



SUNDAY APRIL 7TH, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

This Sunday we welcome you to share your favorite jokes with us.

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

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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!



GATHERING HYMN — *Joy to the World, The Lord's Alive*

*Joy to the World, the Lord's alive, Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as He had said, He's risen from the dead.
Salvation now He brings, Salvation now He brings,
Salvation, salvation now He brings.*

*Joy to the World, the empty tomb proclaims a victory.
Of light compelling, A great dispelling
Of darkness in the world, Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.*

*Joy to the World, Our Savior reigns, Let Heaven and earth proclaim
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

GREETING

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

KYRIE



Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



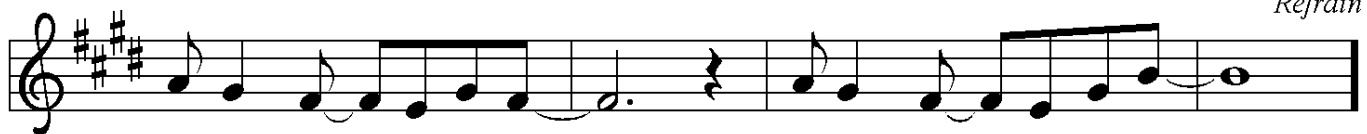
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

GLORIA— *Deck the Halls with Easter Lillies*

*Deck the halls with Easter lilies, Falalala-la-leluia!
Dance a jig and sing the sillies, Falalala-la-leluia!
At the devil, mean, old bloke, Falala-lalala-leluia!
On whom God has played a joke, Falalala-la-leluia!*

*Devil thought he'd won the battle, (Falala... etc...)
Pranced around high in the saddle,
Did not know God's special plan,
To resurrect the Son of Man,*

*Merry Christians rejoice and sing,
Now's the triumph of our King,
Lord of Life is ris'n this day,
Let the world rejoice and say,*

*Songs of joy to Christ our head,
Lives again who once was dead,
Life was purchased by his loss,
Died our death upon the cross,*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING—ACTS 4:32-35

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is ev-er-las - ting.



*How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. **R**
It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. **R***

SECOND READING— 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

¹We 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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION— *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.*

*While soldiers watched the gravesite that quiet Sunday dawn
There came a big commotion and then the storm was gone.
The women found no body their spices to anoint,
Instead they found an angel, God's message to appoint.*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.*

GOSPEL—JOHN 20:19-31

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

¹⁹When 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.

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

SERMON —PR. DEE EMMERT

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 368: *With High Delight Let Us Unite*



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

THE APOSTLES' CREEED

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.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie D., Pastor Sara, Elsa-Jennie and the family and friends of Roberta B., and the family and friends of Shirley Cosgrove. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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— *Beautiful Day*

*Beautiful Day, Glorious Day! All is new, all's okay!
'Round the tomb there is dancing and song,
See inside that the body is gone.
Christ, the Savior's alive, Christ, the Savior's alive.*

*Beautiful Day, Glorious Day! Soldiers quake and run away,
The stone is cleared from heaven above,
Heavenly host says "Hallelujah,"
Jesus, Lord, at new birth, Jesus, Lord, at new birth.*

*Beautiful Day, Glorious Day! Sing and shout, tell and say,
Radiant beams from this sinner's face,
Show because of amazing grace,
Christ, the Savior's alive, Christ, the Savior's alive!*

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

*Hark the Herald Angel said,
Why seek Jesus with the dead?
He's not here, as you can see,
Graveclothes lie where he would be.
On your way now, tell the others,
Jesus will be with his brothers.
Sisters, too, he wants to see
on the hills of Galilee.
Hark the Herald Angel said,
He is risen from the dead.*

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— *O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing*

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

1.O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 2.That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3.Its stone door could no lon - ger be seen.
 4.To John and Si - mon Pe - ter she fled,
 5.When Ma - ry's heart was filled with gloom

1.with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our King:
 2.the Mag - da - lene went forth on her way
 3.The tomb was op - en where stone had been.
 4.and to her tea - cher's tomb she them led.
 5.and she stood weep - ing near the tomb,

1.to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2.and found the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3.and naught but li - nens found with - in.
 4.an emp - ty cham - ber they found in - stead.
 5.a stran - ger spoke, she knew not whom.

6 -- "Why do you weep?" his question came.
 "Whose is the body you would claim?"
 And then, at last, he spoke her name. Alleluia! **R**

8 -- Glory to God who does wondrous things
 Let all God's people praises now sing,
 All creation in splendor shall ring: Alleluia! **R**

7 -- No longer weeping, anguish-bent,
 But with rejoicing Mary went,
 By Christ as first apostle sent. Alleluia! **R**

9 -- See how salvation has been won
 Up from the grave our new life begun
 Life perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia! **R**

10 -- How blest are they who have not seen,
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! **R**

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— *God Bless You Merry Sinner*

*God bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven- it's true!
Remember Christ your Savior has lived and died for you,
And lives again as King of Kings of saint and sinner, too.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.*

*Jerusalem at Calvary that dismal Friday morn,
Amid the pain and suffering eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us, right through the curtain torn.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.*

*So sing loud Hallelujahs for our Savior's victory,
And shout to all HOSANNA, that we have been set free,
From sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.*

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Clean Up date to be determined

Library Closing, please take home any books you would like.

April 25th— 6pm GRIP Sandwich Making

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

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

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Christine Hult-Lewis

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

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

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

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