



**CHRIST'S UNITED
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
13765 Old Turnpike Rd
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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
SCOUT SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

In church, be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUT PROCESSION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCOUT PLEDGES

CHARTER PRESENTATION

Today we remember that this congregation sponsors a scouting program. Today we rejoice that the scouts and families have joined us as we gather for worship.

We welcome you into our fellowship this day.

Scouting lifts up high ideals. Scouts are to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. We commend these ideals and seek to support the pursuit of them.

We offer to our scouts the support of our congregation, our members and our resources. We ask god's richest blessings upon you in your service.

At this time we invite the committee chairs of our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to come forward, along with the leadership of both groups. (Introduction)

In presenting this charter to Christ's United Lutheran Church do your committees agree to work with and recruit the best adult leadership available; to conduct regular monthly meetings, and to assist the cub and scoutmaster? If so, answer "We do."

Do you, as the representatives of Christ's United Lutheran Church, promise to serve the scouting program by providing the best leadership available; keeping informed of the scouts' status and performance and relay this information to the church council regularly; to see that the best possible scouting gets to these boys through adherence to the rules and regulations set forth by the Boy Scouts of America? If so answer "I do."

Charters are presented.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

MUSIC

SERMON

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day (*especially*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage (*especially missionaries Cyril and Methodius*), that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

MUSIC

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

***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**

COMMUNION

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***DISMISSAL**

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

***POSTLUDE**



THE ROSTER OF TROOP 536

Life Scouts:

Zachary Schreck

Star Scouts:

Keyan Blyler

Collin Guffey

Scouts:

Dalton Delong

No Rank:

Landin Fausey

Executive Officer:

Reverend John Yost

Scoutmaster:

David Showalter

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Kevin Wagner

Chartered Organization Rep:

Maurice Clouser

Unit College Scouter Reserve:

Levi Showalter

Unit Treasurer

Bethany Guffey

Committee Chairman:

Laurie Delong

Committee Members:

Joel Blyler

Brent Delong

Dale Nonemaker

Curt Zimmerman

Heather Zimmerman

Eagle Scouts:

Donald Reamer 1951

Dahle Bingaman 1953

Kenneth Pick 1967

Thomas Boop 1967

David Showalter 1976

Shane Hassinger 1981

Robert Rowe 1986

Eugene Ackley, Jr. 1988

S. Brett Huntington 1992

Geoffrey Bowman 1995

Jeremy Huntington 1996

Curtis Mullany 1996

Jonathan Lococo 1998

Francis Gillott, Jr. 1998

Jonathan Weidner 2000

Andrew Gillott 2001

Mathew Vance 2001

Michael Spurr 2001

Cale Benner 2004

Jeremiah Zimmerman 2005

Drew Wagner 2007

Samuel High 2009

Lucian Snare 2009

Landon Zimmerman 2010

Brooks High 2012

Luke Hughes 2015

Trevor Clouser 2015

Noah Snare 2016

Levi Showalter 2017

Denver Clouser 2018

KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

	(members/requested by)
Winifred Aikey	a member of the congregation
Kim Blyler	a member of the congregation
Roger Dunkle	a member of the congregation
Mike Flickinger	a member of the congregation
Doug & Pearl Gemberling	members of the congregation
Wendy Norton	a member of the congregation
Diane Reamer	a member of the congregation
Ron & Darlene Ulrich & Family	members of the congregation
Tom Watters	a member of the congregation
Karen Zimmerman	a member of the congregation
John Bowersox	(Roger Dunkle)
John Dunkle	(Roger & Margie Dunkle)
Josh Frank	(Lee Spangler)
Jeff & Jenn Gates	(Dave & Linda Swartz)
Gary & Barb Gemberling	(Greg & Teresa Shuck)
Harry Hackenberg	(Cliff & Diane Valentine)
Toni Hostelley	(Joe Zimmerman)
Dave Janaes	(Dave & Linda Swartz)
Paul Kratzer Jr	(Linda Smith)
Janet Meyer	(Torey Showalter)
Harry Moyer	(Becky Dunkle)
Kim Roberts	(Torey Showalter)
Richard Rowe	(Rick Endy)
Gerry Shively	(Maurice & Barbara Clouser)
Miranda & Caleb Stroik	(Becky Dunkle)
Rita Tinnes	(Dave & Linda Swartz)
Glen VanDyke	(Pastor John)
Pastor Bill Weiser & Family	

The Shut-Ins: Jim & Florence Boop, Carolyn Bowersox, Barbara Grimooris, Helen Pirone, Meda Struble, Ronald Ulrich, Connie Wagner.

The Troops: Brandi Gemberling.

*In an effort to keep our prayer list current, we are going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. **A new list will begin in January, April, July and October.***

If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Council

Next Newsletter (**March**) Articles Due **NOW**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WELCOME! As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to members of Boy Scout Troop 536 and their families who join us this morning. The scouts will be participating in the service today.

