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4th Sunday of Easter ~ May 11, 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,

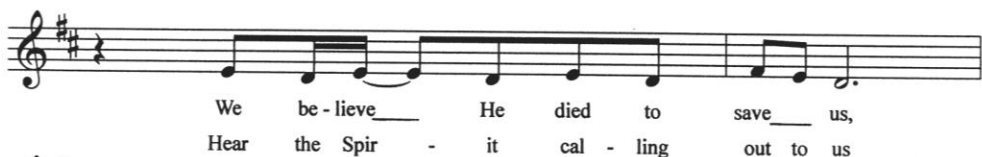
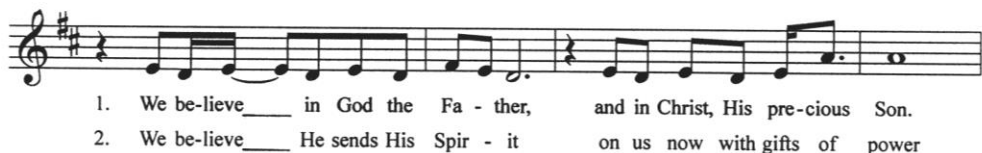
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, 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 – Great is the Lord

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Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; 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



First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

A: The First Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and

languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 24:13-32

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



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things

and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – Broken for me

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Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.

He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken that we might be whole. *Refrain*

Come to my table and with me dine;
Eat of my bread and drink of my wine. *Refrain*

This is my body given for you;
Eat it, rememb'ring I died for you. *Refrain*

This is my blood I shed for you;
For your forgiveness, making you new.
Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.

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.

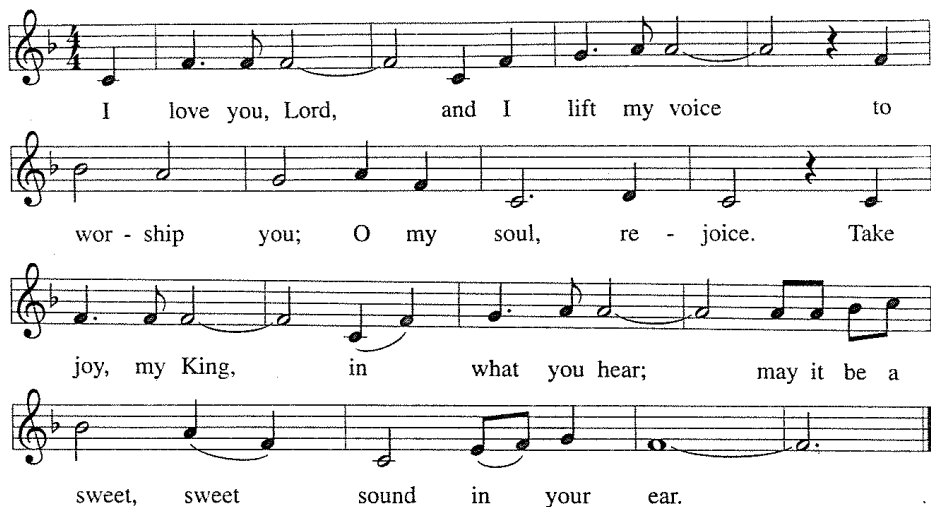
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

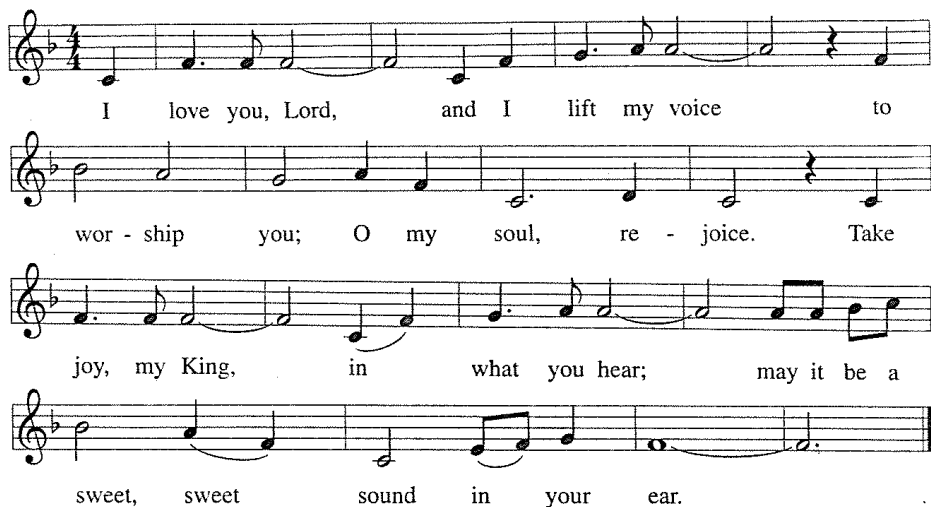
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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

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

Sanctuary

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Bind us together

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Refrain: Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body;
That is why we can sing: *Refrain*

You are the fam'ly of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

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. _____

B^b

I will praise You _____ with all of my strength.

Detailed description: This musical staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on B-flat, moves down to A-flat, then G-flat, and continues with various intervals and rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at specific points: B^b at the beginning, B^b/F F and Gm/F F over the phrase 'with all of my strength.', and a final F chord at the end.

I will fol - low _____ all of ____ Your ways.

Gm7 C F C/E

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 – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine CCLI 1763436

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today-Happy Mother's Day!

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

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

Thursday-5:55-Bell Choir Practice

6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-May 18-9:45-Sunday School

6:00-Confirmation Event

Mon-May 19-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-May 20-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-May 22-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:33-45

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-62; 9:45-76; 11:00-37; SCS-8

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in memory of Doris Haag and in honor of Marie Russell on Mother's Day by Brad & Colleen Russell.

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.

Worship Note: Throughout the Easter season, our Pascal Candle is next to the altar and lit during each service as a sign of the risen Christ's presence among us.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **next Sunday May 18** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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.

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday June 1**. We would like to know about our grads’ future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. *College Graduates* – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

Attention Students pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandra Dunlap Scholarship. Applications with detailed requirements are available in the narthex and are due no later than **Saturday May 31, 2025**.

Mission of the Month – Our Stay-At-Home Youth & Adult Mission Trip in June. If you would like to contribute toward supplies for the service projects and food for our volunteers, please use the pew envelopes and write “*Mission Trip*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank You!

Food Pantry Items for May are MAYONNAISE and/or KETCHUP.