



***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

All Are Welcome!

March 31, 2024

Easter



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Happenings and announcements

- **Holy Noisemakers return!** Please bring your holy noisemakers for **Easter Vigil** Mass.
- **Children's Readings:** We will not be holding children's readings before Mass during Easter Vigil.
- **Women of the Spirit:** Come join us for tea, cookies and discussion as we continue to chat about words and the meanings they hold for us. We will meet on **Thursday, April 4 at 1:00 pm** in the Fireside Room to watch a video and discuss the word CHANGE. We welcome new members, so consider attending the meeting and be uplifted and blessed with the sisterhood we share. For more information, contact Judy Nielsen at 303-772-9466 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229
- **Save the Date: Grouth Youp Dinner.** The Grouth Youp will be hosting a dinner after Mass on **Saturday, April 27** to raise funds for their mission trip this summer.
- **Recycle your Holey Socks!** In coordination with TerraCycle, Light of Christ has registered to be a public drop-off point for the collection of used, clean socks. So, instead of throwing away your holey socks, you can bring them into the church and place them in the TerraCycle sock basket that you will find in the Narthex or in the church office. When we have a full basket of socks, we will print a free shipping label, courtesy of GOLDTOE®, and send them to TerraCycle to be recycled! (Note: we can not accept stockings, tights, or pantyhose.)
- **Did you know?** All of our daily readings can be found [here](#) and Masses are archived [here](#). You can also join us for the live readings at 10AM on Tuesdays or Saturday Mass at 5PM on Facebook . You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to join. [FB Link](#)

Schedule for week of March 31

Easter Vigil Saturday (March 30)

10 am - Easter Eggstravaganza

8 pm - Easter Vigil Mass (Hybrid/
Facebook Live)

Easter Sunday (March 31)

6:44 am - Sunrise Easter reading
(Facebook Live)

Tuesday (April 2)

10 am - Online Scripture Reading
(Facebook Live)

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

Wednesday (April 3)

9 am - Communion service

Thursday (April 4)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

Saturday (April 6)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Synod Update

Synod is coming soon, to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park starting **Friday afternoon, October 9th**. The Synod Planning Team is undertaking to provide courtesy transportation to and from DIA to Estes, since the cheapest public option is presently set to cost \$75.00 one way. This could entail moving 50 to 100 out of state attendees, and would require many volunteers from Colorado even if they are not planning to actually attend the Synod themselves.

We plan to use the volunteers during a defined period of time. On Friday afternoon, check in for hotel rooms at the YMCA starts at 4:00, with dinner from 5:00 until 7:00, with the Synod formally starting with a 'State of the ECC' session starting at 7:00. This would limit the transportation volunteer need to Friday afternoon. Then on Monday the 12th. Synod will close at about 1:00 p.m., following a closing speaker and lunch; and we would hope to have moved all those attendees that we are providing transportation for to DIA as soon as possible after 1:00.

At this time we are thinking that the Friday volunteers might fall into three groups:

1. Those planning to attend Synod who would be willing to meet a couple of out-of-staters at DIA and drive them direct to Estes on their own way there;
2. Those who may or may not be planning to attend Synod who could meet a couple of out-of-staters at DIA and drive them just to Light of Christ in Longmont;
3. Those who would be willing to transport a couple from Longmont to Estes.

We are hoping to also borrow a 14 passenger bus to transport people from Longmont to Estes. We are also looking for a dispatcher to spend the afternoon at DIA and one to spend the afternoon at LOC in Longmont, as well as one backup dispatcher, and a backup "minibus" driver.

Then we are hoping that all Colorado attendees could take a couple of out-of-staters back to DIA from Estes early Monday afternoon.

If you have questions or are able to assist in this important task, please contact Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org



Creation Also Longing for New Life

We are entering the final days of Holy Week with attention on the suffering of Jesus. We also connect to all human suffering and believe that new life is promised to all. It is not a stretch to connect the suffering of Jesus with others and also to the natural world. In fact Paul writes (Romans 8:22), "that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now." In Kat Armas' book, Sacred Belonging, she said that the earth is groaning alongside us; the natural world also longs for new life. Advocating for justice for the land and for humankind are not separate endeavors but are linked. When the land suffers, those who depend on the land also suffer. When we fight against the devastation of the earth, we are advocating for its people.

Throughout the bible, the prophets railed against humanity's injustices and exploitation. Seemingly, we kill not only each other but also the very places we call home. The prophets pour out their grief. God mourns with them and us: "I will weep and wail for the mountains," God says in Jeremiah 9:10, "and lament for the grazing lands in the wilderness. They are dried up and deserted; no sound of the flocks is heard; no sign of birds or animals is seen; all have vanished." God's response is to grieve.

Eco-philosopher Joanna Macy explains that grief is a doorway into a deeper understanding of life, identity, and interconnectedness. "The most important thing we can do for the sake of our planet is to hear within ourselves the sounds of the earth crying." She goes on to echo the words of Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh, "Until we can grieve for our planet we cannot love it — grieving is a sign of spiritual health."

Grief can seem pitiful, offensive, or inconvenient to some Christians, as it has nothing to do with a victorious God. To those who have embraced an imperial Christ, grief is weakness. But this is precisely why we need to grieve: as resistance and as a spiritual practice. We need "tears that cleanse," as Macy says. Our grief "is not a private burden but a shared experience on this planet." So let us lament.

Taken from Sacred Belonging, Chapter 3 "The Mountains Groan"

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

If you want to read more of Kat Armas, here's the link to her writings.

• <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/viewpoints/devotions-creation-kat-armas-mountains-groan>

PRAYER CORNER

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;
 Dave Barnwell; Gina Hinnegan;
 Jack Wolfe; Judith Link;
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;
 Mark Stenson; Marty Campbell; Michael
 Degnan; Patrick Degnan; Paula Degnan;
 Pete Conti; Phyllis Enge; Rita Rose Ber-
 gen, Sharon Cramer; Sharon Farns-
 worth; Wes Evans.



We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

STEWARDSHIP

	February	Year To Date
Donations	\$24,463.34	33,481.34
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$277.33	\$406.26
Total Income	\$25,740.67	\$33,877.60
Expenses	\$13,953.93	27,084.28
Balance	\$11,786.74	\$6,803.32

DAILY READINGS

This year our online Scripture reading will be on Tuesdays. Fr. Teri will lead us more in depth through stories in our Scripture. Join us Tuesdays at 10am on Facebook.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2024. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

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ASSISTANCE

Prayer Partners: These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you.

Home Eucharist Team: If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

Rite of Reconciliation: The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

HOPE Longmont, located at:

804 Lincoln St.
 Longmont, CO 80501

THE OUR CENTER, located at:

220 Collyer St.
 Longmont, CO 80501

THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church
 1500 Hover St.
 Longmont, CO 80501