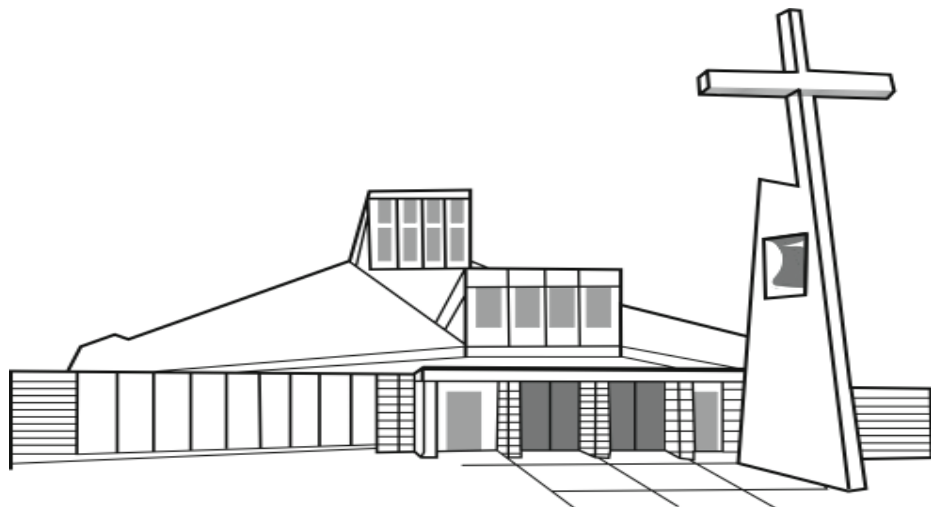


# Christ Lutheran Church

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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING

P Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen, indeed.**

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**C Christ is risen, indeed.**

P Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

## WELCOME

### **GATHERING HYMN: *This Changes Everything***

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1 When the walls around me crumble  
When the ground beneath me shakes  
When the skies above me rumble  
or when my heart breaks  
You're there, with me, with me  
Oh God, You never leave

### *Chorus*

This changes everything, everything  
This changes everything,  
this changes everything, everything



our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 133**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

### **SECOND READING:** 1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and

the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW 376 (v.1)**

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

#### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

### **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

L The holy gospel according to John.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”<sup>26</sup> A 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.”<sup>27</sup> Then 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.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But 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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

Josie Wilterdink

## SERMON

Pastor Stephen

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Walk By Faith* – ELW 635 (vv. 1-3)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

## APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended

to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION**

*(Petitions end: "God of grace,"; please respond "hear our prayer.")*

**C** Amen.

## **MEAL**

### **INVITATION TO SHARE OUR OFFERINGS**

*(As an act of worship, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us.)*

### **OFFERTORY: Come to the Table – ELW 481**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are you, 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.

**C** Amen.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.**

## **COMMUNION**

(Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request).

### **COMMUNION HYMN: *Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes* – ELW 381**

- 1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes, God in Christ on us bestows;  
Jesus bought our peace with God  
with his holy, precious blood;  
peace in him for sinners found  
is the gospel's joyful sound.
- 2 Peace within the church still dwells in our welcomes and farewells;  
and through God's baptismal pow'r  
peace surrounds our dying hour.  
Peace be with you, full and free,  
now and through eternity.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING SONG: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* – ELW 535**

#### *Refrain*

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*
- 2 Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

P Love

**C Jesus**

P Grow

**C Together**

P Serve

**C Others**

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*(Please share a greeting of peace with one another).*

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Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh

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Ushers/Communion Assistants: Volunteers

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk

Altar Care: Deb Johnson & Sharon Mork

Coffee Fellowship: Pam Mattison and Mary Merritt



**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

**VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Kristy; Kathy; Roger; Paul; Steve; Sharon; Chris; Shawn; Kathy; Luke; Libby; Joe; Arlene; Cindi; Josie; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimwaye and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); Jackie and Patrick Bencke (missionaries in Japan); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all people residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU** for April 10 is pulled pork sandwiches, vegetables and dessert. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

**THERE ARE SIGN-UP SHEETS** for worship volunteers on the table at the back of the narthex. We need weekly help with ushering, serving communion and coffee fellowship. We also need ushers and communion servers for mid-week services.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY INFORMATION** - It is time to schedule your photo session for the new church directory. Dates available are April 18, 19 and 20. We need **you** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken! You will receive a free directory and an 8x10 portrait just for being photographed! There is **no** obligation to purchase additional photos, but you are welcome to do so if you choose. Scheduling may be done Sundays after the worship service at the table in the narthex, to schedule your appointment online, simply scan the QR code or go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and click the “photography appointment scheduling login” button. Enter our church code “wi320” and the password “photos” or you can call the church office. Online sign-up will not be available on weekends to allow for paper sign-ups at church.



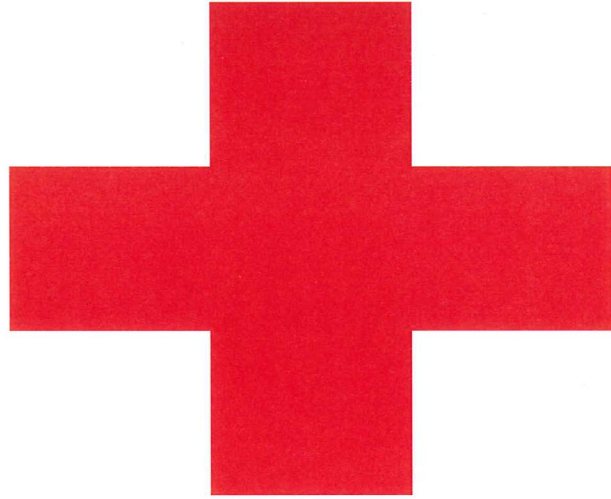
**MID-WEEK SERVICES** continue Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION** check-in is April 10 at 5:45pm.

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**Blood Drive**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

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**CHRIST LUTHERAN IS HOSTING** a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday April 12 from 11:00am – 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We need blood donors! You may sign up to donate on [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or by calling the church office at 715-235-5573.

**LUTHER PARK SPRING WORKDAY** is April 20 from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Please call 715-859-2215 if you are planning to attend so they have enough work planned for everyone.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR** the Women's Day of Renewal is April 8. The retreat begins at 9:00am on April 20 at Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.