


# Christ Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025

An abstract artwork featuring a dark, moody sky with swirling purple, blue, and red clouds. In the bottom left corner, a fox is depicted in a brownish-gold tone, looking towards the left. The fox appears to be standing on a dark, textured surface. The overall composition is layered and textured, with visible brushstrokes and torn paper effects.

*Calculating, scheming while  
scanning the low horizon,  
orange ears tilted up,  
tuned to the faintest  
decibel of fear,  
of panic among  
perceived weakness.  
Can he sense it  
gathering around him,  
a spiritual force even his  
keen senses fail to register?*

*Surrounding and flowing  
through her – mercy,  
justice, grace – fueling the  
One bulldozing  
boundaries to deliver healing.  
Wings open wide, warmth  
and rest stubbornly offered,  
giving hope to vulnerable  
hearts; Jerusalem lives  
as people and destination.*

Prose by  
Rev. Stan Whitten

Artwork by  
Mary Overstreet

# WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH THAT WELCOMES

All are welcome at Christ Lutheran Church. We emphasize grace, forgiveness, and the reality that God is love. The teachings and example of Jesus call us to love one another and to be an inclusive and affirming community for people of every culture, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, relationship status, family makeup, and spiritual background. No matter what challenges you're facing – physical, mental, spiritual, economic, emotional, moral, or otherwise – we invite you to experience God's grace with us. There is a place for you here.

## THE IN-PERSON CLC ESSENTIALS

**Restrooms** are in the Narthex and in the Education Building.

The **Nursery** is available from 9:15 a.m. through the end of the late service.

**Attendance Registration Cards** are located in the pew racks. We ask everyone in attendance, visitors and members, to fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

**Audio Receivers** for the hearing impaired are available in the Narthex.

**Name Tags** are in the Narthex. Whether it's your first time visiting or you've been attending here for decades, consider wearing one to help us get to know each other.

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

*Adoration - Price*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (10:30 a.m.) *Help Me Be Like You* - Sandy Wilkinson  
*I Will Sing Your Praise* - Marion Gerow  
Angelicus Choir

### WELCOME

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Thy Holy Wings*

ELW #613

### GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the Covenant, in the mystery of the cross you bring life to the world.  
Gather all peoples into your arms and shelter us with your mercy, that we may experience the  
comfort of your love and rejoice in the life we share through you. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

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## WORD

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**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

Pew Bible/Old Testament page #12

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Pew Bible/New Testament page #189

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Leslie Price

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As a Mother Comforts Her Child*

ACS #1015 (*sung twice*)

As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979  
Music: TRINITY OF LOVE, Brian Wentzel  
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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.

*The congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for those in need, within our own community and throughout the world. We give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us. Our petitions end with "God, in your mercy," and the congregation responds: "**receive our prayer.**"*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

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## MEAL

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**OFFERTORY MUSIC** (10:30 a.m.)    *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates* - Hammerschmidt  
Sanctuary Choir

## OFFERING

*Christ Lutheran designates 20% of your Sunday offerings to our benevolence partners who make a direct impact on the lives of people in our world who need it most. See the second page for more information on giving virtually from your phone or go to [clcab.org](http://clcab.org) and click on the donate button. You can also donate via Venmo: @clcab09*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #186

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of the Cross, **in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

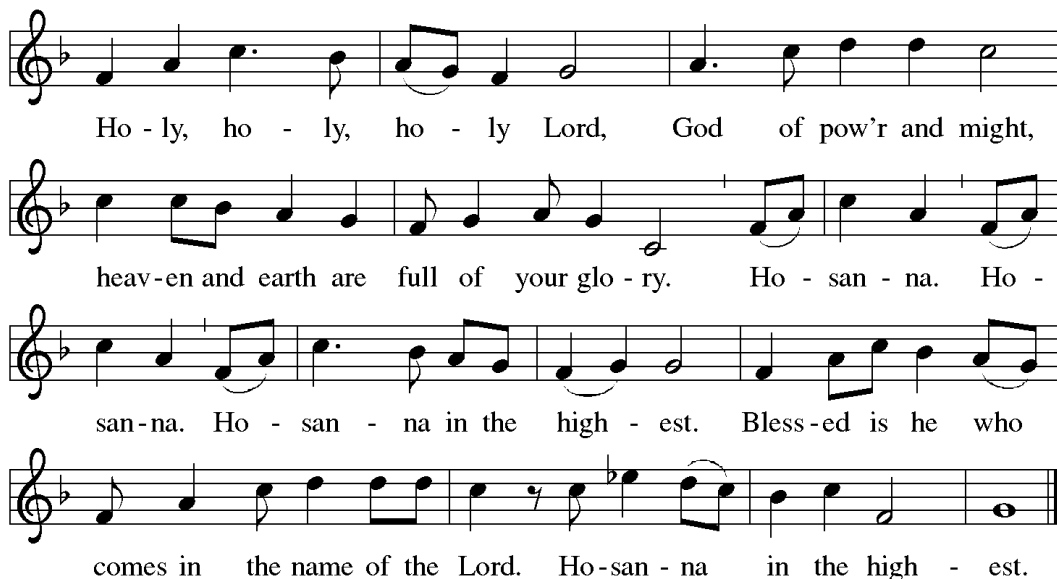
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

