

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday of Lent
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

March 12, 2023

Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612

Worship Christ

Grow with Others

Serve Christ



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!
May He bless our worship.**

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Announcements

Stand

Opening Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God Our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



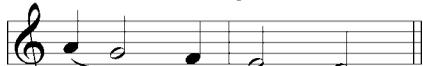
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise
 let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray, O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 3:17-19

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
 “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

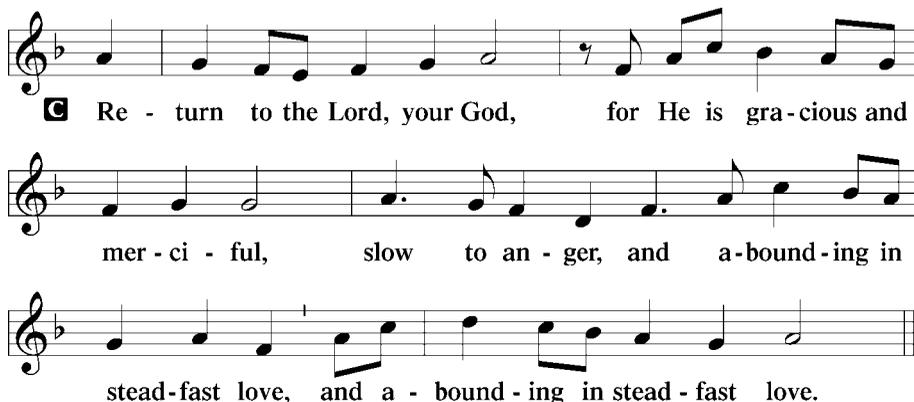
Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent



C 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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

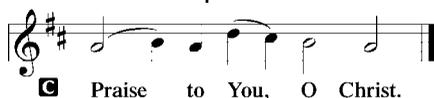
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

- A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

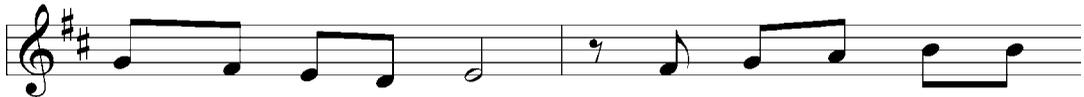
Hymn of the Day

Consider How the Birds Above

LSB 736



1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove Feed day by
2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil; How fair is
3 Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed, For life is



day with care - free ease— Does God not keep them
their fra - gil - i - ty— If God clothes these, which
down by world - ly care; A - bout such things the
more than what we own. Our Fa - ther knows our



in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?
quick - ly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?
god - less think, Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.
ev - 'ry need Be - fore our needs to us are known.

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Sermon - Finances

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

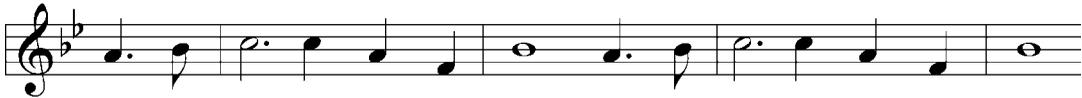
Sermon Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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LOC Ministry Update

Prayer of the Church

Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)
Carl Schubert
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)
Mark Haunschield (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Al Nelson
Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Paul Massmann
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)
Robert Lingenfelter
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)
Debbie Santos (*niece of Lauri Howell*)
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)
Shirley Vogel
Marilyn Schubert
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)
Andria Butz
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Penelope DeLong

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Pastor Graeme Rosenau
Ruth Rosenau
Mark Shurtleff
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)

Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

Grieving

Friends and Family of Harlan Brockman (*brother of Ruth Rosenau*)
Friends and Family of Roberta Kujawa
Friends and Family of Pete Haak (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)

Thanksgiving

Tim Cano (*nephew of Dennis Iverson*)

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Confirmation Students

Paisley Sachtler, Cole Herro, Addison Pak, Avery Pak

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

Closing Song

On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ___ ref - uge, My ___
 Un - der His wings your ___ ref - uge, His ___
 on their ___ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock ___ in whom ___ I ___ trust!"
 faith - ful - ness ___ your ___ shield.
 dash ___ your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

Council Meeting Tuesday March 14th at 6pm
Building Team Meeting Tuesday March 14th at 7:15pm.
Elder Meeting Tuesday March 21th at 6:30pm.

Sermon Series

In a season of repentance, we rightly talk about sin. After all, we need something to repent of. Not only will we look at our own sin, but we will look at the effects of sin in our lives. It affects every aspect of our daily life. There are a lot of challenges and suffering due to sin in and around us. We will look at different ways sin affects us and the world we live in.

Sunday, March 12: Finances

Sunday, March 19: Those in charge

Sunday, March 26: Tiredness/weariness

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

Lent services are held at 7:00pm each Wednesday evening in Lent. March 15, 22, & 29 at 6:00pm, prior to each service, a Lenten supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

Preschool Singing and BBQ

The Light of Christ Preschool will be singing at our 10:30am service on March 12th. Come see them perform and join us after the service for a church BBQ!

