

**Sunday - April 5, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**



*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 Chochochenyo.*

**INTRODUCTION**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 365: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

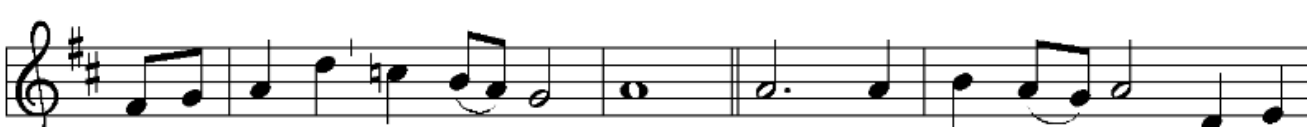


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

34 Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 118

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;



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Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

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

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

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

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Come let us shout, re-joic - ing. Now let us sing;  
Let's lift our hands be - fore the King!  
Come let us bow be - fore Him. Now let us praise;  
Let's give all glo - ry to His name!  
Hal - le - jah to the King of glo - ry! Hal - le - jah to the Lord of Lords!  
Hal - le - jah to the God of Is - ra - el, for he reigns for - ev - er more!

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is

going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**SERMON-** MC Miller

**HYMN OF THE DAY-ELW 370: Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands**



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death’s strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God’s own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God’s right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 the knot of sin has been un - done, the claim of death is end - ed.  
 who died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong God’s love!—to save us.  
 Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Christ has crushed the pow’r of hell; now there is naught but death’s gray shell—  
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pas - ses o’er,  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
 Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of	hal - le - lu - jah!	Hal - le - lu - jah!
its sting is	lost for - ev - er.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Sa - tan	can - not harm us.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
the night of	sin is end - ed.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
faith lives up - on	no oth - er!	Hal - le - lu - jah!

## **IMMIGRANTS CREED**

**I believe in almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and of Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who had to flee the country with his parents when his life was in danger, and who, upon returning to his own country, had to suffer the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power.**

**He was persecuted, beaten, tortured and finally accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from death, not as a foreigner, but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is the secure home for all foreigners and believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.**

**I believe that the communion of saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints. I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.**

**I believe that in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people in whom all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. I believe in the eternal life beyond this world, where no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's Kingdom that has no end. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., and Scott F. . Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY- 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.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD AND BLESSING**

**Presider:**

Gracious Lord, You are present with your people in every time and place. In the Word we have heard, you make known your gracious acts through Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to you as witnesses to his resurrection, as we proclaim:

**All:**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

**Presider:**

In the Word proclaimed, you have raised us with Christ to seek the things that are above, where Christ is. As you revealed him to the women at the tomb, so reveal him to us now.

**All:**

**Come and dwell within us, Lord.**

**Presider:**

Send us quickly to tell the good news: that death does not have the last word, that we have been raised to new life with Christ, who goes ahead of us. Make us witnesses to what we have seen and heard, serving with compassion, forgiving as we have been forgiven, and loving as you have first loved us.

**All:**

**Come and send us, Lord.**

**Presider:**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All:**

**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 RECEIVE A BLESSING**

**HANDBELL ENSEMBLE: *Now the Green Blade Rises***

## **SENDING HYMN- *In Christ Alone***



In Christ a - lone my hope is found He is my Light, my strength my  
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
There in the ground His bo - dy lay; Light of the world by dark - ness  
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in



song this co - ner stone this sol - id ground firm through the fier - cest drought and  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -  
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Jes - us com - mands mu des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings  
save, till on that cross, as Jes - us died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of can e - ver pluck me from His



cease. My com - for - ter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied; for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
hand; till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congregational meeting April 12 after worship

El Cerrito Garage Sale May 16

### **Participating in Worship Today**

**Presiding/Preaching:** MC Miller

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius &  
Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Kim M.

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:**

**Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:** Potluck

### **Happening This Week at CLC**

#### **Today**

9 AM Easter Breakfast

10 AM CLC Worship

#### **Monday**

9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center

7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

#### **Tuesday**

7 PM Lady AA Meeting

#### **Thursday**

7 PM Handbell Rehearsal

#### **Saturday**

6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

#### **Next Sunday**

9 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM CLC Worship

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

Julie D.  
Diane L.  
Lysle P.  
Mike S.  
The Vale Community  
Robin & Wendy  
George F.

Laurie P.  
Carolina S.  
Karen H.  
Fred W.  
Chad B.  
TJ B.  
Carla L.  
Helen C.

Mark  
Girija and Mami  
Jimmy D.  
Vince  
Thelma & Mike G.  
Chris  
Phil C.  
Scott F.

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