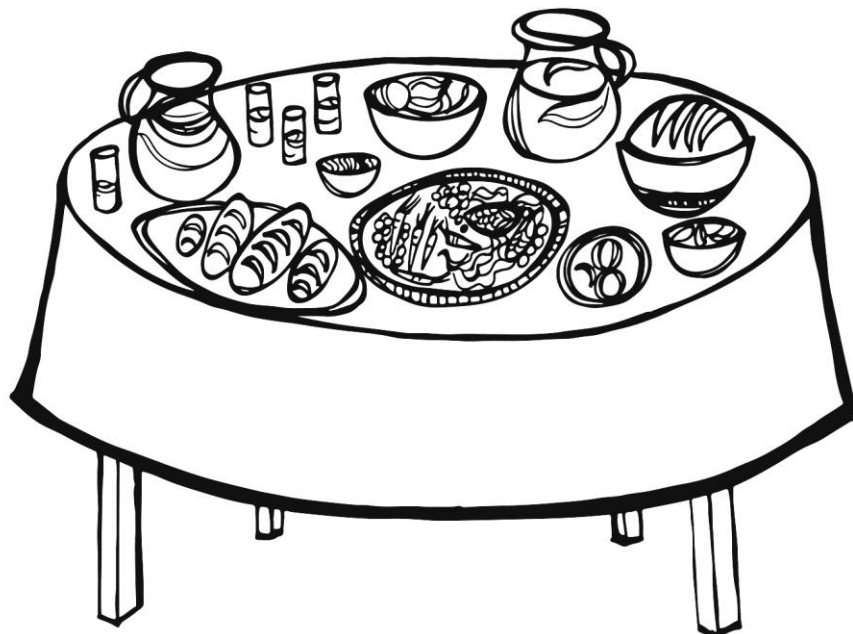


**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



4th Sunday of Lent
God of Creation

March 30, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



Please scan QR code if you would like to give an electronic offering.

PRELUDE

Trio No. 3 in a minor

Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Joel 2: 13-15, Hosea 14:1,
Psalm 145:8, Zechariah 1:3)*

Return to the Lord your God,
for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord your God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord your God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.
Worship the Lord your God.
Together, let us worship God!

~ written by Rev. Daniel Commerford, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA. Posted on *LiturgyLink*. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>

LENTEN GATHERING RITE

GATHERING SONG

God of Creation

Soloist sings all verses. Congregation and Soloist sing the refrain (printed)

Soloist: God of creation, Giver of life, be the light in our darkness; grant us peace in our strife. Show us your mercy; give us new birth. You have made us your children to bear fruit on the earth.

Congregation (refrain):

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri -
e e - le - i - son.

Soloist: Lord, our Redeemer, Healer of souls, be the hope that restores us; with your touch make us whole.

Here we partake in your feast of love; give us strength on our journey with your body and blood.

Congregation (refrain):

Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri -
ste e - le - i - son.

Soloist: Spirit most holy, Comforter blest, be the fire that consumes us and our hearts' welcome guest.

Form us, renew us, call us by name. Raise us up from the ashes and create us again.

Congregation (refrain):

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri -
e e - le - i - son.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,
**C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
Our baptism assures us that our sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
C Amen.

SONG OF FORGIVENESS *Soloist sings verses and congregation sings printed refrain.*

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, pour out your compassion; grant your people pardon:

Congregation (refrain):

Musical notation for the first congregation refrain. It consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, bring healing and wholeness; give your people comfort:

Congregation (refrain):

Musical notation for the second congregation refrain. It consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, the source of forgiveness, show your people mercy:

Congregation (refrain):

Musical notation for the third congregation refrain. It consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Soloist and Congregation sing together:

Up from the ash - es we now a - rise, and re -
turn to our Mak - er who has an - swered our cries.
Know - ing God's mer - cy, we share this meal; through the
Word and the Ta - ble bound-less love is re - vealed.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -
le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri -
e e - le - i - son.

LENTEN PAUSE

Moment of Meditation

"Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white."

