

Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection* – ELW 361 (v. 1, 3, 4)

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,

their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!

Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

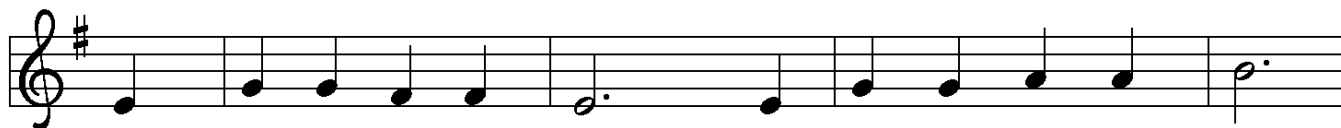
Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

GREETING

L 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. Amen.**

KYRIE – ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus.

Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

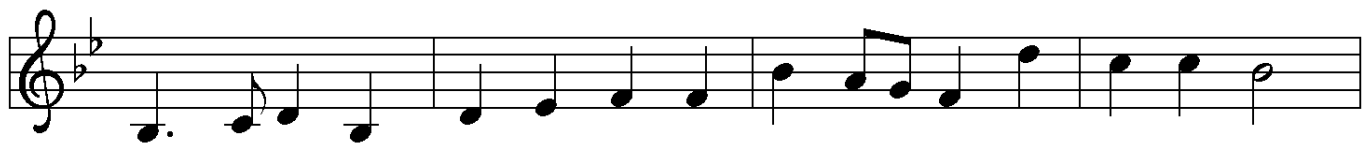
God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

L The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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: *Around You, O Lord Jesus* – ELW 468

1 Around you, O Lord Jesus,
your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us
with grace our lives to fill.
You say to us so lovingly,
“Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!”

- 2 We hear your invitation,
and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation
is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart;
it brings to us your blessing,
which never will depart.
- 3 We are your own forever;
until our final breath
we will be true and never
in joy, in grief, in death
depart from you, for you are still
among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.

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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: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* – ELW 712 (v. 1)

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

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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: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* – ELW 502

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;

and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Thine is The Glory* – ELW 376

- 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!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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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Pastor: Stephen Hilding

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh

Scripture Reader: Linda Tylee

Ushers/Communion Assistants: Volunteers

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk

Altar Care: Deb Johnson & Sharon Mork

Communion Bread Baker: Deb Johnson

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 Larson; Chris Owens; Shawn; Kathy; Luke; Libby; Joe; Arlene; Cindi; Josie; the family of Mike Benzel; 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 17 is hotdogs, chips and dessert. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Mike Benzel who passed away April 8. The service will be held at Christ Lutheran at 11:00am on April 15 with a visitation one hour before.

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.

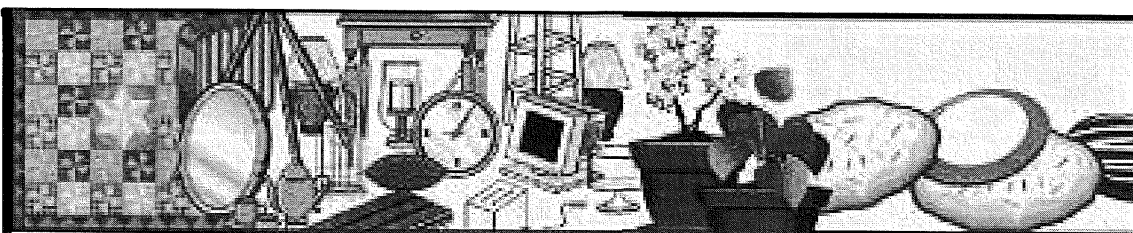
ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT to sign up to have your photo taken for the new church directory! Times are still available on April 19 and 20. We need **you** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken! You will receive a free directory and an 8x10 portrait just for being photographed! There is **no** obligation to purchase additional photos, but you are welcome to do so if you choose. Scheduling may be done in person, Sundays after the worship service at the table in the narthex; online, simply scan the QR code or go to 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 17 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

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. Please contact Josie Wilterdink if there is interest in carpooling to Chetek.

CHRIST LUTHERAN IS IN NEED OF TWO voting delegates (1 male and 1 female) for the synod assembly at UW – Eau Claire on June 7 and June 8. Others are allowed to attend but we are only allowed two votes. All delegates and guests must be registered by **APRIL 25** so if you are interested, please let the church office know soon.



Thrift, Plant, Quilt & Bake Sale

Friday, May 3 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 4 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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