


Christ Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025



It appears without invitation, tossing out suggestions as you continue your journey.


Discard his empty promises; take control; trust your power.

Wet still from your own Jordan, walking the path of moments to days to years, the heart of mercy moves with you.

The other continues a whisper campaign to pull you away from faithfully following as you pause, slow your pace, your hand over your heart, the merciful rhythm focusing your next step.

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.

THE VIRTUAL CLC ESSENTIALS

Please tune in each Sunday for livestream worship at 10:30 a.m. by clicking the YouTube button below.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus - Hayes

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Rev. Steven Lunning

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

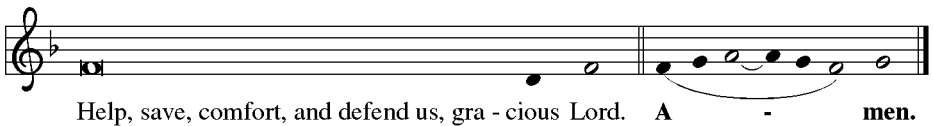
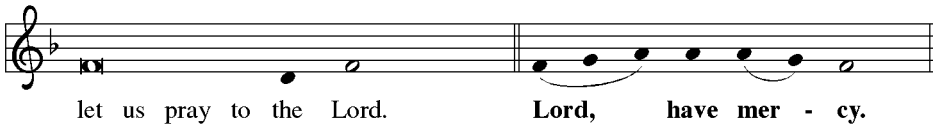
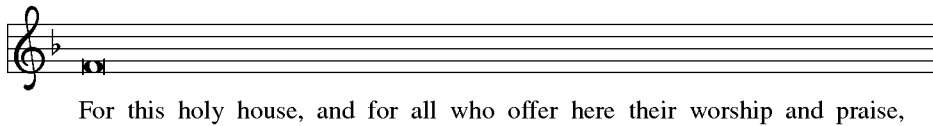
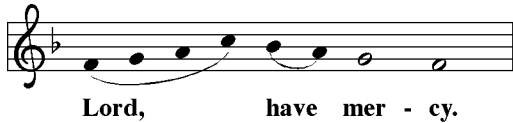
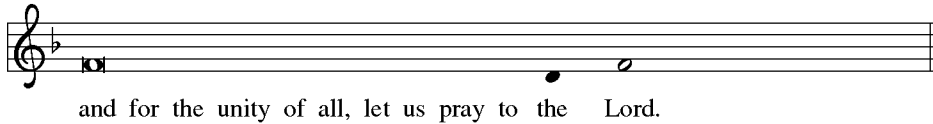
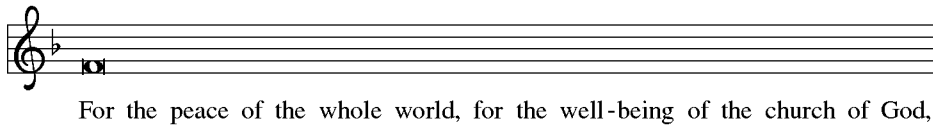
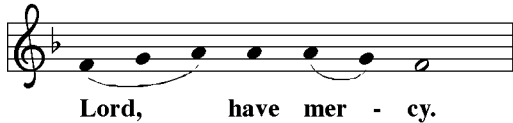
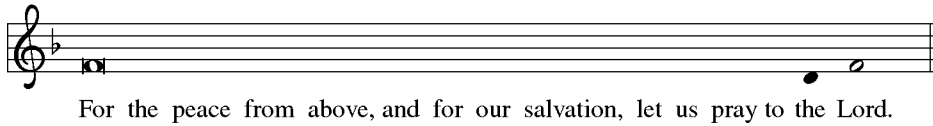
On Eagle's Wings

ELW #787

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.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, coerced, cajoled, and “sweet-talked” into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. Just as you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in God, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible/Old Testament page #180

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Pew Bible/New Testament page #160

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 fourth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible/New Testament page #61

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When We Are Tested

ACS #922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,
fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,
nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,
food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC (10:30 a.m.) *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* - Scott
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 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.

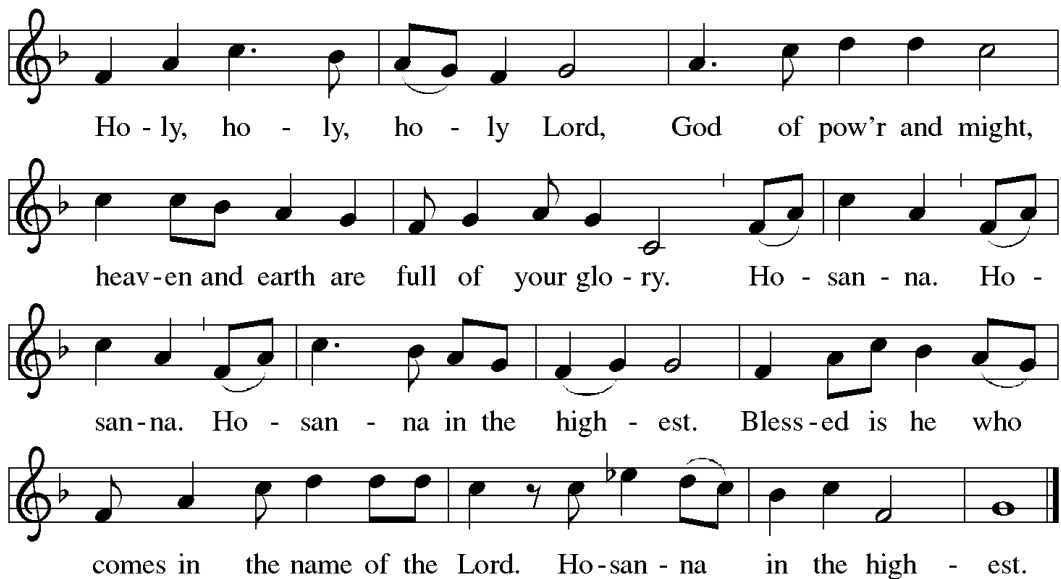
Lift up your hearts.

