

Sunday - April 19, 2026
Third 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

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

PRELUDE

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.

GATHERING HYMN- *On the Journey to Emmaus*



1. On the jour - ney to Em - ma - us, with our hearts cold as stone,
2. And our hearts burned with - in us as we talked on the way,
3. And that eve - ning at the ta - ble, as he blessed and broke bread;
4. On our jour - ney to Em - ma - us, in our sto - ries and feast,



the one who would save us had left us a - lone.
how all that was pro - mised was ours on that day.
we knew it was Je - sus a - ris - en from dead.
with Je - sus we claim that the great - est is least.

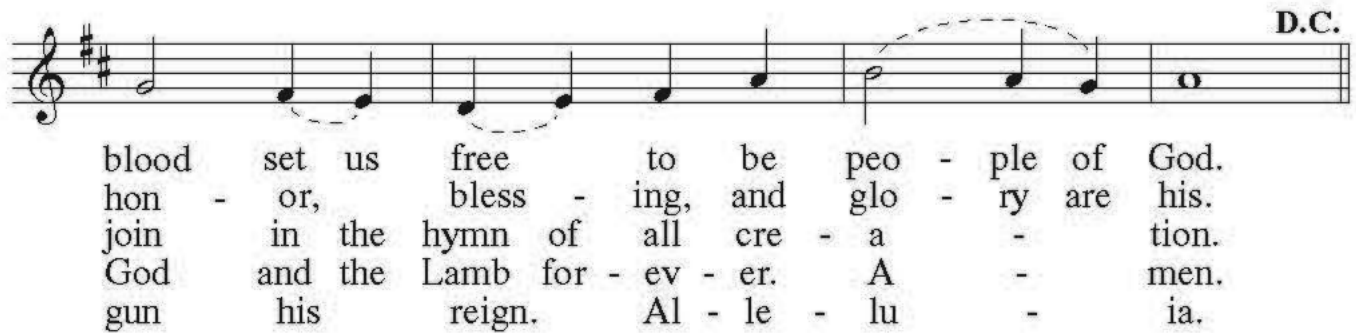
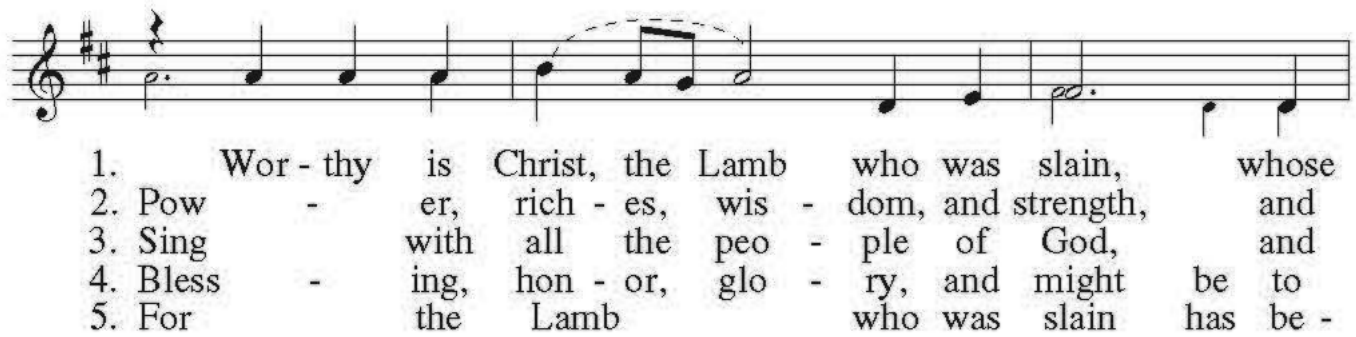
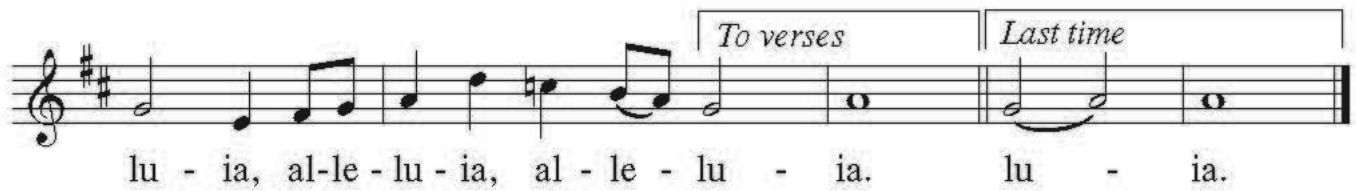


