



SUNDAY MAY 18TH, 2025

FIFTH 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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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 376: *Thine Is the Glory*



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



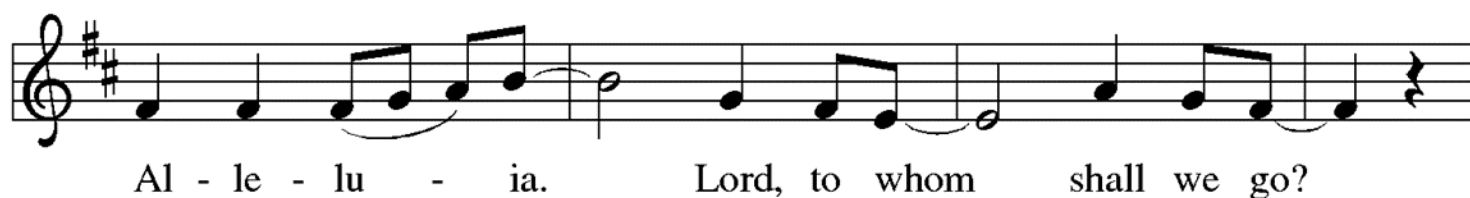
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



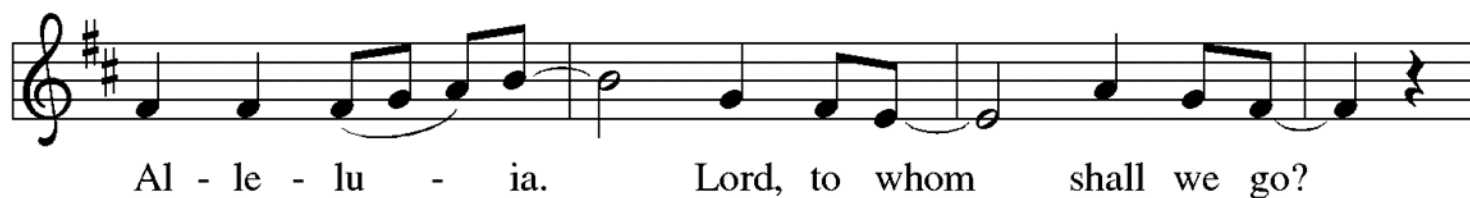
GOSPEL – JOHN 13:31-35

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

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in Godself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me, but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now, ‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’ I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my followers, when you love each other.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON— PR. RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— *We Are One In The Spirit*

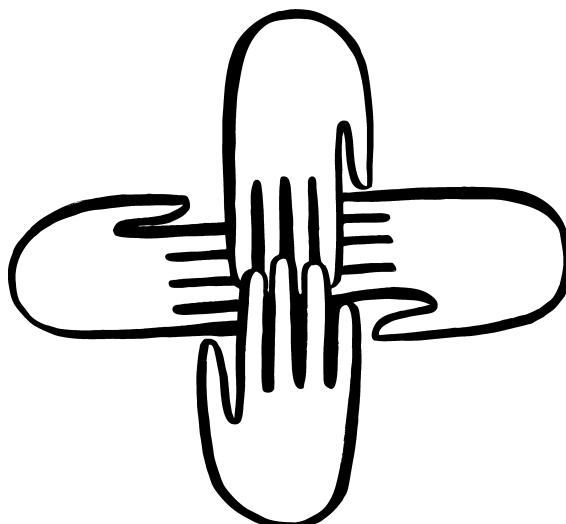
1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
 4 All_____ praise to the Fa - ther, from_____ whom all things come; And all

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His_____ on - ly_____ Son. And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll
 guard **hu - man** dig - ni - ty and save_____ **hu - man** pride. And they'll
 praise to the Spir - it, who_____ makes_____ us_____ one. And they'll

know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

know_____ we are Chris - tians by our love._____



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.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness 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. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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— HANDBELLS Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

