

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Easter ~ April 27, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

THE SERVICE

BOLD *lettering indicates a spoken response*

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

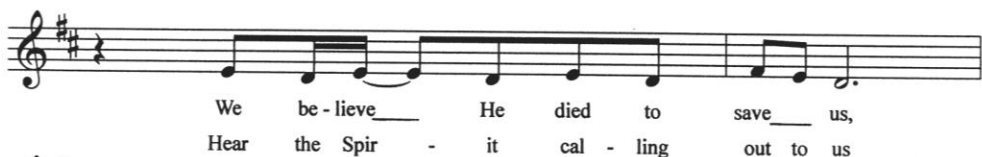
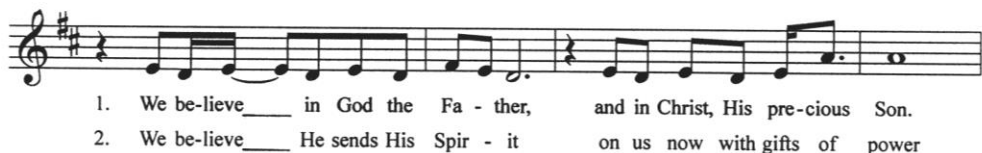
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

Rising Generation

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Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Opening Song – Shout to the Lord

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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



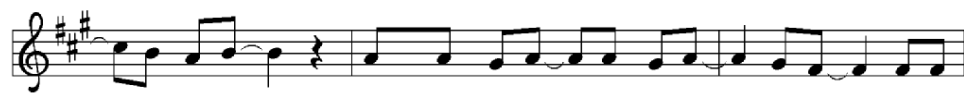
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



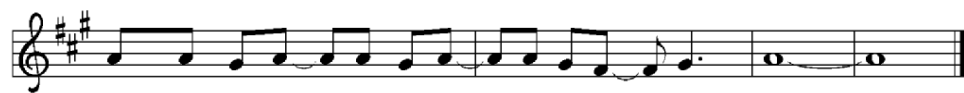
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, 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

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, Peter responds to the charges of the high priest with the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

A: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Acts.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ. Here the writer describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is from the seven spirits who are before his and who was and who is to come, and throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



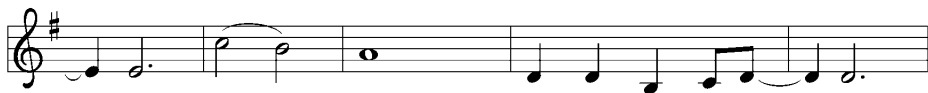
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

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He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole wide world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

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.

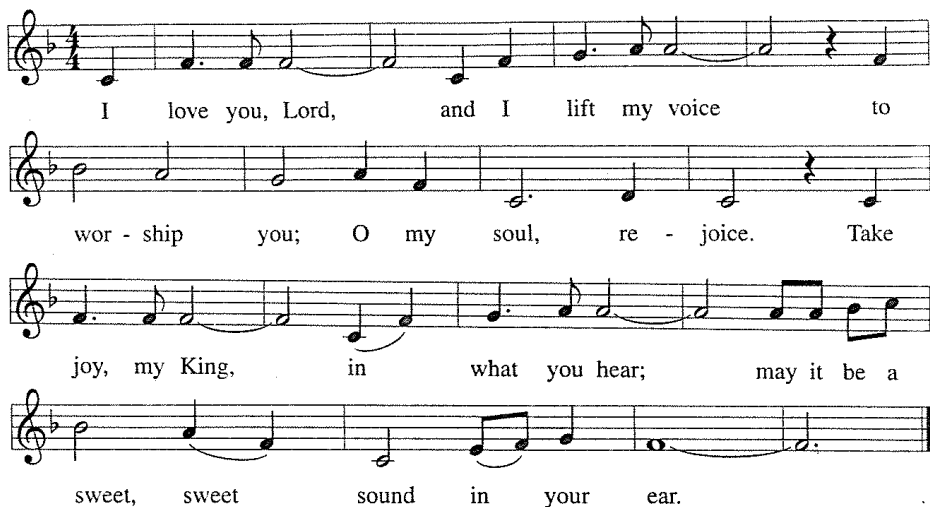
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

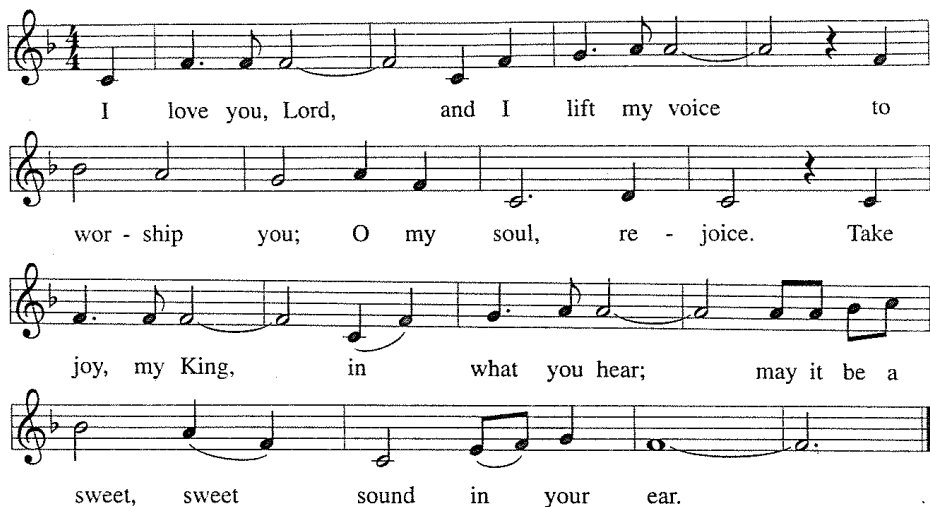
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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



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

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

Here is bread

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Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here. *Refrain*

Refrain: In this bread there is healing,
In this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain*

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

Come and see

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Come and see the glory of the Lord.
Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before him.

Come and give thanks unto the Lord.
Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before him.

For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served.
Alleluia. Alleluia, Lord.

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.

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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 – Be bold, be strong

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Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.
Do not be afraid, do not be dismayed.
Walk in faith and victory, walk in faith and victory,
Walk in faith and victory, for the Lord your God is with you.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

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

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-May 4-9:45 Sunday School!

Mon-May 5-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-May 6-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-May 8-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 21:1-19

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Attendance last week: Easter Sunday Worship: 7:30-81; 9:45-149; 11:00-95

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in memory of Randy Spaid on his heavenly birthday by Kim Clyde.

We thank the Drahushak family for sharing the spring window flowers with the congregation for the Easter season. They are from the wedding of Caitlin & AJ Boyle, celebrated yesterday.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **next Sunday, May 4** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Confirmation Event . . . Sunday, May 18 from 6-7:30 p.m.

On display in church 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!

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, but we also need you to register ASAP! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Mission of the Month: YMCA programs lay the groundwork for healthy futures. They are 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.

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