If you are able to help on March 12th, we need volunteers to help set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up for the BBQ. Please contact Sheryl Grobelch if you can volunteer.

Choir Announcement – Easter Session

The season of Lent is here, which means the choir has starting up again! Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:45pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to come to rehearsal, and/or email sophia.flores@eagles.cui.edu.

New Adult Ed: Screwtape is Back!

Please join us for part 2 of C.S. Lewis' "Screw-tape Letters" lead by Pastor Quinton Anderson beginning on Sunday, March 5. Even if you were not there for the first study you can easily join in on this one. All you need is a copy of Lewis' book "The Screwtape Letters," which can easily be purchased on Amazon. For more information please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at jonathan.ruehs@cui.edu.

CUI Saxophone Ensemble visits LOC

Join us during the First Service on April 23rd to hear the CUI Saxophone Ensemble share their musical gifts.

Navajo Mission Trip

Pastor Jonathan Ruehs is leading his third trip to the Navajo reservation this May with a group of 12 students from CUI. They will spend a week living on the reservation where they will learn about the culture and history of the Navajo people, as well as working with the Navajo mission congregation Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church primarily in the area of children's ministry. In order to help keep the trip affordable for student participants, Pastor Jonathan is asking if you might consider donating any amount of funds to the trip. All the gathered funds will help offset student costs for the trip. You can donate in one of two ways: 1) donate through our Managed Missions site: <https://app.managedmissions.com/Donations/Donate/54444>, or 2) you can give a check to Pastor Jonathan made out to Concordia University, Irvine and place in the note section "Navajo Mission Trip." Thank you for your consideration.

Online Giving

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

LOC Ministry Update

Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

<p>Palm Sunday: April 2nd at 8:00 & 10:30am Confirmation Service: 10:30am</p> <p>Maundy Thursday: April 6th at 7pm</p> <p>Good Friday: April 7th at 7pm</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Schedule: 8:00am & 10:30am - Worship 9:15 to 10:15am - Easter Breakfast 10:00am - Easter Egg Hunt</p> 
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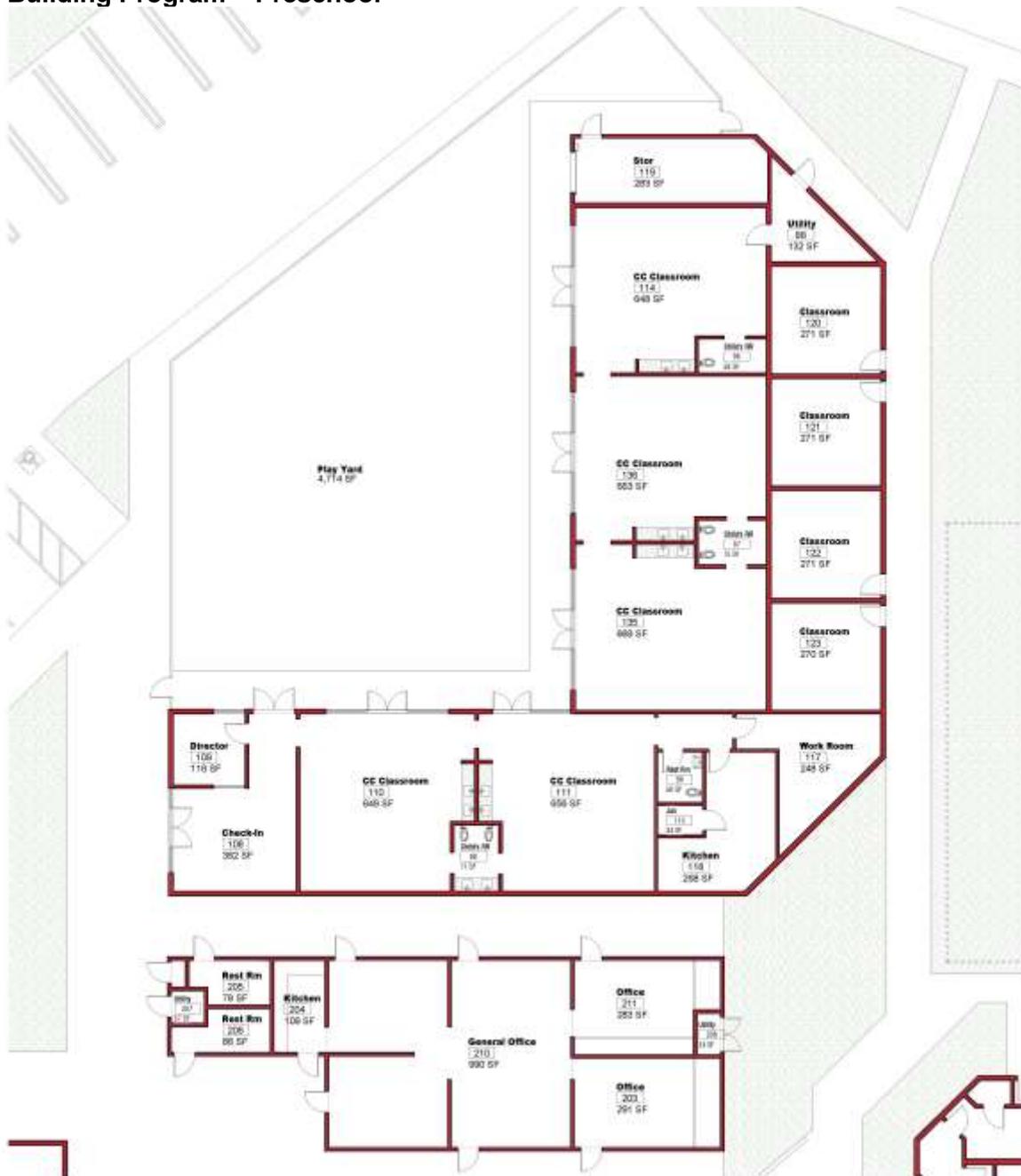
Easter Egg Hunt Information

Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m., our church will host an Easter Egg hunt for all children ages 0 thru 5th grade. Families should enjoy the potluck breakfast first then meet at the Preschool gate around 10:00 a.m. for instructions. Bring your own basket OR borrow one from the church.

Confirmation students are invited to help hide eggs. Meet Mrs. Giron at the office Easter Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for instructions.

You can help by filling plastic eggs with **nut-free** candy, money or whatever you'd like! Please drop off filled eggs at the church office the week of April 2-8. Thank you for supporting this annual event of fun for our kids and their friends. Remember, no nuts!

Building Program – Preschool



Floor Plan - New Child Care Center & Admin Bldg

Growth Groups: March Reading Plan



Growth Groups

2023

				Thursday	March 16	Genesis 6
Wednesday	March 1	Ephesians 1		Friday	March 17	Genesis 7
Thursday	March 2	Ephesians 2		Saturday	March 18	Genesis 8
Friday	March 3	Ephesians 3		Sunday	March 19	Genesis 9
Saturday	March 4	Ephesians 4		Monday	March 20	Genesis 10
Sunday	March 5	Ephesians 5		Tuesday	March 21	Genesis 11
Monday	March 6	Ephesians 6		Wednesday	March 22	Genesis 12
Tuesday	March 7	Philippians 1		Thursday	March 23	Genesis 13
Wednesday	March 8	Philippians 2		Friday	March 24	Genesis 14
Thursday	March 9	Philippians 3		Saturday	March 25	Genesis 15
Friday	March 10	Philippians 4		Sunday	March 26	Genesis 16
Saturday	March 11	Genesis 1		Monday	March 27	Genesis 17
Sunday	March 12	Genesis 2		Tuesday	March 28	Genesis 18
Monday	March 13	Genesis 3		Wednesday	March 29	Genesis 19
Tuesday	March 14	Genesis 4		Thursday	March 30	Genesis 20
Wednesday	March 15	Genesis 5		Friday	March 31	Genesis 21

Sunday Youth Announcements

Winter Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Upper Room with Charles

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Noël

College Study meets in the room next to the kitchen

High School Winter Sunday School

Today a new study starts called Sibling Rivalries. *Today we discuss Leah & Rachel.*

Can't wait to see you there!

Save the Date: High School Laser Tag on Friday March 24th from 7-9 pm.

See Evite to RSVP.

Save the Date: High School Paintball on Saturday, April 22nd

\$45 per person included 3 hours of play, Soft-Paint Ball Gun & 500 paintballs.
Please respond to the Evite.

Save the Date: Middle School One Day Youth Gathering on April 22nd.

Please register with Noël ASAP to qualify for a free t-shirt. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch and dinner.

CollegeLampLight Bible Study

Meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday in our Fellowship Hall

Light of Christ Preschool Mission Statement

Light of Christ Lutheran Preschool shares the love of Christ Jesus with the children and their families. Through a carefully planned curriculum and a dedicated staff and congregation, the Preschool serves as a center for service to God.

Light of Christ Preschool Philosophy

The Philosophy of our Preschool, centers on Jesus' words in Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We believe that our Christ-centered faith and the teachings of our church provide the strongest foundation for preschool education. Confident in that strong foundation, we assist parents by offering developmentally appropriate religious and early childhood learning that best prepares the children for productive futures. Our curriculum is structured, yet flexible to accommodate the many hands-on learning activities and spontaneous teaching opportunities.

Christian education in our Preschool begins with the acknowledgement that all strengths and abilities come as a gift from God's love. Therefore, we create an environment for play based early childhood learning, looking at each individual child's needs.

Our staff teaches appropriate behavior through redirection and modeling Jesus' love and forgiveness to the children. Young children and their parents will find opportunities in our school for spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual, physical, and creative growth.

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