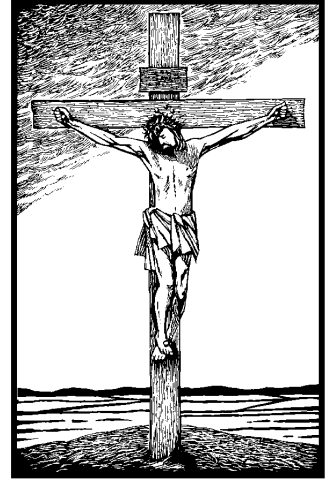


# A WORD OF WELCOME



**G**reetings in the name of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Since 1959, Christ Lutheran Church has been a part of the southeast Rochester community. Think of us as your neighborhood church. Here at Christ Lutheran, we cling to the only hope for the world, Jesus Christ. We believe that all humans are conceived and born into sin. Because of this—apart from Jesus—we would all be destined for eternal punishment and eternal separation from God. In short, we were all on a one-way road to hell. But God the Father, in his great mercy and love, redeemed us—bought us back—from this eternal punishment. The ransom price to buy us back was very high—the price was the life of his own Son, Jesus Christ!

Only because of God's steadfast love and mercy (and not because of any worthiness in us), God gave his one and only Son. He gave His Son to live a life without sin here on earth roughly 2,000 years ago. He gave His Son to die an innocent death. He gave his Son to defeat Satan and the power of death by rising on the third day!

Jesus Christ—True God and True Man—came to this earth for the purpose of taking all the punishment we deserved. Remember, eternal separation was rightly ours because of our sinfulness. Yet Christ took it. God removed his wrath and anger originally directed for us and placed that wrath and anger on his only begotten Son. Because of this very kind and gracious action, God wiped us clean of all our sins.

Though Jesus died on the cross for sins that were not his, Jesus didn't remain dead. He rose! His resurrection guarantees our own resurrection on the last day. His resurrection guarantees that there's more than just this world. We have eternal life with Jesus.

While Jesus is no longer bodily on this earth, he still lives and reigns in heaven. The Father and the Son continue to send the Holy Spirit to us. Through God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit delivers to us the forgiveness which Jesus Christ—the Lamb of God—won for us so many years ago on the cross. Still yet, God the Holy Spirit gives us faith and strengthens our faith to believe everything that God has done for us.

A congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ([www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)), we here at Christ Lutheran are very excited about this good news of forgiveness of sins and life everlasting which God gives to us only for the sake of Jesus Christ. As a result, we

**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00AM; Sunday School/Bible class: 8:45am**

believe that it's very important for everyone to repent from sin and to receive Christ's forgiveness. If you don't presently have a church home, won't you consider visiting us, your neighborhood church?

Our Sunday service is at 10:00am with Bible Class and Sunday School at 8:45am. If you would like more information about Christ Lutheran Church, or have further questions about our Christian beliefs, you may either look at our website, <http://christrochester.org/beliefs.html> or contact me by email ([pastor@christrochester.org](mailto:pastor@christrochester.org)) or by phone at 289-0271.

The peace and joy of Christ's death and resurrection be with you always!

Pastor Schilbe

Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one redeemer.  
**Paul Speratus, 1484-1531**

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No; then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.  
**Christian L. Scheidt, 1709-1761**



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