

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

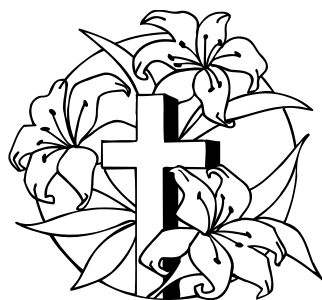
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THE SERVICE

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Prelude

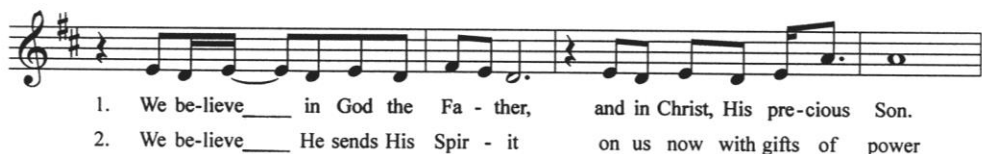
Announcements



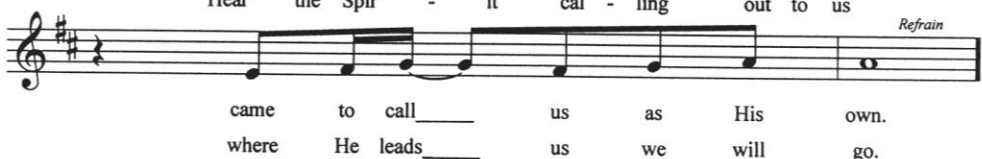
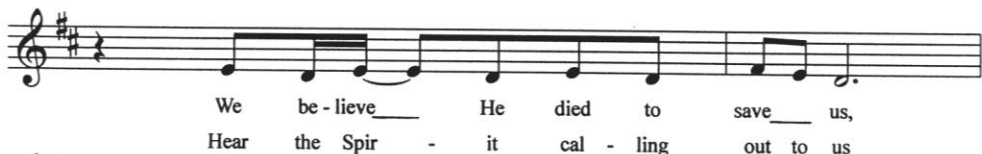
GATHERING

Rising Generation (*with Children's Alleluia Procession*)

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2. We be-lieve He sends His Spir - it on us now with gifts of power



Greeting:

Children: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Children: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Children: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today CCLI 1763436



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

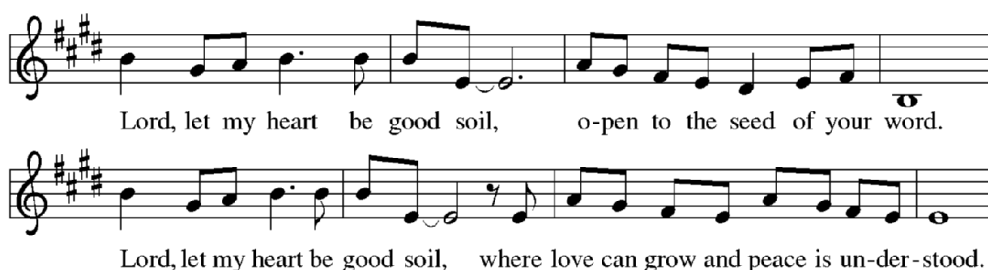
Prayer of the Day

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

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

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.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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



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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – We will glorify

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We will glorify the King of kings,
We will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
We will bow before his throne;
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live; He is Lord above the universe,
All praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

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,

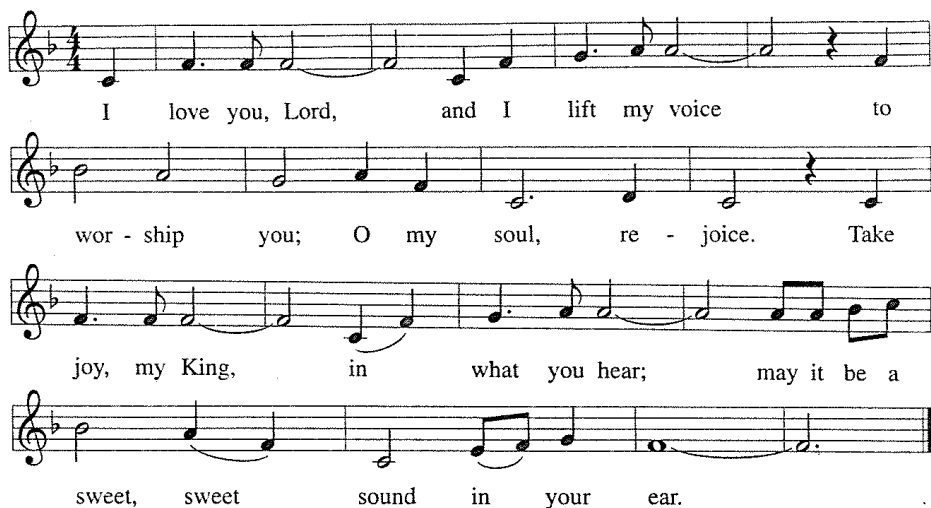
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.**

