

The Weekly Message

March 3, 2026

The Road to Resurrection

As we continue our journey along the Road to Resurrection this Lenten season, we find ourselves standing at the foot of the cross, listening to the final words of Jesus. These are not merely the utterances of a dying man; they are intentional declarations that reveal the very heart of God and the depth of His love for us.

In these words, we see the full scope of Christ's redemptive work. He begins with "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34). This is a radical word of forgiveness for those who do not yet realize their need for it. He followed by an immediate promise of grace to a criminal, reminding us we do not earn salvation as He said, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43). Then Jesus looks out with a love that forms a new family as He says to his mother and disciple John, "Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother." (John 19:26–27) ensuring that in the shadow of the cross, no one has to walk alone.

In His statement, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34) we witness the profound depth of His sacrifice as He enters the darkness of feeling forsaken, carrying the weight of our separation so that we never have to. In His statement of human thirst (John 19:28), He identifies with our deepest longings, only to satisfy them with the victory of a finished work. Finally, we see a Savior who, in total surrender declares, "It is finished." (John 19:30) and "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46) placing His life into the Father's hands, proving that what looks like the end is often God's beginning.

As we move toward Easter, may we carry these words in our hearts. Let them remind you that the debt is paid, the family is formed, and the road we walk in the footsteps of Jesus leads to new life here and for all eternity.

God Bless,

Pastor George

Joys:

For special music and all of our music groups.

Safe return for Sid and Brian from their Guatemala mission trip.

Concerns:

For Dale Zierten who has cancer and recovering.

For Rich Benson who may have knee surgery soon.

For the Middle East conflict for wisdom, peace and safety for our military.

For Dave Zirkelbach who will have knee replacement surgery on Friday.

For Jackie who was just diagnosed with breast cancer.

A friend who fell down the stairs and has broken bones.

Continued prayers for Kathy Peterson, Heidi Slife, The Bixler Family, Bob Knudson, Trish Poole, Sandy Gavin, Joyce Laehr, Anne Herman, Chris Ruud, Kim & Zoey Voss, Bob Herman, Ron Hansen, Cadyn Albright & her family, Debbie Knudson, Pastor Awilda Nolla, Evie Fell, Bob & Kim Dewey & Wendy Kumbier, the McIlvaine Family and the Kolmer Family.

***** CHURCH OFFICE HOURS*****

MONDAY- 8:30 am – 3 pm

TUESDAY-THURSDAY - 9 am – 3 pm

FRIDAY – 9 am – 12 pm

CALENDAR

- Tues March 3** Trustees 6 pm Room 16
Bell Practice – 6:30 pm Friendship Room
Choir Practice - 6:30 pm
- Wed March 4** Chosen Meal - 5:15 pm Room 16
Chosen Episode - 6 pm
Chosen Study – 7 pm
- Thurs March 5** Men's Study – 5:30 pm Conf. Room
Craft/Games – 6 pm Room 16
- Fri March 6** Bible Study – 9:30 am Friendship Room
- Sun March 8** Band Practice – 9 am
Worship & Children's Church 10 am
Bible Study – 11:30 am Room 16

March Food Pantry List

(Items can be dropped off at the entryway doors)

1 lb. bags or boxes of rice, 1 lb pkgs. of spaghetti, side dishes, canned pineapple, Saltines

Plastic shopping bags, brown paper grocery bags, greeting cards, pens, pencils, child and adult Bibles, devotions & cookbooks are needed as well.

March Change 4 Change



HALO offers each person an opportunity to begin their journey from dependency towards self-sufficiency. All homeless individuals and families in Racine County will be provided emergency food, clothing, shelter, transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services

Last year, HALO served 700 individuals including 138 children, 58% under the age of six. Since opening in 2005, HALO has helped over 2,000 adults return to stable housing with enough income and savings to support themselves.

Baptism of Eleanor



Brian & Sid's medical and dental mission trip to Guatemala.



Brian & Sid's Guatemala Mission Trip Presentation.

March 15 after worship.

Lee's Deli sandwiches provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert.



Christ Church Invites You!

*Easter Bunny
Carnival*

Saturday March 21st 1-3 pm

A free community event for the whole family!

-Giant inflatables

-Easter bunny

**-Indoor carnival: games, crafts,
prizes, cotton candy & popcorn**

In need of candy donations. You can donate individually wrapped candy in the South Entryway.

HOLY WEEK *Services*



**Palm
Sunday**

March 29 @ 10 am



**Maundy
Thursday**

April 2 @ 7 pm



**Good
Friday**

April 3 @ 7 pm



**Easter
Sunday**

April 5 @ 10 am



Sign up in the
South Entryway
or QR Code

(5yrs and older
50 Slots Available)

May 16, 2026

Leave Church at 12:45 p.m.

Pack Food 2:00-3:45 p.m.

Back at Church by 5:00 p.m.



You can also sign up using the link

<https://40196.people.myamplify.io/external/form/4ad09ba3-4ff6-4468-816d-8ab9f8e86f5f>

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Announcements

John Granger would like to come to church and sing in the choir but needs a ride. His address is 1113 College Ave Apt 207. If you are able to give him a ride, please reach out to him at 262-664-0820.

If you would like to talk to Billie Stillely it's easier for you to call her than her to call you. Her number is 262-664-1373.

You can now watch the livestream and sermon through the church app.

You can download the app using this link

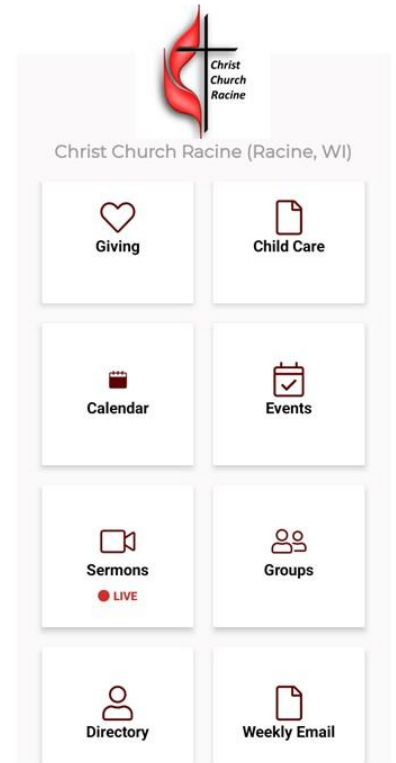
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March/April Upper Rooms are now located in the library.

March 2026 Announcer: You will find copies in each entryway. You can also access it online clicking on the link: Or visit www.christchurchracine.com

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If you have a change in phone number or address, please call the church office at **262-632-1607** or email at christcumc@gmail.com. You can also change your information on your profile on your app as well.

If you would like the church to know your birthday and be added to the Announcer, please contact the church or update your profile on your app.

***Please remember to be careful with emails that appear to come from Christ Church but are, indeed, fake.** If you hover over the sender address, it should show as this email does, notifications@emails.church or christcumc@gmail.com . The fake emails will usually have a name on them that is not mine (Cassie Kafer) or Pastor George's. For those who receive messages from Josh/Family Ministries, it should look like this: christchurchracinefamily@gmail.com.

***Pastor George will never text asking for gift cards or money. Those are scams and do not respond. If unsure about a communication, please call the church office.**