



SUNDAY MAY 25TH, 2025

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**.

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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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.

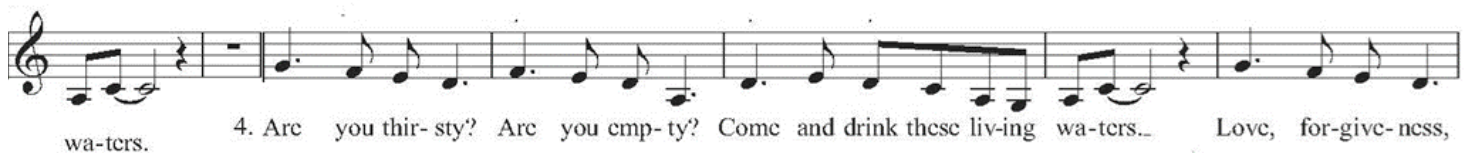
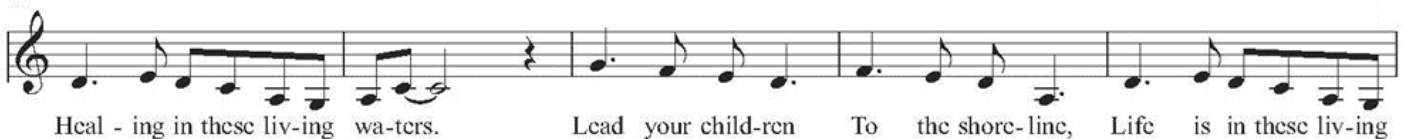
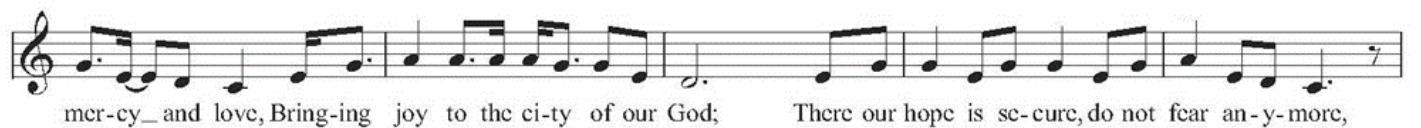
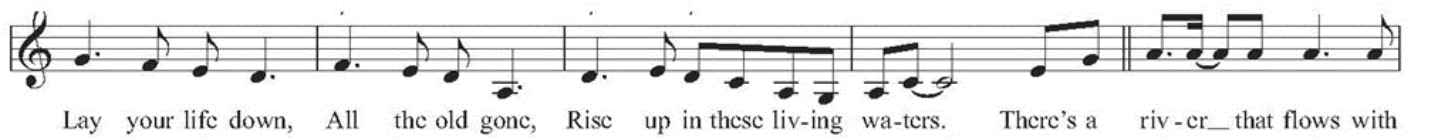
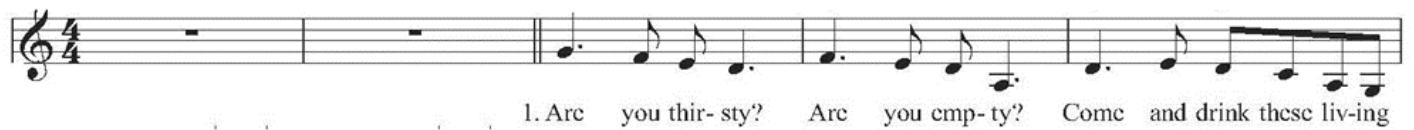
Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

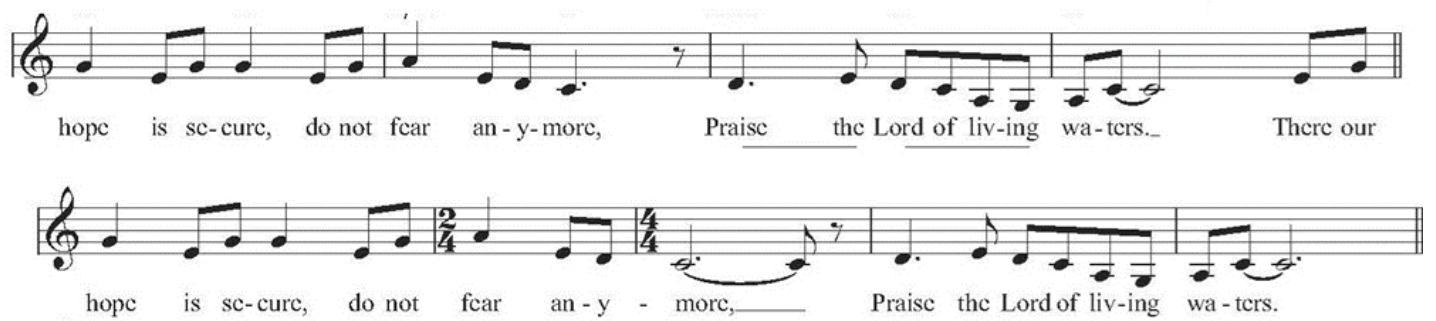
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