Prayers

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



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

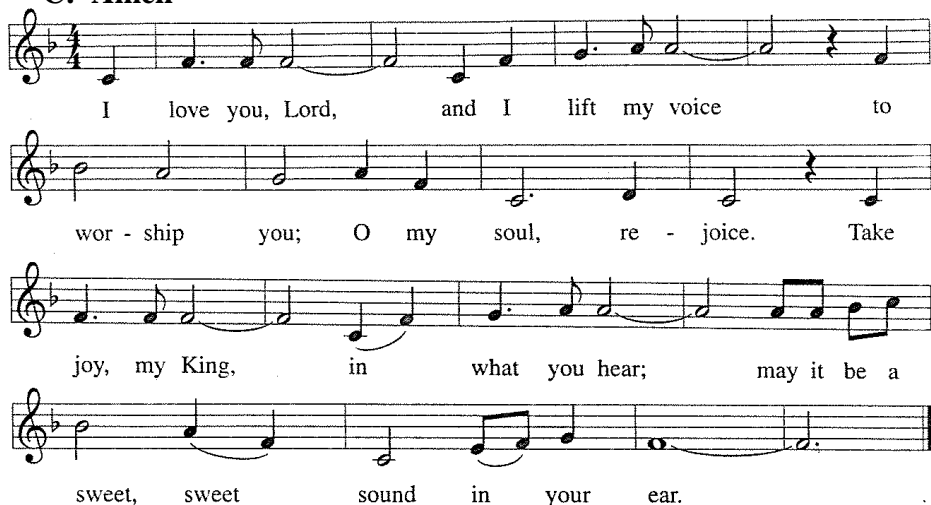
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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.***

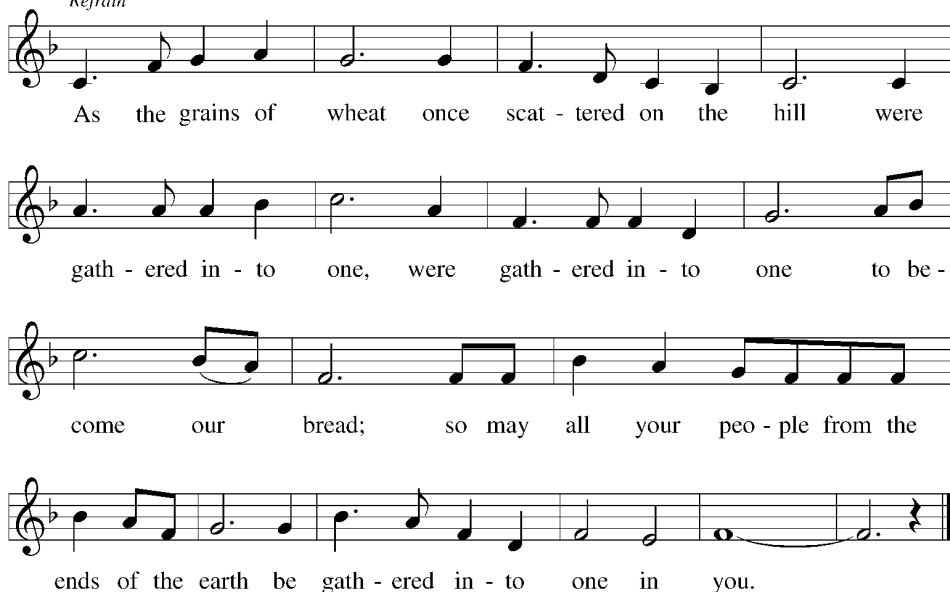
Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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Refrain



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues: 'gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -'. The third staff continues: 'come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the'. The fourth staff concludes: 'ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.' The score ends with a double bar line.

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -

come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the

ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Living God,

C: in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us, to use and to share. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

Words of Institution

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.

We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

C: **Happy are those who are called to His Supper.**

One bread, one body

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Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless. and we. though man-v
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

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.

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

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

The trumpets sound, the angels sing

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The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside. *Refrain*

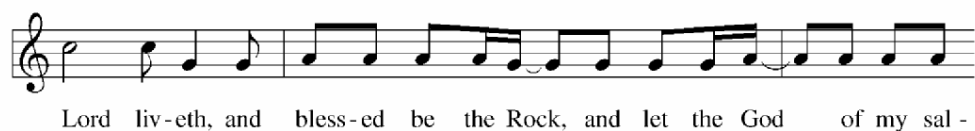
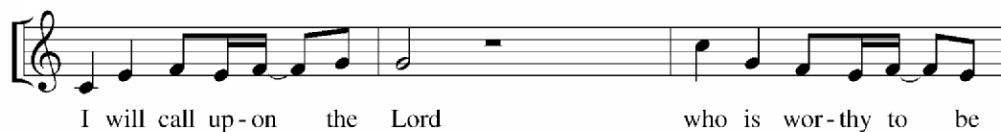
Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table fo the King.
The feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things;
Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain*

I will call upon the Lord

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Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You’re Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436

I will wor - ship _____ with all of _____ my _____ heart. _____

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I will seek You all of my days.

all my praise. You a-lone I long to wor-ship,

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

SENDING

Blessing

P: 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. **C: Amen**

Closing Song – I will sing, I will sing

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I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord,
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

Refrain: Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.

We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,
If the son, if the Son shall make you free,
If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,
You shall be free indeed. *Refrain*

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy,
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. *Refrain*

Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess,
Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess,
Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord. *Refrain*

In his name, in his name we have the victory.
In his name, in this name we have the victory.
In his name, in his name we have the victory.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

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