Then a stran - ger walks with us — and, to our sur - prise,
So we begged him, "Stay with us, and grant us your word"—
Though he van - ished be - fore us, we knew he was near—
And his words burn with - in us: "Let none be ig - nored;



he o - pens our sto - ries and he o - pens our eyes.
we wel - comed the stran - ger, and we wel - comed the Lord.
the life in our dy - ing, and the hope in our fear.
who wel - comes the stran - ger shall wel - come the Lord."

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - This is the Feast



FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has
I will walk with the Lord in His vic - tory, I will no more de - spair in the dark. He has
I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has



heard my cry, He has saved my life— I will en - ter His courst with praise. Al - le - lu - ia to the
calmed my fears with His love so near— I am safe in His faith - ful arms.
heard my cry, He has saved my life— I will en - ter His courst with praise.



ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, death will reign no more! I will lift up the cup of sal -



- va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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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: Luke 24:13-35

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

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us

went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON- Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW 374: *Day of Arising*

- 1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

- 2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

- 3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., and Scott F. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. 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.**

ACS 1069: *God Bestows on Every Sense*



1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's
 2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -
 3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal
 4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -
 5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what



ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will
 pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est
 col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing
 gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of
 peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -



be just be - yond what we can see.
 crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.
 mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.
 green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.
 stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

OFFERTORY- Randy Mayer: "I'm Gonna Let My Spirit Rise"

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 their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



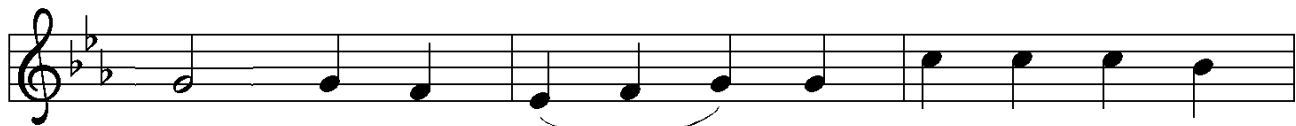
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



earth. Blest is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.

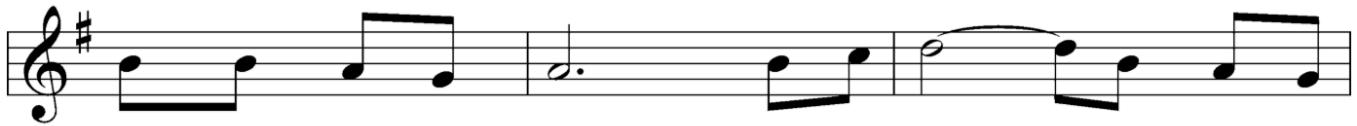
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN- LSB 879: *Stay with Us*



1 Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: Hear when our
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold A joy - ful
5 Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor



You this day be sung. Bless our bread, O - pen our
wea - ry spir - its cry, Feel a - gain Our loss, our
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, For - give our
life You will un - fold: Heal our eyes To see the
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, Your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
pain: Je - sus, take us to Your side.
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

SENDING HYMN- LSB 476: *Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow*



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



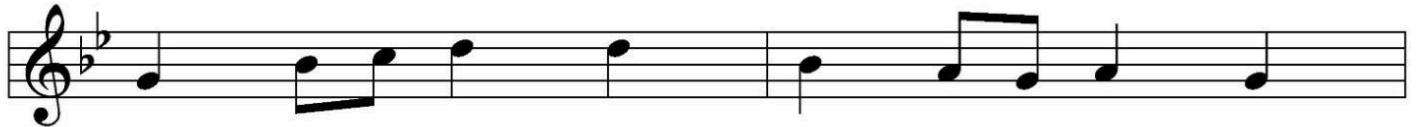
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRIP Sandwich Making Thursday April 23 6pm

Bible study April 26 at 11:30am

El Cerrito Garage Sale May 16

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Flowers: Coffee Hour:</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></p> <p>Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p> <p>Monday 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p>Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 6 PM GRIP Sandwich Making 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p>Next Sunday 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Louise O., Lucas, and El Cerrito High School	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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