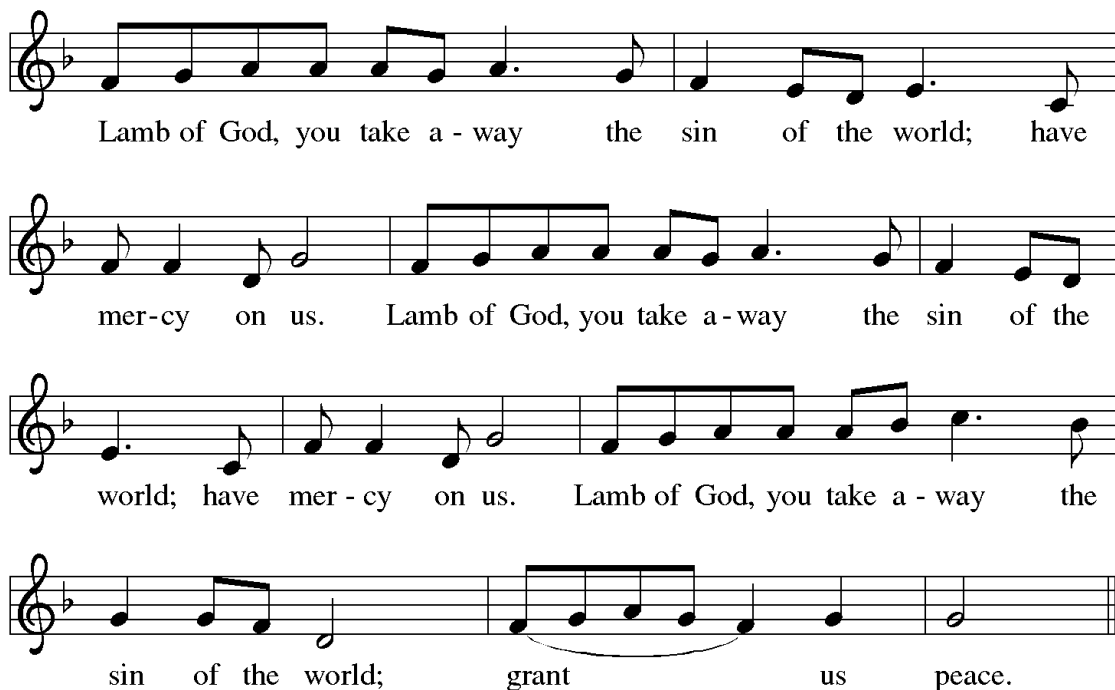
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



## DISTRIBUTION

*Two thousand years ago Jesus ate with sinners and those whom others scorned. He still does. None of us is worthy, except by God's grace. No matter what you have done or what your present condition, Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another.*

*The gathered faithful have a choice to commune at the front of the sanctuary by intinction or in their seats with individual communion packets available at the entrance to the sanctuary. With intinction, the bread is placed in your hand for you to dip in the wine. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion from a minister where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are found on the small table next to the usher stand for anyone who needs them.*

**COMMUNION** (10:30 a.m.)      *God Be In My Head* - Rutter  
Sanctuary choir

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*      ELW #469

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together. Dear God, **we give thanks for your promised care. In the sharing of this meal, we taste the fulfillment of your greatest promise. We celebrate our kinship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and with all our brothers and sisters. May your Holy Spirit strengthen us, that we may go into the world to imitate Christ and live as witnesses of your promised love. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      ELW #834

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**      *Postlude on St. Denio* - Wilson

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Preaching Minister*  
*Presiding Minister*  
*Assisting Ministers*  
*Lectors*

## **8:30 a.m.**

Pastor Leslie Price  
Pastor Howard Stendahl  
Rev. Lorraine Potter  
Cyndi Manes

