



**CHRIST'S UNITED  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
13765 Old Turnpike Rd  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

*In church, be thoughtful, be silent, 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**

**\*PSALM: Psalm 51: 1-17**

A reading from Psalm.

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

## \*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.**

## \*PSALM: Psalm 19

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**  
<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**  
<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs  
about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**  
<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.  
<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**  
<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**  
<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

A reading from Exodus.

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in

six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## **SERMON**

### **\*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.**

### **\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your  
people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide  
your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor  
your name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in  
the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on  
healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way  
of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.



**Your mercy is great.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering (*especially*). Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for (*Perpetua, Felicity, and*) all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen  
**Amen**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen  
**Amen**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen**

## **\*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 SONG: "*Precious Lord Take My Hand*"**

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near

When my light is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near

And the day is past and gone

At the river I stand

Guide my feet, hold my hand

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**  
**MARCH 7, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**GOD'S LOVE IS NOT FOR SALE**

The trouble isn't that there are people buying and selling animals and exchanging money in the temple. Those things have always happened in the temple. No one is being corrupt; no one is getting rich. These are facets of temple life that exist to uphold God's law.

The trouble is that something has gone haywire: we have allowed our experience of the marketplace to shape the way we see God; if I give God this, God will give me that. Instead of God informing our understanding of the marketplace, it has come to be the other way around. Jesus has come to turn this haywire understanding on its head. In the face of trouble, promising to give God something as a down payment will not make God any more likely to come to your aid. God has already come and made a home with you in your trouble.

In the face of death, bargaining with God will not attract God's favor for you, because God is already there. Your death is forever wedded to Christ's death, and likewise your resurrection to his resurrection.

In the face of helplessness, negotiating with God for help is useless because God was your helper long before you even asked.

Do you see? God's love is not to be bought or sold, only given freely and lavishly, even to those who could never pay if they wanted to.

As a result, the body of Christ today, the church, sets out to live in ways that are unfathomable to the modern-day market. We spend our communal life on hungry people who will never be able to invite us to their own tables, and on children who cannot contribute to our offering plate, on dying people who after receiving our most prized treasures are not there to enjoy them. Our life is senseless lived by the rules of the marketplace. Thanks be to God that Christ comes to overturn it.

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## 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
Maria Anderson	(Doug & Pearl Gemberling)
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)
Toni Hostalley	(Joe Zimmerman)
Dave Janaes	(Dave & Linda Swartz)
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)

**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**

**March 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Council**

Next Newsletter (**April**) Articles Due **March 10**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**WELCOME!** A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy.

**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:** Cain Showalter (7); Jim Boop, Paula Christy (8); Tammy Boop (9); Jim Zimmerman (12).

**LENT BEGAN FEBRUARY 17,** which means it's time to make 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 **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](http://www.4bellschurch.com) or contact Pearl Gemberling at 570-716-4336 or email her at [eggs@4bellschurch.com](mailto:eggs@4bellschurch.com) to order, or for more information.

**REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP** at Mount Luther by midnight on **April 15, 2021**, to get a discount on your summer camp registration! Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration! Or, first time campers who attend the Spring Open House on May 2 can get the same discount on their summer registration! Only one discount per camper.



**MARK SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**, on your calendars. This will be the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Martin Luther was summoned at the Diet of Worms to renounce his views that started the Protestant Reformation. However, Luther would not recant on what he believed based on Scriptures and defied the wills of the current Pope and Holy Roman Emperor. Details will be forthcoming on how our congregation will recognize this historic event in the life of the Church and our Lutheran heritage.

**COUNCIL** is looking for an additional member willing to attend this year's synod conference, which will be held virtually on **Saturday, June 19**. Barry Spangler was appointed to be one of our allotted two voting attendees.

**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.

**KNOW SOMEONE** in need of food, or some help yourself? Summit Early Learning (through the TEFAP) is distributing food the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 3-5 p.m. starting February 12. Drive thru distribution in the parking lot of Mifflinburg Assembly of God church (1001 Market St., Mifflinburg). Income requirements are 150% of poverty level (For example: must make under \$39,300 for a family of 4). Call 570-217-1215 to register ahead of time or if you have any questions.

