*

- John and Fran Newman

*You can't out give the Lord. I've tried and tried, but failed. One time I gave when it put me short of funds and the next day I was surprised by a check that was more than my gift. I give not for what I may receive in return, but because I want to pass on some of the blessings I received. The money I receive is not mine, but given from God. We can't take our money with us when we die, even if we line our body, inside our coffin, with it.*

- George Galloway

**Faith 5 Verse:** Psalm 51:12 - "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit."

**Next Sunday’s Readings:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

## Council Meeting Highlights - February 2018

- \* Celebrating Jen's composition of the new liturgy.
- \* Giving thanks for the Soup-er Bowl Sunday event that raised funds for youth events and Building Puentes, Puerto Rico recovery effort and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper that raised more than \$1200 to invest in our youths' faith education and journey to Houston.
- \* Rejoicing that four congregational members are going to Rwanda to connect with Rwanda School and our mission there.
- \* Celebrating our ongoing efforts to develop good interfaith connections and discussing issues relevant to Loudoun County

### Weekly Offering/Attendance Report - March 4, 2018

Attendance:	Offering:		
113 8:15am Worship	\$ 18,123.73	Regular Offering	
127 11:00am Worship	\$ 60.00	Benevolence	
34 Wed noon Worship	\$ -	Building Use	
<b>274</b>	<b>\$ 18,183.73</b>	<b>Total Income Received</b>	
		Special Purpose:	
	\$ 63.08	Pastors' Discretionary	
	\$ 177.34	Noisy Offering	
	\$ 580.25	Rwanda School Project	
	\$ 532.00	2018 National Youth Gathering	
	\$ 558.54	Other	
			<b>\$ 1,911.21</b>
Weekly "Simply Giving" (included above)			\$3,404.35

**Simply Giving is an easy way to Bank-Draft your offering. Please contact our Treasurer Jeff Biber or the Church for more information.**

**Have you remembered CLC in your estate plan? Call the Church for more information.**

**Giving Options at CLC:** Here is a Quick Response (QR) Code created for CLC. By scanning this image with a QR reader on your Smartphone, you will be taken to a secure giving website. Just scan the image and you're free to give our weekly offering! You may also donate using the "Donate Now" button on Community's website: [communitylutheran.org](http://communitylutheran.org).



**In Our Prayers  
This Week  
For Healing and Comfort**

+ Barbara Jean Franklin + Ruth Cook + Bob Hughes + Laura Steiger + Lynn Tinman

**Homebound Members**

+ Judy Prisley, Falcon's Ldg + Gloria Driessnack, Falcon's Ldg + Tho Bird, Fairfax  
+ Maxine Stambaugh, Sunrise + Henry Nelson, Sunrise  
+ Dave and Jane Johnson, Falcon's Ldg + Rosemary Richard, Tall Oaks  
+ Nancy Wagner, Cascades Village + Dean Lawrence, Home

**Those Serving Abroad**

+ The Nation Family

*The Sunday Extra lists the names of CLC Members who wish to be prayed for publicly.  
We are certainly aware of the needs of other Family and Friends beyond our parish, and  
we encourage you to name others aloud or silently when you are invited to do so.*

**If you would like to send cards and well-wishes to those in our prayers,  
please contact the church office.**

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(3/11)</b>	8:15 AM	Worship
		9:30 AM	Christian Education
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	First Communion Luncheon
		12:00 PM	Youth Pre-Gathering (Youth Rm)
		6:00 PM	Council Meeting (Lib)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>(3/13)</b>	6:00 PM	Icon Class (Rm 11)
		7:30 PM	Readers Group (Lib)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>(3/14)</b>	9:30 AM	CLC Quilters (Rm 11)
		10:30 AM	Bible Study (Lib)
		12:00 PM	Noon Eucharist
		4:00 PM	Dovecotes Choir (Sanct)
		4:30 PM	Children's Choir (Sanct)
		5:00 PM	Conversation & Confession (P. Offs.)
		5:30 PM	Lenten Soup Supper (FH)
		6:00 PM	Bell Choir (Sanct)
		6:30 PM	Evening Prayer
		7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanct)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>(3/15)</b>	10:00 AM	Day Stitchers (Rm 11)
		7:00 PM	Audit Meeting (Lib)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>(3/16-18)</b>		Shekinah – Confirmands