## **10:30 a.m.**

Pastor Leslie Price  
Pastor Howard Stendahl  
Edna Robbins  
Paul Pfeifer

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*At-Large Member*  
*At-Large Member*

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Edna Robbins

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## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Carolyn Dufelmeier, Patti Lynch, Pam Sheffield, Laurie Stiteler, Bobby Stobb, Frank Pennington, Ron Olson, and James Ehler

## **WELCOME TEAM**

Carolyn Dufelmeier, Bob Logan, Mary Lynn Logan - Chair, Bob & Karen Corder, Bill Chavers, Joan Woods, Mary Overstreet, Edna Robbins, Ida Marie Schultz, Ulf Balldin, Heather Rosenquist, Tracy Anderson, Natalie Stone, Kathy Dicke, and Steve Wright

## **THANK YOU**

Our heartfelt thanks to Mary Overstreet for the beautiful new series of banners adorning our sanctuary which depict our Lenten theme “Hearts of Mercy.” Thanks to John Malitz’s crew for hanging them.

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## TODAY

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- 9:30 a.m. - No Sunday School, Primrose Corner, or Faith University due to Spring Break
- 9:30 a.m. - Lucy Circle, Parlor

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## THIS WEEK

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**Monday, March 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Money Counters, Parlor

**Tuesday, March 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House

**Wednesday, March 19**

- Noon Lenten Worship in Columbarium
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Gloria Choir, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Angelicus Choir, Children's Chapel
- 5:45 p.m. Conversational Spanish, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Family Worship in Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Dinner in Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, March 20**

- Noon Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle, Primrose House
- 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mission and Outreach Hospitality Supper, Goliad Road  
Community of Promise, 1630 Goliad Road.

## Lenten Wednesdays



**Noon - March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9**

12:00 p.m. - Worship in Columbarium

12:30 p.m. - Lunch in Fellowship Hall

**Evening - March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9**

6:00 p.m. - Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. - Dinner in Fellowship Hall

## FAITH UNIVERSITY IN MARCH

- **Today** – No Faith University; Adult education takes a week off for Spring Break.
- **March 23 & 30 – Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services) & **Upbring** (formerly Lutheran Social Services) - Come and learn more about these Lutheran agencies which represent us and need our support. Learn how they were founded, how they are funded, and more about the work that they do locally, nationally, and around the globe to offer mercy to those who are hurting and in need.
  - **March 23** - We will welcome Julie Thornton, Global Refuge SA Manager for Field Operations.
  - **March 30** - We will welcome Katie Evans the Manager of Church Relations at Upbring.
- **April 6 & 13 – Stories of Mercy** – What do King David, the woman at the well, the Lost Sheep, Hagar, the Prodigal Son, and the Ninevites all have in common? . . . They were in desperate need of grace and mercy . . . a gift they received from our everlasting God. As part of our Lenten journey “Hearts of Mercy,” we will spend two sessions of adult education visiting various stories of mercy found in our holy scriptures. We will reflect upon what these stories teach us, both about how to receive mercy and how to offer mercy.

## LUCY CIRCLE

Today, 9:30 a.m., Parlor

The Lucies will meet to discuss the final section of Anne Lamott’s book on prayer, [Help Thanks Wow](#). We invite you to join us for a thoughtful discussion, fellowship, and, very likely, healthy laughter. We’ll also share ideas on how we can use our skills and resources to help ministries that have been undermined by the sudden cessation of federal funding.

## MEN’S DIVORCE SURVIVAL SMALL GROUP HEARTBREAK . . . TO . . . HOPE

More Info today, after both services, Usher Stand

If you or someone you know is suffering the heartache of divorce, CLC is offering a FOR MEN ONLY Divorce Survival Group by Steven Lunning (retired ELCA pastor and new member of our congregation).

Steven will be available at the Usher Stand after worship to answer questions. Or you can email him at [sclunning@gmail.com](mailto:sclunning@gmail.com). HOPE IS ON THE WAY. - Steven Lunning

## THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 20, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Lunch Bunch invites seniors to gather for lunch on the third Thursday of the month where we gather for food and fellowship.

## LYDIA CIRCLE

Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Primrose House

The Lydia’s are currently in their second year of studying miracles in the Bible. Beginning with the gospels, they are watching Franco Zeffirelli’s *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977). Anyone who would like to view this miniseries is welcome to join us. We will be watching part 2. (There are 4 parts.) - Hollye Schwartz.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH HOSPITALITY SUPPER

Thursday, March 20, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Goliad Road Community of Promise,  
1630 Goliad Road

**Nuevos Vecinos**, a ministry of Roca de Refugio, is organizing weekly “hospitality suppers” for the immigrant families they serve, which include activities for the kids. Anyone who would like can attend these gatherings which support the families and are offered on Thursday evenings from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. during March.