**OUR CONGREGATION** has a valuable resource literally in our backyard: Camp Mount Luther. There you will find accommodating staff, valuable programs, and great facilities that will bring added life, creativity, and opportunities to you and this congregation.

From Camp Executive Director Chad Hershberger: "Since 1963, Camp Mount Luther has been a place to gather with others, reflect, apply our faith to daily life, and Create Memories that Last! In 2021, this will be vital as we try to gather again a camp after a summer off due to COVID-19. With all the changes in our world since the beginning of 2020, we know camp is needed now more than ever. Even with pandemic precautions that we are planning that will make camp look a little different, Mount Luther can give you a sense of normalcy, nostalgia, and something to look forward to in 2021!"

Camp is for those from age 4 through 17. Various camps for these age groups run from **June 20 to August 6**. Family camps also are available.

Barry Spangler is serving as Christ's United's camperson again this year, who has information on programs for the summer. Brochures are available at our church or on the website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from our congregation can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer.

If you have any questions, contact Barry (570-966-0406) or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). You can also check out the camp's website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

**IT IS RAISE THE REGION TIME!** Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on **March 10-11, 2021**. It is a 30- hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther go to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit [www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org) during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for eight years and has garnered about \$119,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

**BARRY SPANGLER** has been tasked to seek and gather names of members willing to be listed on the ballot for positions within our Synod when the conference assembly meets on Sunday, April 18, to elect a Conference Dean, Conference Secretary and youth and young adult synod assembly voting members. Information and a candidate identity form are available in the church office for anyone interested, or you can talk to Barry via e-mail ([bspanglerx68@gmail.com](mailto:bspanglerx68@gmail.com)) or phone (570-966-0406). If you want further information, talk to Barry.

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The Rev. John D. Yost	Pastor
The Members of the Congregation	The Ministers
Matthew Wagner	Organist
Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman	Pianists
David Swartz & Barry Spangler	Digital Music Arrangers
Loretta Martin	Custodian
Margie Dunkle	Secretary/Asst. Tr.
Dianne Shuck	Treasurer
Janet Hackenberg	Assistant Treasurer
Cliff Valentine	Financial Recording Secretary
Jennifer Keister, Barry Spangler, Lee Spangler	Parish Council Representatives
Bev Catherman, Maurice & Barbara Clouser, Barry Spangler, Janice Wagner	Parish Social Committee

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Officers**

President – Lee Spangler  
Vice President – Jennifer Keister  
Recording Secretary – Barry Spangler

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

**Facilities & Administration** *(deals with property, personnel and stewardship)*

Kim Blyler, Sue Blyler, Lee Spangler

**Inreach** *(focus on ministry within the congregation)*

Jennifer Keister, David Murray, Barry Spangler

**Outreach** *(related to ministry beyond the congregation)*

Joe Dressler, Doug Gemberling, Pearl Gemberling

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Friday – Closed

## OUR CALENDAR

### March

#### 7-Today

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

#### 10-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

#### 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 - Palm Sunday

TBA

#### 31-Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Hope's Haven

### April

#### 1-Thursday

TBA

#### 2-Friday – Good Friday

TBA

#### 4-Sunday – Easter

TBA

**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

**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, Linda Swartz has 2 patterns that are her favorites for the lap robes she 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 they will be delivered 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 Linda Swartz (570) 966-4353 if you have any questions or wish to see the patterns she has.

Practice stewardship through service at camp at Camp Mount Luther at the Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 17 if staying for lunch to [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or 570-922-1587. Promote it: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Work-Day-Flyer.pdf>

**THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIC** is set for May 10, 2021, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922- 1587 or [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org). Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. This is the 16th year for this important camp fundraiser!

**NEW AND FORMER CAMPERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS** are invited to the Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House on Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a nice spring day at camp. Come see what it is like to be a camper, tour our facilities, ask questions, and participate in fun “camp” activities. If you are a returning camper, consider bringing a friend who has never been to camp. Want to get a taste of camp before the summer season? This event is perfect for new campers who are a little apprehensive about leaving home for the first time. First time campers who attend can get a coupon for a discount on their summer registration!