



SUNDAY APRIL 27TH, 2025

SECOND 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**.

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

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 371: *Christians, to the Paschal Victim*

1 Chris-tians, to the pas - chal vic - tim of - fer your thank - ful prais - es—
a lamb the sheep re - deem - ing, Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,
rec-on - cil - ing sin - ners to the Fa - ther. Death and life have con - tend - ed
in that com - bat stu - pen - dous; the prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

2 Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing what you saw when way - far - ing.
“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of Je - sus’ res - ur - rec - tion;
bright an - gels at - test - ing, the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.
My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; to Gal - i - lee he goes be - fore you.”

3 Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, our new life ob - tain - ing.
Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing! A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The second staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The third staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The fourth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The fifth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The sixth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The seventh staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The eighth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The ninth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The tenth staff begins with a 7/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics, and so on. The third line of music corresponds to the third line of lyrics, and so on. The fourth line of music corresponds to the fourth line of lyrics, and so on. The fifth line of music corresponds to the fifth line of lyrics, and so on. The sixth line of music corresponds to the sixth line of lyrics, and so on. The seventh line of music corresponds to the seventh line of lyrics, and so on. The eighth line of music corresponds to the eighth line of lyrics, and so on. The ninth line of music corresponds to the ninth line of lyrics, and so on. The tenth line of music corresponds to the tenth line of lyrics, and so on. The music is a single melodic line in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics, and so on. The third line of music corresponds to the third line of lyrics, and so on. The fourth line of music corresponds to the fourth line of lyrics, and so on. The fifth line of music corresponds to the fifth line of lyrics, and so on. The sixth line of music corresponds to the sixth line of lyrics, and so on. The seventh line of music corresponds to the seventh line of lyrics, and so on. The eighth line of music corresponds to the eighth line of lyrics, and so on. The ninth line of music corresponds to the ninth line of lyrics, and so on. The tenth line of music corresponds to the tenth line of lyrics, and so on.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

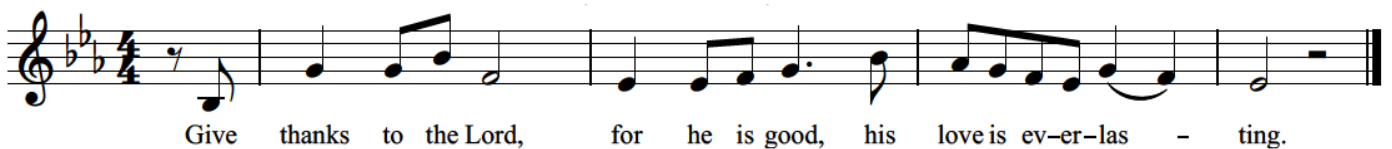
WORD

FIRST READING— ACTS 5:27-32

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: “In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.”

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to God’s right side as leader and savior so that they could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey.”

PSALM 118



*14 The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.*



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

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

16 The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

17 I shall not | die, but live,

*and declare the works | of the LORD. **R***

18 The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

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

19 *Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.
 20 *“This is the gate | of the LORD;*
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
 21 *I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me*
and you have become | my salvation. R
 22 *The stone that the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.
 23 *By the LORD has | this been done;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
 24 *This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
 25 *Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!*
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days! R
 26 *Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;*
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
 27 *The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.*
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.
 28 *You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
 29 *Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;*
God’s mercy en- | dures forever. R

SECOND READING— REVELATION 1:4-8

John, to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God’s throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins with blood, who made us a holy sovereignty, priests to our God and Creator—to whom be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, Christ is coming with the clouds! For every eye to see, including those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn. So it will be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL — JOHN 20: 19-31

The holy gospel according to _____. **Glory to you, O Risen Christ.**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called the Twin, and one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Blessed are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Chosen One, and that believing, you will have life in Christ's name.

This is the good news. **Praise to you, O Risen Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON— MITCHELL PADDOCK

HYMN OF THE DAY— ACS 939: *Touch That Soothes and Heals*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, maker of heaven and earth, who in goodness created us and by grace sustains us.

We believe in Jesus Christ, beloved child of God, who became a human being and lived among us, experiencing fully the joys, sorrows and temptations of human life. While he walked the earth, he taught and healed, but most of all he loved, and showed us how to love one another. By us and for us he was crucified; he died and was buried. Yet he rose again and lives on, freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost, and upon us in our baptisms. She has spoken through the prophets and continues still to speak through us today. She joins us together in the body of Christ, yearns within us to pray for those things too deep for words, nourishes us in faith and brings us to the wholeness of life everlasting. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., and the family and friends of Cindy Fosselius. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.

OFFERTORY—



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from
the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer.
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence;
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

LORD'S PRAYER

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Risen One. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray,

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN— *Wood and Nails*

1. O hum-ble car-pen-ter, down on your hands— and— knees,
2. O lo-ving la-bor-er with the sweat u-pon your face,
look on your han-di-work and build a house so you may dwell in
o build a ta-ble that I too may join you in the Fa-ther's
Me, place, so you may dwell in Me, place! The work was done
with no-thing but— wood and nails— in Your— scar-borne hands
— O show me how to work and praise— trus-ting that
— I am Your— in-stru-ment.—

The work was done
The king-dom's come
The dead will rise
The curse is done,

with no-thing but _____ wood and nails _____ in Your _____ scar-borne hands
and built u-pon _____ wood and nails _____ gripped with _____ joy-ful-ness _____
and give You praise _____ wood and nails _____ will _____ not hold them down!
the bat-tle won, _____ swords bent down _____ in _____ to plow _____ shares,

— O show me how to work and praise _____ trus-ting that
— So send me out with in Your ways _____ know-ing that
— These wood-en tombs, we'll break them soon _____ and fa-shion them
— Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them _____ ser-ving at _____

— I am Your _____ in _____ stru- _____ ment. _____
— the task is _____ fi- _____ nished _____
— in to _____ flo- _____ wer _____ beds. _____
— the ta-ble _____ You've pre- _____ pared. _____

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week:

May 4th– Worship at Hope

May 18th– Congregational Meeting 11am

June 1st– Worship at Hope

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding/Preaching: Mitchell Paddock

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Kim M.

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Julie D.	Sandy Z.	Carla L.
Diane L.	Carolina S.	Vince
Lysle P.	Karen H.	Thelma & Mike G.
Mike & Liz S.	Laurie P.	Family and friends of Avery G.
The Vale Community	Fred W.	Family and friends of Marcia K.
Robin & Wendy	Chad B.	Family and friends of Cindy F.
George F.	TJ B.	

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Today

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

Monday

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM Senior Center

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

Aimee work from home– no office hours

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

10:30 AM Worship at Hope, El Sobrante

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

March 31st-April 6th

April 21st-May 4th

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 Tieku at 510-290-2125

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