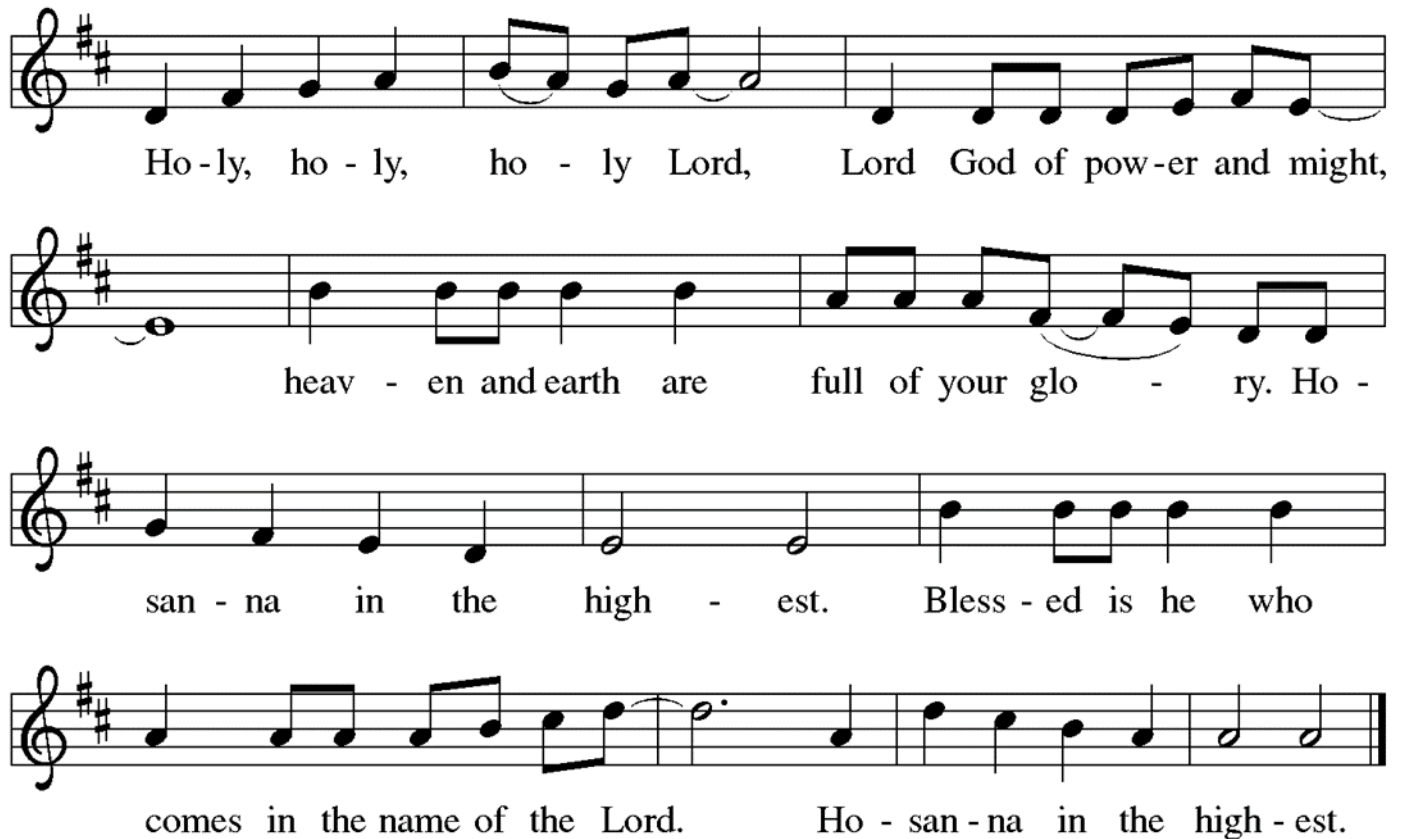
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
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.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

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



COMMUNION HYMN- ELW 358: *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN— ACS 1043: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



