

CHRIST



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SUNDAY MARCH 31ST, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**. During your time at church today we recommend that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for all who wish to use them.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN — ELW 365: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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| <p>1 <i>Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</i></p> | <p>3 <i>But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</i></p> |
| <p>2 <i>Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</i></p> |

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for
us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the
beginning

your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the
flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people
passed through the sea

into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official

entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized
by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and
resurrection

you opened the floodgates of your
reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living
water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GREETING

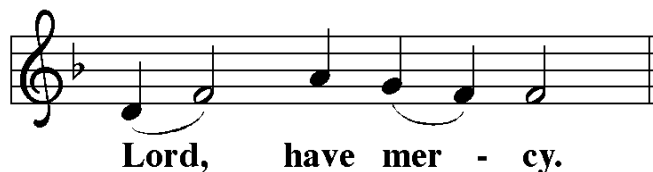
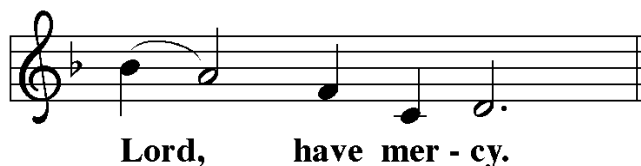
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.



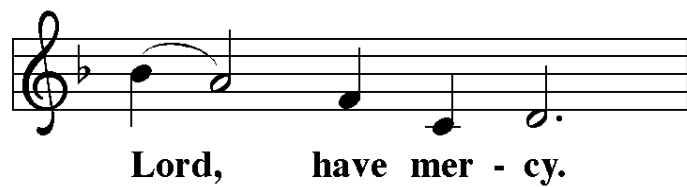
KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

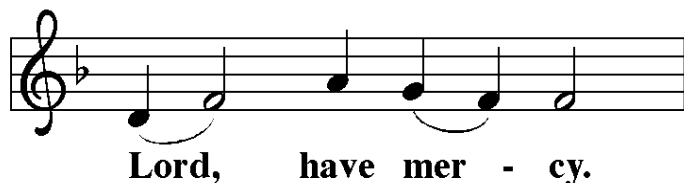
*For the peace from above, and for our
salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



*For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



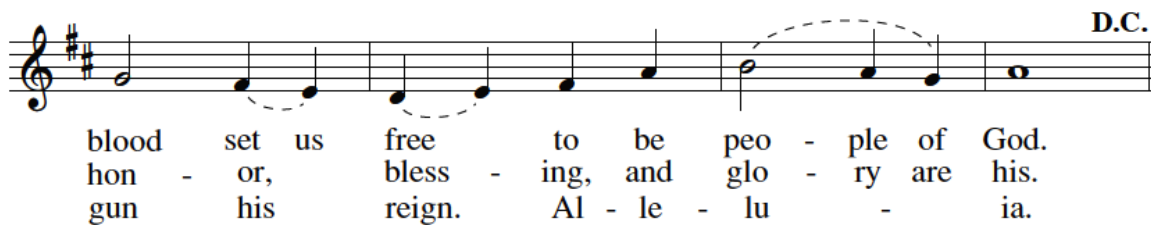
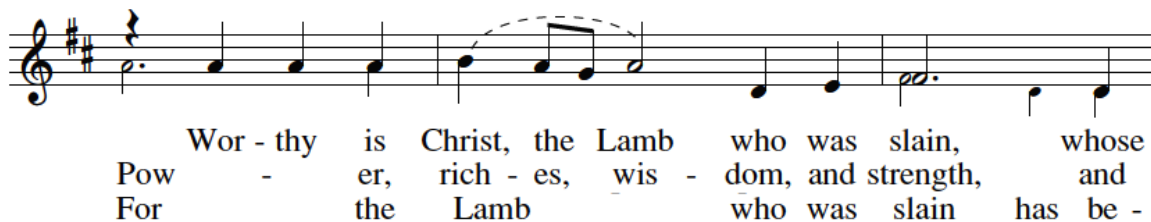
*For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise, let us pray
to the Lord.*



*Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.*



HYMN OF PRAISE— *This is the Feast of Victory of Our God*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

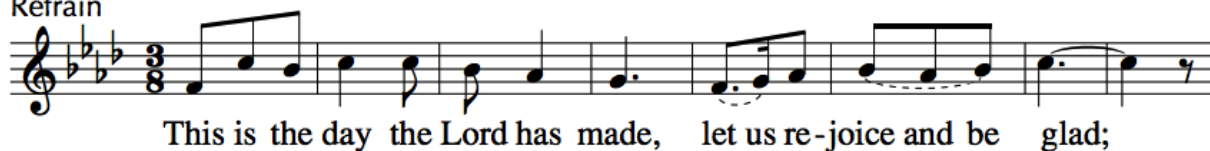
FIRST READING—ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter 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.”

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118

Refrain



*Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.
Let Israel | now declare,
“God's mercy en- | dures forever.”
The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.*

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD. R

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

“This is the gate | of the LORD;

here the righ- | teous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me

and you have become | my salvation. R

The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the LORD has | this been done;

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

SECOND READING— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing

with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our King:
to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL—MARK 16:1-8

The Gospel According to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON —PR. DEE EMMERT

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 366: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

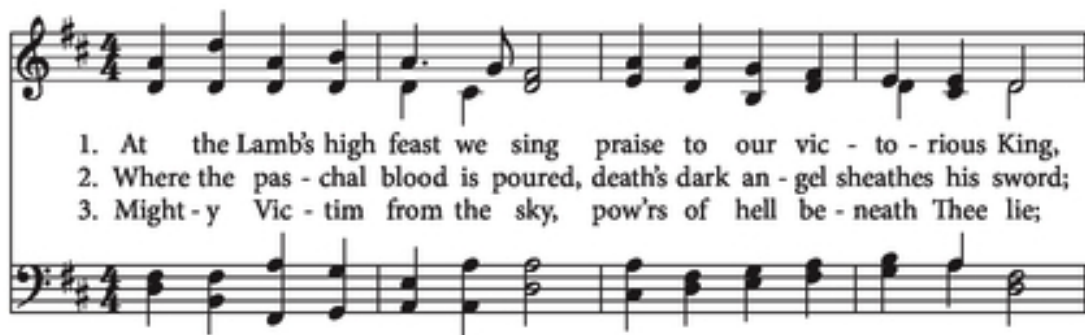
Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.

For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.

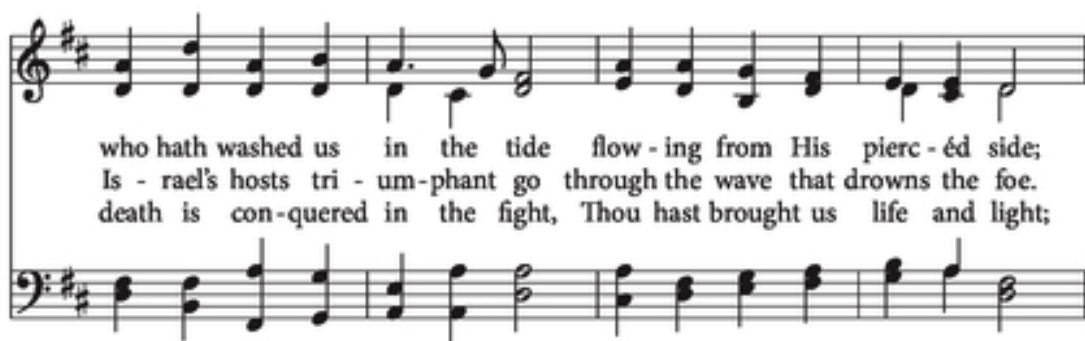
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