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— *Living Waters*





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

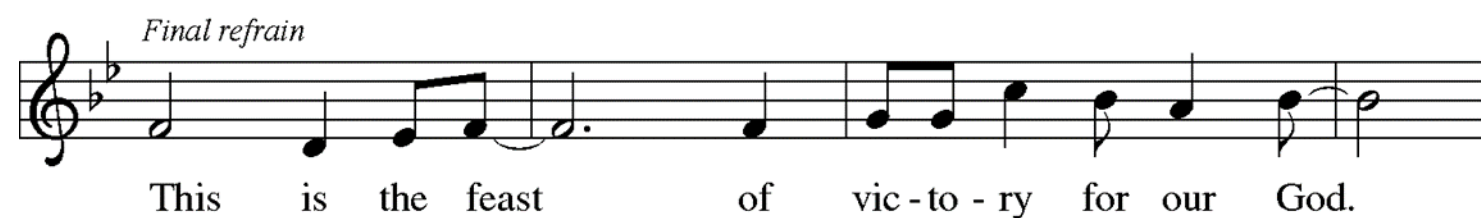
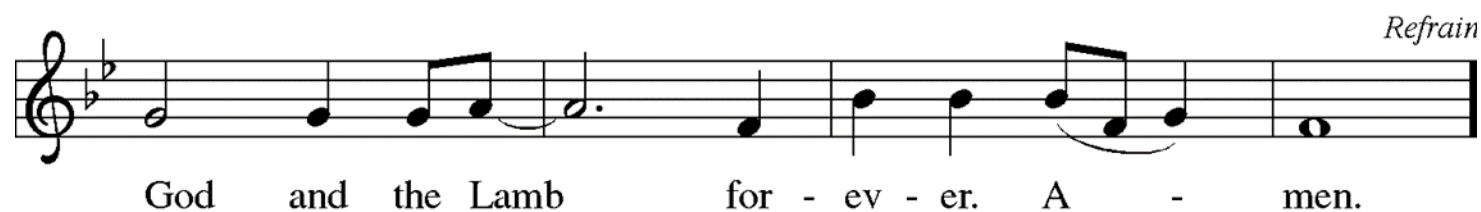
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING- ACTS 16:9-15

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

PSALM

May God

Refrain

bless... us in his mer - cy. May God bless us in his

mer - cy. May God cy.

1. Repeat 1st time 2. To verses

Verse 1


May God have pi - ty on us and
bless us; may he let his face shine u - pon us.
So may your way be known u - pon earth;
a-mong all na - tions, your sal - va - tion. May God

D.S.

Verse 2

May the na - tions be glad and e - xult
be - cause you rule the peo - ples
in e - qui - ty;
the na - tions on the earth you guide. May God

D.S.

Verse 3

May the peo - ples praise you, O God;
may all the peo - ples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

SECOND READING— Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

The angel took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is God Almighty and the Lamb. The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and the servants will worship and see the Almighty face to face, with God's name on their foreheads. Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL – JOHN 14:23-29

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

Jesus said, “Whoever loves me will keep my word. God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word that you hear isn’t mine. It is the word of God who sent me. I have spoken these things to you while I am with you.

The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you. Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid. You have heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away and returning to you.’ If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to God, who is greater than me. I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.”, 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— MC MILLER

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 594: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, death brood-ed fierce-ly
 3 O God, you saw my deep dis-tress be-fore the world's foun-
 4 You said to your be-lov-ed Son: "'Tis time to have com-



spring-ing, and, with u-nit-ed heart and voice and ho-ly
 o'er me, sin was my tor-ment night and day; in sin my
 da-tion, and, with your mer-cy mea-sure-less, you planned for
 pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of my crown, and bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, pro-
 moth-er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free
 my sal-va-tion. You turned to me a fa-ther's heart; you
 all sal-va-tion; from sin and sor-row set them free; slay



claim the vic-t'ry God has won, how pre-cious was our ran-som!
 will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, so firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 did not choose the eas-y part, but gave your dear-est trea-sure.
 bit-ter death for them that they may live with you for-ev-er."

5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,
 was born of virgin mother;
 and, your good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
 to lead the devil captive.

7 "Now to my Father I depart,
 from earth to heav'n ascending,
 and, gracious wisdom to impart,
 the Holy Spirit sending,
 who will in trouble comfort you,
 will teach you well, your faith renew,
 and in all truth will guide you.

6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 for you I strive and wrestle.
 The foe will shed my precious blood;
 all this I suffer for your good;
 my life o'er death will triumph.

8 "What I on earth have done and taught
 guide all your life and teaching;
 so shall the glorious reign of God
 increase, the whole world reaching.
 Let none the gospel gift impede;
 I make you free; be free indeed!
 This final word I leave you."

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.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling 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.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC – Robert Schumann: Träumerei (1838)

Offertory *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*1 Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.*

*2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
Cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
Knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking,
Lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
Finding scope for faith begun.*

*3 In the Spirit let us travel,
Open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
Celebrate the space we gain;
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
There's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare!*

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN—ELW 439: *Soon and Very Soon*



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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

June 1st– Worship at Hope

June 2nd-20th Aimee out of office

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

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

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

10:30 AM– Worship at Hope

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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