Mark 9:2-3

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Joyeuse
~ Celebration Bells ~

Buckwalter

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 32



¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my
sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the

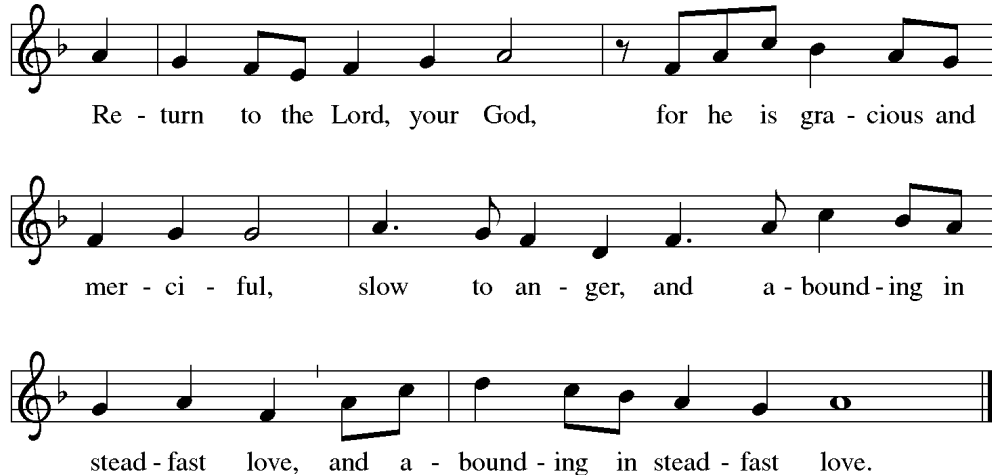
ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are 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.

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Angie Eugenio

SERMON

Jeannie Phillips

HYMN OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us open our hearts to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A moment of silence.

God of faithful promise, renew your church in the image of Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, teach us to walk in the ways of reconciliation—embracing confession, offering forgiveness, and pursuing repentance. May your church shine as a beacon of your transformative love in a world longing for redemption. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of new beginnings, bring balance to our environment. Send nourishing rains to parched lands and calming sunshine to flooded areas. Enable the earth to produce bountifully, sustaining all forms of life and restoring ecosystems to health. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, knit together the nations into one human family. Inspire leaders to lay down pride and ego, to halt the wastefulness of conflict and division, and to prioritize the common good. Empower them to seek solutions that uplift and provide for every person under their care. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of boundless love, extend your arms to embrace those in need of your tender care. This day we pray especially for **Steve, Ray, Diane, Tina, Marja, Dave, Bill, Marilyn, Brenda, John, Pat, Mimi, Charlotte, Paige, Michael, Kat, Dorothy, Janice, LCFS** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Reach out to the displaced, the estranged, and those burdened with regret. Inspire within us a spirit of generosity, that we might offer forgiveness as freely as we seek it from others. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of radical inclusion, expand our communities to include those on the margins. Bless the efforts of ministries working with disabled and neurodivergent individuals, as well as those focusing on multicultural and ethnic-specific outreach. May the encompassing welcome of Jesus be known to everyone, regardless of their background or abilities. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

God of resurrection life, welcome into your eternal embrace all who have departed this life. We celebrate their contributions and commit them to your loving care, confident in the promise of ultimate reconciliation and everlasting peace. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Gather all these prayers, O God, and unite them within your expansive love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who guides us from death into life everlasting.
C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Nelson



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
‡ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE***A Quiet Alleluia*****Paxton**

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Faith Formation

No Education Hour today due to Spring Break.

Pledge Cards

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge cards! For those who have been busy or traveling, this is a friendly reminder that we need your pledge cards as soon as possible to complete the budgeting process for the upcoming church year. We truly appreciate your support and prompt attention.

In The Loop - March 31

This is a reminder to you that our "In The Loop" crochet and knitting group will meet on Monday, March 31, at Carol Smith's house, 1641 Waterford Drive, Zionsville, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring your projects and bring a friend who might be interested in becoming part of the group. Crocheting and knitting lessons will be available! Light beverages will be provided, or bring your own. Please let Carol know if you can come at cgs1641@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Thank you!

Many thanks to the Endowment Committee, to all who helped with "Choice Dollars", and to all others who made donations toward the Columbarium garden project. Our committee is most grateful to you and happy to report that the goal is met!

