

Christ Lutheran Church

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JESUS' MISSION AND HIS CHURCH'S MISSION

After Jesus gave His life on the cross on Good Friday and rose from the grave on Easter, He told His followers: *"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things"* (Luke 24:46-48). In this way, God's Son summarized His mission and His Church's mission to the end of time.

Truly, Scripture foretold His suffering and death for the sins of the world. God declared through the prophet Isaiah: *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

After Jesus suffered the punishment our sins deserved, He cried out from the cross: *"It is finished"* (John 19:30). He did everything needed to save us from death and damnation. He proved it by rising from the dead (Romans 4:25). In Jesus' name, God declares sinners forgiven, healed, and restored to peace with Him for eternal life.

Jesus' salvation benefits us only through repentance and faith. This means we are sorry for our sins, we confess them with a sincere desire to live as God's Word teaches, and we trust Jesus alone for forgiveness and eternal life.

To this end, God's Son continues His mission through His Church, preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations. May we be His faithful witnesses!

Pastor Glenn Smith

Welcome to Midweek Lent and Easter

Theme: *"His Hurt for Our Healing"*



- Wednesdays through April 10 – Worship at 12:30 PM, followed by lunch
- Maundy Thursday, April 18 – Service with Communion at 12:30 PM
- Good Friday, April 19 – Service at 12:30 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 21 – Service at 8:30 AM, followed by brunch

Are You “Good Enough” to Get into America? ... What about Heaven?

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago, the United States saw the opening of a new Immigration Station, on Ellis Island, in New York Harbor. During its 62-year history, 12 million people passed through its doors, making Ellis Island the most famous entry point to America. Ninety-eight percent of the people who came through Ellis Island were deemed *good enough* to be allowed in... if their papers were in order and they showed no signs of contagious diseases, exhibited no physical or mental impairment, did not have a criminal record, or were not an anarchist.

It may have been somewhat easy to get into America... but what about heaven? How *good* do you have to be in order to get into heaven? The truth: the only way that anyone can be *good enough* to get into heaven is to be *perfectly* good. Jesus says, “*Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect*” (Matthew 5:48).

This presents a very real and disturbing problem, because every human being has inherited sin from Adam's disobedience, which means we are all guilty of sin – in thought, word, and deed – and, by nature, are automatically disqualified from heaven.

On our own, we have no hope of ever being allowed into heaven, because it is impossible for us to be *perfectly good!*

But rather than being done with the human race (which had destroyed the perfection of His creation, through sin), God came up with the perfect solution.

He would send His Son into the world to be the Second Adam... the One who would do everything right!

God, in Jesus, became a man, because no other man, from Adam on down, could keep God's law perfectly! Only Jesus kept the Commandments without a single discouraging word, without one misdeed, and without one unholy thought!



After living perfectly as our brother and as our Substitute, He willingly allowed His innocent life to be sacrificed on Calvary's cross, as the blood-payment for the entire world's sins... every single one... past, present, and future. Jesus died, but He would soon pry open the jaws of death and rise again alive! And, with His resurrection victory, came the total defeat of sin, death, and even the devil himself!

As Peter declared, “*Christ... suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit*” (1 Peter 3:18).

In His amazing love, Jesus gifted to us His own righteousness – **His perfection** – the very thing needed for all who believe in Him, to live forever in His heaven!

“*In Christ,*” Paul tells us, “*you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ*” (Galatians 3:26-27).

By ourselves, we are not good enough to get into heaven... but through faith in Christ, we have been clothed with His perfection... making heaven our eternal home!



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Board for Home Outreach)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Happy Birthday Eric Anderson</i>	3 <i>Happy Birthday Maria Smith</i>  Midweek Lent 5 Service – 12:30 PM Lunch afterwards	4	5 Jesus Cares Ministry for Special Needs 2:00 PM Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	6
7 <i>Lent 5</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	8	9	10  Midweek Lent 6 Service – 12:30 PM Lunch afterwards	11 Rogue River Place Outreach Event 2:30 PM	12 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	13
14 <i>Lent 6</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	15	16	17	18  Maundy Thursday Service 12:30 PM	19  Good Friday Service 12:30 PM	20
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Worship 8:30 AM Easter Brunch After worship Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	22	23 Council Meeting 4:30 PM	24	25	26 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	27
28 <i>Easter 2</i> Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	29	30	<p><i>"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things"</i> <i>(Luke 24:46-48).</i></p>			

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