IF YOU ARE VISITING with us today, we welcome you and invite you to return often; we appreciate your presence with us. Please be sure to sign the guest book in the hallway, and include your full address. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making this fellowship your own. If you would like a personal visit or a phone call from the pastor, please fill out one of the cards available in the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Please come again!

WE INVITE ALL that are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament to come to the Lord's Table. Visitors, if you would like to have your home church notified of your communion with us, please fill out a communion card (located in the rack on the back of the pews) and place it in the offering plate.

We use bread and wine as the primary elements at the distribution. However there are prefilled cups of grape juice for those who desire it. If you have any concerns about this practice, speak to Pastor John.

COMMUNIONS for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have partaken of the sacrament. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards can be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

TODAY WE THANK: Pastor John Yost; Matt Wagner, organist; Barbara & Maurice Clouser, altar guild.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Luke Flickinger (14); Ken Emery, Ron Ulrich (15); Jeff Wenrich (16); Glenn Spangler (19).

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 17, which means it's time to start thinking about making our Easter eggs again. This year we are planning to make eggs for five (5) Mondays beginning the first Monday in Lent. We will be making them on **February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22** provided we have enough help.

Providing there is enough help, eggs will be mixed and shaped starting at **9:00 a.m. each Monday morning** and coating and packaging will begin each **Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great fundraiser for the Church and much help will be needed both at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. to make this project successful.

In order for this fundraiser to be successful, much help is needed to mix and shape at 9:00 a.m. each Monday and again at 6:00 p.m. to dip and package them. Please let Pearl know that you can help, and when, so that we know if we have enough help to make eggs each week. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done.

Everything will be done with the current CDC guidelines being enforced; masks, social distancing, sanitation, etc.

Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Easter Eggs are going to be made by **Pre Order Only.** All orders MUST be in by 6:00 p.m. the Friday before the pickup week (Monday, Tuesday or Sunday). Online ordering is available at the CULC website at www.4bellschurch.com or contact Pearl Gemberling at 570-716-4336 or email her at eggs@4bellschurch.com to order, or for more information.

BARRY SPANGLER will be Christ's United's camperson for Camp Mt. Luther. If you or someone you know is interested in going to camp this year, please contact him at 570-966-0406 or bspanglerx68@gmail.com.

THE 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is on the bulletin board outside of the office. The cost of the weekly flowers, which is payable to the church, is \$40.00 through the end of March. On April 1, the cost of the flowers is being increased to \$50.00.

ROLLING HILLS MANOR is in need of lap robes for their residents. If you could knit or crochet a lap robe with any yarn you want to use – weights 3 or 4 – and in any colors. You can stripe different yarns, use any pattern you like, or just use your imagination. Or, I have 2 patterns that are my favorites for the lap robes I can give you.

But the size must be:

36” square or
30” X 40” rectangle

Anything you knit or crochet for them will be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at the church and I will deliver them to Rolling Hills Manor. Or you can drop them off at Rolling Hill Manor and let the person that answers the door know the package/bag is for Ann Star the activities director.

Please call me if you have any questions or wish to see the patterns I have.

Thanks you, Linda Swartz
(570) 966-4353

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID...

1. The pancake supper held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday
2. There will be no Easter breakfasts served this year from CULC
3. The potpie supper planned for March 6
4. The Indoor Yard Sale has been postponed

EASTER FLOWERS

One of the customs of this season at Christ's United is to celebrate the risen Christ with a bevy of flowers adorning the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to provide flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, fill out the form below and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

**Order Deadline: February 28
Return with Payment to Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner**

_____ 6" Daffodil @ \$9.00	_____
_____ 3 bloom Hyacinth @ \$8.50	_____
_____ 1 bloom Hyacinth @ \$4.00	_____
_____ 5-7 bloom Lily @ \$10.00	_____
_____ 4½ inch Pansy @ \$2.00	_____
_____ 6 bloom Tulip @ \$8.50	_____
TOTAL	_____

GIVEN BY _____

in memory of _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in honor of _____

to the Glory of God _____

OUR CALENDAR

February

14-Today – **SCOUT SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

16-Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Council

17-Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Hope's Haven

21-Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

22-Monday

9:00 a.m. Mixing Easter Eggs
6:00 p.m. Dipping Easter Eggs

24-Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Hope's Haven

28-Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

March

1-Monday

9:00 a.m. Mixing Easter Eggs
6:00 p.m. Dipping Easter Eggs

3-Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Hope's Haven

7-Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

8-Monday

9:00 a.m. Mixing Easter Eggs
6:00 p.m. Dipping Easter Eggs

9-Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Hope's Haven

14-Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

15-Monday

9:00 a.m. Mixing Easter Eggs
6:00 p.m. Dipping Easter Eggs

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

(* if you are able, please stand when you see this symbol)

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