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.

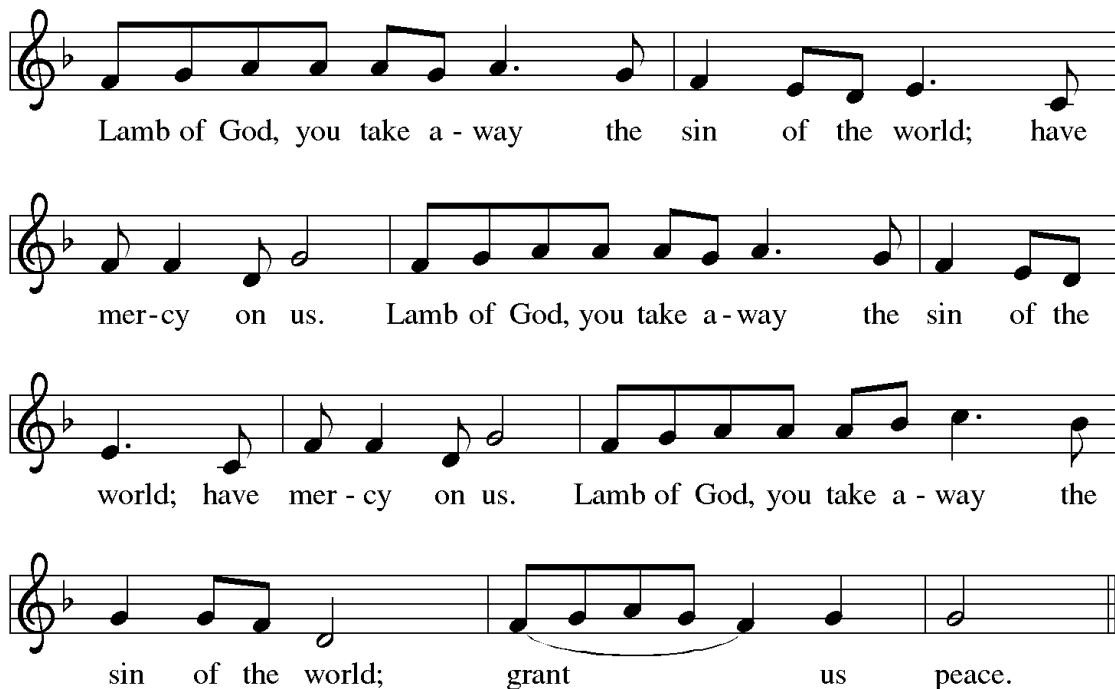
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.) *Ave Verum* - Mozart
Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNION HYMN *O Lord, We Praise You* ELW #499

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. Holy Lord, **you have renewed us with this heavenly bread. You have nourished our faith, increased our hope, and strengthened us for service. Now, we pray that we may learn to hunger only for you and to strive to live by every word you have taught us, revealing your mercy. Amen.**

SENDING

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 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* ELW #319

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* - Lutkin

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Preaching Minister

Presiding Ministers

Assisting Ministers

Lectors

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace

Pastor Leslie Price

Pastor Howard Stendahl

James Ehler

Michael Fischer

10:30 a.m.

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Scott Merkord

Mary Lynn Logan

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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.

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Preschool - Elementary meet on the playground.
- 9:30 a.m. - 7th grade meet upstairs in the education building in their designated classroom.
- 9:30 a.m. - Faith University - Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace and Executive Director Bee Moorhead join us from Texas Impact, the interfaith nonprofit responsible for mobilizing people of faith and advocating for faithful values in the Texas legislature. Texas Impact is also the office designated by the ELCA as our Lutheran public policy office in Texas and works tightly on LGBTQ+ issues with Technicolor Ministries. Bee and Pastor Keats will bring us news from the Texas Legislature and be available for any Texas Impact and Technicolor Ministries questions.
- 9:30 a.m. - Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education, Primrose House

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group, Bill Miller BBQ
- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House

Wednesday, March 12

- Noon Worship in Columbarium followed
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Conversational Spanish, Parlor

FAITH UNIVERSITY IN MARCH

- **Today** – Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace and Executive Director Bee Moorhead will be with us to give us an update on Texas Impact and Technicolor Ministries and ways we can support our LGBTQIA+ community during these challenging times.
- **March 16** – No Faith University; education for all ages 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 a.m., Bill Miller BBQ, 410 and Nacogdoches

All men of the church are invited to a short Bible study on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Breakfast tacos and fellowship at Bill Miller BBQ located at 410 and Nacogdoches Road.

Lenten Wednesdays

Hearts of Mercy



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

MEN'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL SMALL GROUP

HEARTBREAK ... TO ... HOPE

More Info today & March 16, 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. HOPE IS ON THE WAY. - Steven Lunning

LUCY CIRCLE

Sunday, March 16, 9:30 a.m., Parlor

The Lucies will meet on Sunday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC Parlor 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.

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 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Please contact Deacon Lisa Diana if you are interested in supporting this opportunity. Thank you!

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.

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



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.

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. 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 and select "Global Refuge" on the Donation page
- Venmo us @clcah09 and write "Global Refuge" in the notes