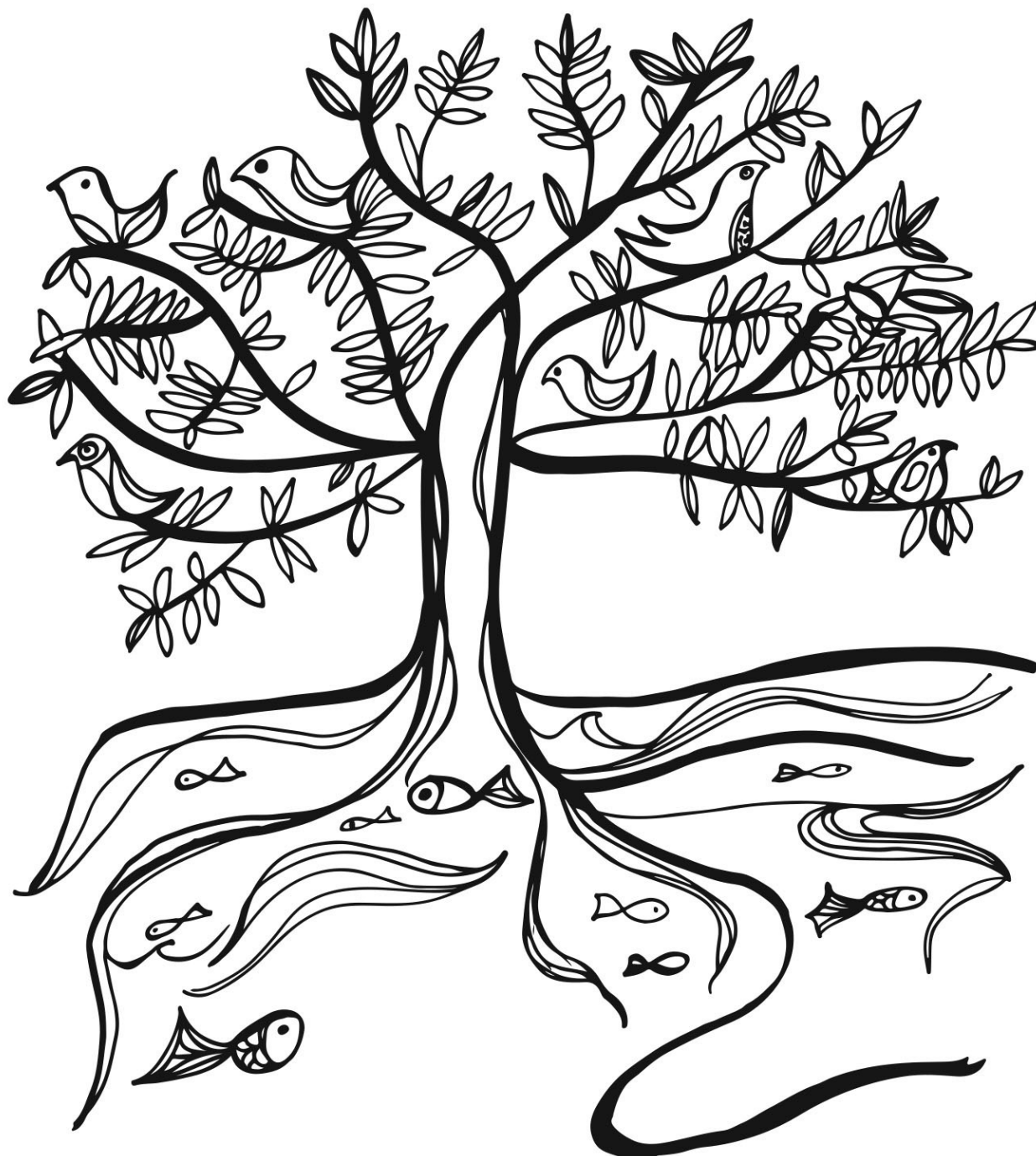
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

Today– Congregational Meeting

June 1st– Worship at Hope

PASTOR RON’S OFF WEEKS:

May 19th-25th

June 16th-22nd

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Christine Hult-Lewis

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Christine Hult-Lewis

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Today

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

Congregational Meeting

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

Monday

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM Senior Center

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

9:00AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

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.	Christina B.
The Vale Community	Fred W.	Family and friends of Avery G.
Robin & Wendy	Chad B.	Family and friends of Marcia K.
George F.	TJ B.	Family and friends of Cindy F.

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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