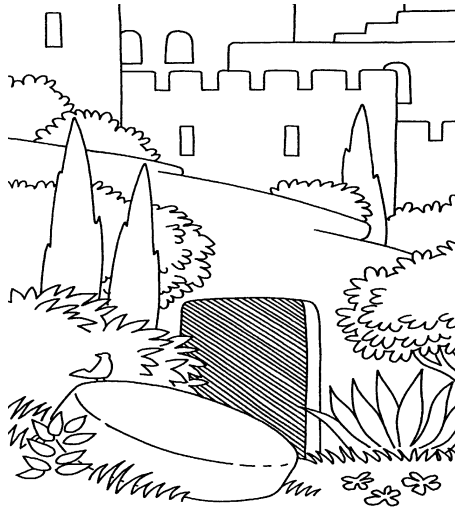


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April 20, 2025 ~ 7:30

We welcome everyone to worship in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the joy and excitement of Easter morning continue in your lives throughout the year as we give witness to the amazing love of Jesus our Lord.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HYMN: Christ Arose *(with Children's Alleluia Procession)*

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watched His bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

GREETING:

P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ANTHEM: Cantate Domino

~ Choir

O sing ye to the Lord, O sing ye, O sing ye, O sing ye to the Lord,
Sing a new song, O praise Him in the company of His saints,
In the company of His saints.
Let all of Israel rejoice now, rejoice now, rejoice in Him

Rejoice, in Him who made all, the sons of all Zion, and daughters of Zion, be joyful, be joyful, be joyful and praise God on high, be joyful, be joyful and praise God on high.

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

A: The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor John

HYMN: *He Lives*

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near. *Refrain*

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. *Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

ANTHEM: *Easter Jubilation*

*~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, pianist*

PRAYERS:

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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING:

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*
~ Bell Choir

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



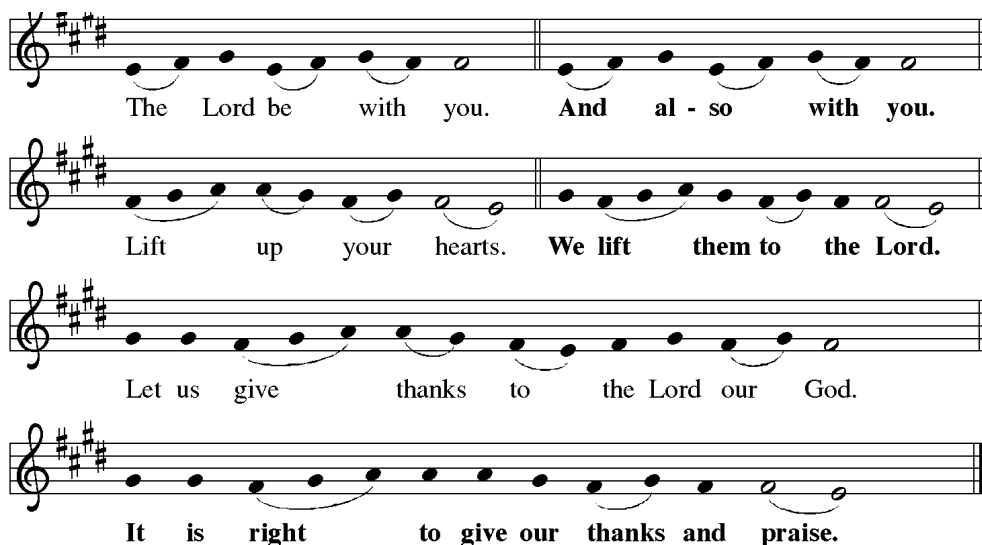
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

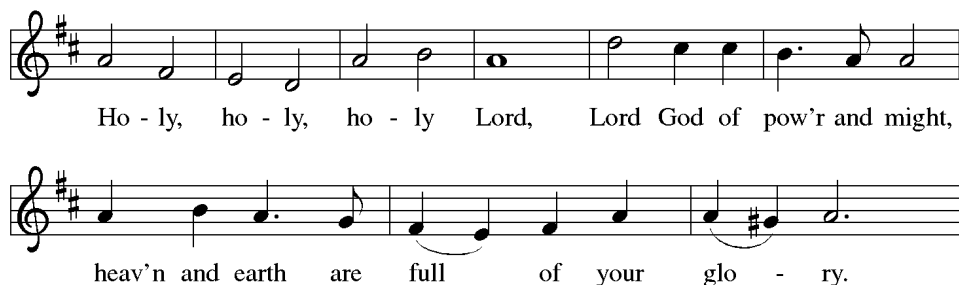
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

LAMB OF GOD:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION:

We believe and teach that in Holy Communion the crucified and risen Jesus Christ is truly present, offering the forgiveness and graciousness of God. We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized Christians who commune in their home congregations. Communion kit from the narthex if you would like to commune at your seat.

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. *Sung Response:* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today-Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

7:30-Traditional Worship

8:45-Easter Breakfast – All are invited!

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-Office Closed

Tuesday-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Apr 28-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Apr 29-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-May 1-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 20:19-31

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-53; 9:45-107; 11:00-49; SCS-17

~ Food Pantry Items for April are TUNA and/or TUNA HELPER. ~

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in memory of Betty McCurdy by George McCurdy.

Easter Morning Breakfast . . . Join us **TODAY** beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. It is the perfect time to celebrate this holy day and connect with your church family. All are welcome!

Thanks to Chris Luckenbill, organist & choir/bell choir director; the choir; the bell choir; and the contemporary team musicians and singers for the special music on this glorious morning.

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thanks to all who helped organize, shop, prepare, cook, set up, serve, and clean up for the Easter Breakfast.

Thanks to all who placed flowers today! They may be taken following the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a list of flowers ordered on the front side pew; please cross off your name when you take your flowers.

On display in the church today is a quilted cross banner made by our own Beth Trudgen. Everyone who has made, or does make, a contribution to our Organ Fund will have a chance to win this lovely banner in a raffle at the dedication ceremony this summer for the new organ. Many thanks to Beth and to everyone who has supported the Fund.

New Organ Donations. . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

NEW!! Easter Season Devotions “God’s Gift of Life Abundant” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

The May Worship Assistant List is available in the narthex.

Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!” This year’s mission will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners **Monday, June 9 – Thursday, June 12**. Sign up on the bulletin board to express your interest in participating! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Mission of the Month: The YMCA is committed to providing their programs and services to anyone who would like to use them. Gifts to the Strong Kids Campaign are used to provide assistance to those in our community experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write “Strong Kids” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Happy Easter 2025!

Welcome to Christ Church on this glorious Easter Morning! We hope this is just the beginning of wonderful day filled with good times with family and friends and that you feel the love of our gracious heavenly Father.



After a long, tough cold winter, spring finally seems to be just around the corner. Just a few weeks ago, the temperatures were still bitter, and the wind was still biting. But on a walk last week we enjoyed seeing daffodils and other new life springing from the ground. The new life that leaps up today reminds us, no matter our circumstance, that new life awaits us one day when our time here is over. All our good Lord asks is that you believe He loves you so much, He sent His Son to die, taking your sins up with Him on the cross, so you might rise again and live forever in heaven.

And Jesus rose from the dead so that your new and abundant life would begin now! He hopes the joy of the resurrection inspires you to open your heart today, accept His gifts for you and share that same love with your family, friends and neighbors.

A blessed Easter to you and your family!

Pastors John and Amy