OFFERING

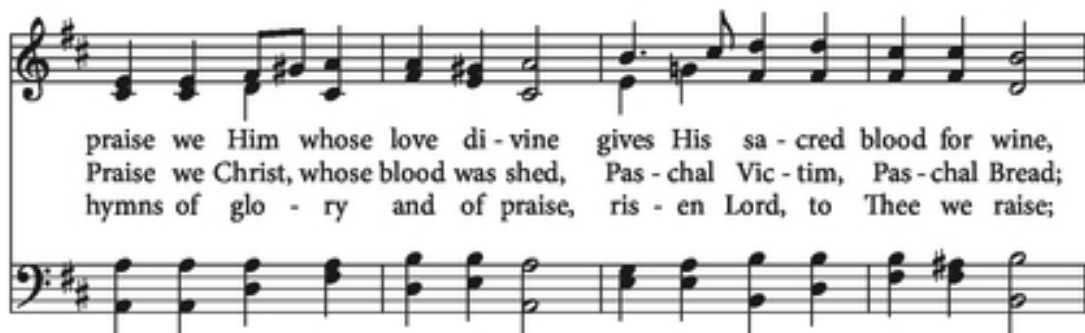
OFFERTORY MUSIC— *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*



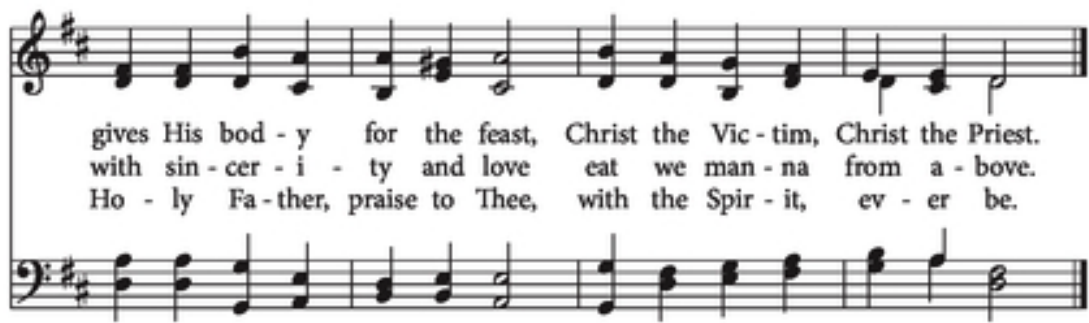
1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath Thee lie;



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from His pierc - éd side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
death is con - quered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;



praise we Him whose love di - vine gives His sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal Vic - tim, Pas - chal Bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to Thee we raise;



gives His bod - y for the feast, Christ the Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
Ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to Thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With this bread and cup... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection... Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us... burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Raise us up as the body... burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN— ELW 370: *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;
3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,
4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;
5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav-en.
the knot of sin has been un-done, the claim of death is end-ed.
who died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong God's love!—to save us.
Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav-en.



There-fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
Christ has crushed the pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell—
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pas - ses o'er,
Now his grace to us im-parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;
Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah!	Hal - le - lu - jah!
its sting is lost for - ev - er.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Sa - tan can - not harm us.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
the night of sin is end - ed.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
faith lives up - on no oth - er!	Hal - le - lu - jah!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements


BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always. **Amen.**


SENDING HYMN— *In Christ Alone*



In Christ a - lone my hope is found He is my Light, my strength my
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground His bo - dy lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in



song this co - ner stone this sol - id ground firm through the fier - cest drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Jes - us com - mands mu des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings
save, till on that cross as Jes - us died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of can e - ver pluck me from His



cease. My com - for - ter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

Facebook Livestream: Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

Online Bulletins: Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

And Don't Forget Your Offering: Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tiekou at 510-290-2125

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-Anon

Monday

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Marty S.	Duwayne
Mike and Liz S.	Molly B.	Joan
Chad B.	Scott & Carol F.	Pastor Doris Ng
TJ Baar	Mark M.	Evie D.
The Vale Community	Ted & Jacque E.	Dee
Robin & Wendy	George G.	Anna
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Elsa-Jennie B.
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	friends and family of Roberta B.
Orlando G.	Michael H.	B.
Karen H.	Heidi	friends and family of Shirley C.
Laurie P.	Jan	
Fred	Roz	
	Pat	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 20th—Church Clean Up/ Library

Closing, please take books home with you

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Charlie L.

Coffee Hour: Easter Breakfast Leftovers

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Carla L. & Helem C

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

Flowers: Easter

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