

# The Chi-Rho March 2024



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

**Our Mission:**  
Reflect God's love in the heart of York

**Our Vision:**  
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,  
connecting people to Christ,  
and serving the people of York and the world

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Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*





## Readings for March

March 3

*Lent 3*

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 10

*Lent 4*

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 17

*Lent 5*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 24

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

March 31st

*Easter*

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8



## Readings for Holy Week

March 28

*Maundy Thursday*

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29

*Good Friday*

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1—19:42

March 30

*Easter Vigil*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Jonah 3:1-10

Daniel 3:1-29

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18

Lenten greetings!

Thank you to all our many volunteers who are the backbone of our community of faith! Volunteers are especially needed as lower narthex door keepers and Coffee Hour hosts for March and April.

Our Lenten pilgrimage concludes at the end of this month with Palm Sunday and the reading of the Passion according to St. Mark. The service begins in the courtyard, weather permitting, for the blessing and triumphal procession of palms. Holy Week continues Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday, at 12:15pm and 7:00pm, when we remember the Last Supper with the washing of feet and Holy Eucharist. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. Good Friday services follow the next day at 12:15pm and 7:00pm with a most solemn liturgy marking the suffering and death of Christ.

The Great Vigil of Easter returns, Saturday, March 30, at 7:00pm. Join us in the courtyard on our journey from darkness to light, from death to life, as we bear witness to the Paschal Mystery through powerful music, the retelling of the salvation story, the renewal of baptism, and the Holy Eucharist! A reception follows in the lower narthex. Consider bringing friends and family to this especially powerful and moving service!

Holy Week culminates Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10:00am with the Resurrection of our Lord! Join us for this festive choral celebration of Christ's resurrection with scripture, festive music including choir, children's choir, bells and brass, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist proclaiming the raising of Christ from the dead!

Look forward to seeing all of you at our March services!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Marc Gross

*Chair of the Worship & Music Committee*

# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter, we have these times of services for that week.

Sunday, March 24  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
10:00am

Thursday, March 28  
Maundy Thursday  
12:15pm and 7:00pm (with foot washing at the late service)

Friday, March 29  
Good Friday  
12:15pm and 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30  
Easter Vigil  
7:00pm with a reception following

Sunday, March 31  
Easter Sunday  
10:00am

## Midweek Lenten Series

### THE MANY FACES OF JESUS

The online devotion for this year's midweek Lenten series—The Many Faces of Jesus—will be based on some of the chapters from a book entitled, *The Illustrated Jesus through the Centuries*. Written by the late Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, longtime Professor of History at Yale University, it lays out the many identities of Jesus from the time of the early Church through the end of the twentieth century. All in all, there are eighteen of them! Since the season of Lent lasts for just six weeks and since the first week is devoted to Ash Wednesday, there are only five midweek opportunities to explore the identities. So some very difficult decisions had to be made on which ones to include, and as an attempt, at least two of them have to some degree been combined. That said, here they are. It's my hope you will find the series both illuminating and inspirational.

Pastor Alan Watt



March 6<sup>th</sup>  
The Son of Man/Christ Crucified



March 13<sup>th</sup>  
The Liberator



March 20<sup>th</sup>  
The Man Who Belongs to the World



Healing Prayers  
Sunday, March 3 after worship

Blood Pressure Checks  
Sunday, March 3 after worship

Worship and Music Committee  
Monday, March 4, 9:30am

Finance Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 7:00pm

Social Ministry Committee  
Tuesday, March 12, 2:00pm

Guys Night Out  
Tuesday, March 12, 6:00pm

Council Meeting  
Monday, March 18, 7:00pm

Ladies Fellowship  
Saturday, March 16, 10:00am

Family Event  
Saturday, March 16, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Community Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 23, 10:00am to 11:30am

Community Meal  
Sunday, March 24, 12:00pm

Congregational Egg Hunt  
Sunday, March 31, 9:00am



**Saturday, March 16, at 11:00am to 3:00pm**

We will be having a lunch of Irish stew and then walk to watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Saturday, March 23, 10:00am to 11:30am**

Trunk or TrEaster

This is an all-church and community event.

**Sunday, March 31, 9:00am to 9:30am**

Church family Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you so much for your generosity in donating clothing. Your response was so overwhelming that for the time being we are overflowing with donations and ask that you save any more donations for the spring. Look for the next round for donations.

Blessings  
Lynn Keller



## CHILD CARE CENTER CHILD OF THE MONTH



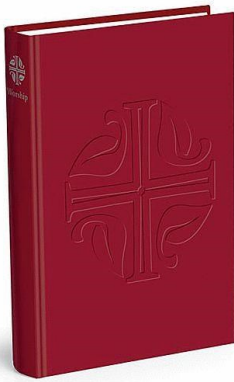
This month our child spotlight is on Mara. Mara is one of our older pre-school students. She loves playing with baby dolls, Barbie dolls, and reading. Her teachers enjoy having her in class and say that she is very polite, and always remembers to say please and thank you.

At this time, we are very much in need of snack items. Some items that we are specifically looking for are whole grain goldfish, whole grain Cheezits, whole grain saltines, animal crackers, Sun Chips, and graham crackers. As always, thank you so much for your generous donations, and for your support of our center!

### **END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT**

#### **December 2023 Report**

Actual envelope giving for the month	24,640
<u>Budgeted envelope giving for the month</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Monthly deficit in envelope giving	-2,860
YTD actual envelope giving	24,640
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At our February meeting, the council unanimously agreed to add the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal to our collection of pew resources. The ELW draws extensively from earlier worship books but incorporates hymns in a variety of new styles yet still retaining many of the classics. We ask you to prayerfully consider during the season of Lent and Easter to donate an ELW in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Each hymnal will include a bookplate with an inscription inside the cover.

Complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office, 854-5589.

No. of hymnals \_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00    \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Easter Flowers  
Deadline to order:  
Sunday, March 17th.**



Complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office, 854-5589. The flowers will decorate the Nave and Lower Narthex for Easter.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00      \$\_\_\_\_\_

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