Spring Work Day - Apr 12

Spring Work Day will be on Saturday, April 12th from 8am-12pm to help beautify the inside and outside of Christ Lutheran Church. All ages are welcome. Email Property at property@clczionsville.org if you'd like to help.

Save the Date - Blood Drive May 25

Please mark your calendars for our next Blood Drive on May 25th (the Sunday of Memorial Weekend). More information and notices to follow as we get closer to May. Thank you!

Easter Lilies

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord by sponsoring an Easter Lily! Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. Be sure to include a dedication. The cost is \$8/plant and you can take the lily home after the service on Easter Sunday. These lilies are hardy in Indiana! After you have enjoyed them in your home, you can plant the bulb in your garden and it will bloom again for many years. If you are interested in having any unclaimed lilies for your garden, please contact Barb Burkhardt. Questions? Contact Barb Burkhardt at sparky8505@att.net

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Steve (Brian Stewart's Dad) - for successful surgery & recovery from triple bypass surgery

Ray - for healing & strength

Tina - for hope, healing & strength during radiation treatments

Diane - (Rose Conrad's sister) for healing from 2nd hip replacement surgery

Tom - for healing

Dave - for comfort, peace, hope & healing

Marilyn - for strength, courage, and peace

Brenda (mother of Brian Burke, former member) - for healing & recovery from a fall & surgery

Pat - for healing, peace and patience during healing

John - for peace & healing

Charlotte - (granddaughter of friend of Jeffer's) for peace & strength

Marja & Landshultz family- for healing & strength for Marja's broken hip

Linda Nodley's parents- for comfort & peace

Paige- (Pastor's neighbor) for healing & peace during cancer treatment

Michael- (Joe Travis's cousin) for courage, strength, & peace to overcome bladder cancer

Kat- for healing

Mimi - (friend of the Jeffers) for healing

Janice- for healing

LCFS

Our members who are homebound- Dorothy Keller

Prayer Chain (sent via email) requests, contact Donna Svoboda at donnasvo@gmail.com or 260-312-6089.

Prayer Group (meets at Christ Lutheran Church) requests, contact JoAnne Tuffnell at joannetuffnell@gmail.com or 317-767-1795.

CLCZ Book Club - April 10

"You Are Here" by David Nichols

The CLCZ Book Club will meet Thursday, April 10, at 1:00pm at the church to discuss a whimsical work of fiction, "You Are Here" by British author David Nichols. Think about the signage for hikers as they gather in a parking lot before setting out on a trek or even just a short walk. Locate your trail.

In this book, two lost souls, Marnie and Michael, embark on a life-changing journey, despite a bleak and boring beginning, discovering love, healing, and personal growth amidst changes and self-discovery. Their hike spanning the border between northern England and Scotland becomes a hilarious, heartwarming and hopeful love story that offers second chances and "points the way home."

The coffee pot will be on. Members are reminded to suggest titles of books to consider for our reading in the coming autumn months (Sept-Dec 2025). We will vote on these in May, so we need some ideas offered up soon! Let Gretchen know if you can attend the April meeting. For more information, contact Gretchen at gjlakeside67@aol.com.

Interested in Joining Christ Church?

Have you been attending our church for a while now? Are you interested in officially becoming a member? Email Pastor Wes at pastor@clczionsville.org to find out the next steps! We'd love to have you as a part of our church family!



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

CLC Governance Board has drafted a Welcome Statement that serves as one of our guiding principles. This statement is housed on our website under the Who We Are page. We encourage you to keep this in mind every time you join us at church.

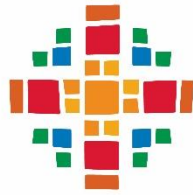
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We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!



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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Pastor: Rev. Wesley Smith, III
Director of Music & Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

Guest Preacher:	Jeannie Phillips
Cantor:	Becky Walter
Lector:	Barbara Burkhardt
Greeter:	John Burkhardt
Usher:	Bob Behrend
Nursery:	Deb Holbrook
Hospitality:	Tina Clayton, Andi Hardesty
Financial Assistants:	Connie Steinhart, Sue Haughton
Altar Guild:	Margie Kilgus, Deb Gates, Jen Luczak, JoAnne Tuffnell
AV Assistant:	Greg Holbrook

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