

CHRIST



LUTHERAN
CHURCH

SUNDAY MAY 5TH, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

This Sunday’s image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John’s gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP – HANDBELLS

“FINLANDIA” - JEAN SIBELIUS

GATHERING HYMN – LET MY PRAYER RISE UP

ELW 232

*Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.*

*O God, I call to you, come to me now;
oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. **Refrain***

*Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright. **Refrain***

*All praise to the God of all--Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love. **Refrain***

GREETING – PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING—ACTS 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM 98

All the ends of the earth _____ have seen _____ the pow - er of
God; _____ all the ends of the earth _____ have
seen the pow - er of God. _____

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, _____ for he has done won - drous
2. The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known, his jus - tice re - vealed to
3. All of the ends of earth have seen sal - va - tion by our
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trum - pet and with

1. deeds; _____ his right hand has won the vic - t'ry for him,
2. all. _____ Re - mem - bered his kind - ness and faith - ful - ness
3. God. Joy - ful - ly sing out all you lands,
4. horn. Sing in your joy be - fore the king,

1. his ho - ly arm. _____ *D.C.*
2. to Is - ra - el. _____ *D.C.*
3. break forth in song. _____ *D.C.*
4. the king, our Lord. _____ *D.C. al fine*

SECOND READING— 1 JOHN 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!
Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.
Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.
Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.
Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!

GOSPEL—JOHN 15:9-17

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

SERMON—PR. DOUG MERRITT

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 732: Borning Cry



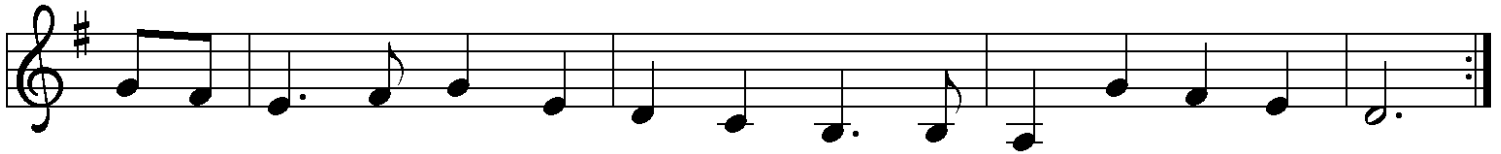
1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
 I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
 I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for 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., the family and friends of Shirley Cosgrove, and the family and friends of Ted E.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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 — **HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** All Things Bright and Beautiful

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, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

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—



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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—

*Lord the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

REFRAIN: *Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord and let there be light.*

*Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance,
By your blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me. REFRAIN*

*As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from Glory to Glory,
Nearer here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me REFRAIN*

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

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Church Clean Up

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

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
Sandy Z.	Michael H.	B.
Carolina S.	Heidi	Friends and family of Shirley
Orlando G.	Jan	C.
Karen H.	Roz	
Laurie P.	Pat	Friends and family of Ted E.
Fred	Duwayne	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18th— Church Garage Sale— volunteers needed 7am-3pm

Choir Rehearsal— All are welcome! 9-9:30am
May 12th, May 19th.

May 19th— Pentecost

June 7th-9th— Synod Assembly. Registration open!

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Dee A.

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Carla L.

Worship Assistant:

Flowers: Flower Ministry

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