The CLC Mission and Outreach Team will be collaborating with other synod churches to host the hospitality supper on **Thursday, March 20, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.** There will be two volunteer shifts. Adults as well as children are invited to volunteer and/or attend the event from 5-8 pm. Please contact Deacon Lisa Diana if you are interested in supporting this opportunity. Thank you! - Deacon Lisa Diana

## FAIR TRADE

Sunday, March 30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., CrossWay

Hollye Schwartz is continuing her fair trade ministry after closing her store, bringing items that were lovingly made by people around the world in developing countries. Shop for exotic teas and coffees, handmade gift items, and chocolate.

## GOODWILL

### High School Mission Week Fundraiser

March 23 | 9:00 a.m. to noon | Primrose Parking Lot

Help our youth raise funds for the  
High School Mission Week in San Antonio this summer.

Bring your donated clothes, kitchen items, toys, home décor, and books.  
Our youth will gather your donations and place them in the Goodwill bins.



# ELEMENTARY Night Out

Saturday, March 29

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall



# HIDE AND SEEK



Drop off your children aged  
Kinder - 5th grade and help support our  
High School Mission Trip.

## Activities

- ✓ Pizza
- ✓ Hide & Seek
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Inflatables

**\$40 PER CHILD OR  
\$60 FOR TWO  
OR MORE**

Contact Ms. Carrie for more information or to sign up.



## VBS | June 23 - 26

Join us for a thrilling road trip adventure where kids (Travelers) explore exciting destinations with the Navigator and their pup, Scout! Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, they'll discover that God is always with them. Road Trip VBS is more than just fun — it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories!

Registration forms can be picked up in the CrossWay or online at [www.clcah.org](http://www.clcah.org).



# High School Mission Week July 7 - 11

Youth entering 8th grade through completing 12th grade may attend this year's mission week that will take place right here in San Antonio.

The week will be filled with meeting a City Councilmember, exploring the heritage and needs of our city, preparing meals for the homeless, and working at the warehouse at CAM.

Please reach out to Ms. Carrie for more information.



## CLC Family Camp

July 31 - August 3  
Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center

Enjoy swimming, singing, surfing, arts & crafts, delicious meals, beach games, fishing, resting under a beach umbrella, a campfire, worship with great music, biblically-based teaching, and more.

Pricing: 1 person - \$460, 2 people - \$620, 3 people - \$800,  
4 people - \$990. Children under 2 are free.

<https://www.dwtx.org/events/mustang-island-family-camp-session-10-2024>

## **Week Two of Lent**

### **Global Refuge: Pray, Volunteer, Advocate, Give**

We look into our Hearts of Mercy this week as we dedicate our Lenten worship offerings to Global Refuge. This 85-year-old non-profit (formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) is reeling from the unexpected stoppage of federal dollars needed to help resettle hundreds of refugees who are seeking aid as they come into our country with their families and with hopeful spirits.

Before the new administration cut funding for Global Refuge's resettlement work with refugees, the organization's biggest problem was getting enough volunteers and co-sponsors for refugee arrivals. Andrew Steele, the Chief Development and Mobilization Officer with Global Refuge, said, "Now we still deal with those challenges, although they've been eclipsed by the sudden loss of federal funding support. We need to raise millions of dollars to meet the desperate needs of the refugees we serve."

He says refugees are "the most vetted people on the planet. We brought them here and now the government is saying, never mind, you're on your own."

What they need is Hearts of Mercy. Hearts that are willing to step up with prayer, financial support, activism, and volunteering. You can find volunteer opportunities at their local office on the Global Refuge website: [www.globalrefuge.org](http://www.globalrefuge.org). Because of lost funding, they've had to let staff go, and they need volunteers to continue their mission of greeting and assisting refugees as they resettle in a new country with a new language, customs, and unknowns. Will your Heart of Mercy be activated by this plea?

Global Refuge is in crisis. It requires Hearts of Mercy. Our congregation has a long history of sharing its merciful hearts with those in need, as Jesus would have us do. These words from Matthew 25:35-40 are our guidepost in Lent, and in everyday life. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

How to give to Global Refuge:

- Use your designated Lenten Offering envelopes
- Mark your check or regular envelope "Global Refuge"
- Go online to [www.clcah.org](http://www.clcah.org) and select "Global Refuge" on the Donation page
- Venmo us @clcah09 and write "Global Refuge" in the notes