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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

** Please stand as you are able.*

❖ Please be seated.

Prelude: Jeff Iverson

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*** Gathering Song**

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

ELW # 377

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand [the apostles] before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

²⁶Blessed 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 he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.*

*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord to whom...”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ ²⁸Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ²⁹Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord, we say: Praise to you, O Christ.

❖Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth

*Hymn of the Day

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”

ELW # 389

✳ **Nicene Creed**

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 arose 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:** God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✳ **Sharing of the Peace:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWADING GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

[Offering plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

✳ **Offering Prayer:** Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Heuer's

Jeff Grant

Holy God, you promise to supply our every need according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Thank you for providing the means to make this gift to Bill and Deb. Please continue to bless Christ Lutheran. Bless Bill and Deb with health and strength and keep us all in your loving care through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and our Healer.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Quilting Mission

Linda Simonson

Blessing of the Quilts

Pastor Elizabeth

Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

ELW # 535

Dismissal: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



A special thank you to all who assisted with our worship service today:

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Lector: Trevor Kirchoff

Cantor: Jon Braband

Head Usher: Brad Hahn

Greeter: Pat Bergseng

Ushers: Hank Larsen and Steve
Olmstead

Acolyte: Nolan Sundblad

Audio/Video Tech: Drew Alsleben
and Scott Kuehn

Refreshments: Eldean and Nita
Enderson and Marv with Gloria
Gustafson

Quilting Reader: Linda Simonson

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a card to a loved one in your own family? Allen Nelson (brother of Charlotte Dittmer), Teresa Rannow, Edward Van de Streek (brother of Muriel Wavra and uncle of Roxanne Wavra), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Daniel Paron (son of Sandra Brenhaug), Errolan Senske, Rolland Kristofferson (brother of Gloria Gustafson), Rosie Nelson, Jeanine Wedin, Marilyn Ueland, Kristen Heldt, Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, and Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast).

Announcements for this week:

Sunday, April 24th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. – Quilt Sunday; last day of Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; new series begins in Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Monday, April 25th, Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Call Committee, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room.

Tuesday, April 26th, Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, April 27th: Televised Worship Service on Channel 10 @ 2:00 p.m.; Hwy. 212 Ditch Clean-up / Class Make-up Date; Bell Choir @ 5:15 p.m.; Choir @ 6:00 p.m.; 9th grade Confirmation pictures @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; 9th grade Confirmation rehearsal follows the pictures.

Thursday, April 28th, Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m.; Women's Coffee @ 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

Friday, April 20th, Youth/Sunday School Overnight Lock-in starting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30th, Youth/Sunday School Overnight Lock-in ending @ 7:00 a.m.; Narcotics Anonymous from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 1st, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m. – Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation).

Quilt Sunday Today



The Quilters met for 13 weeks from January 10th through April 4th, 2022. They met at the church each Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. plus many hours were spent quilting at their homes. They completed 69 quilts plus nine Senior quilts.

They will again be donating quilts to the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), in which the quilts stay in our local counties – Meeker, McLeod, Renville, and Kandiyohi – and to Lutheran World Relief.

The 2022 Quilters were:

Mary Ellen Bullert
Louise Carlson
Betty Dahlke
Chris Davis
Charlotte Dittmer

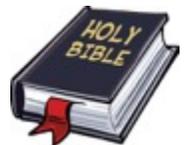
Gloria Gustafson
Vicky Harris
Darlene Hennessey
Judy Ide
Judy Larsen
Jane Larter

Kathy Remus
Bonnie Richter
Elrena Scharpe
Linda Simonson
Muriel Wavra

The Quilters thank you for all the donations of fabrics, yarn, sheets, thread, etc.

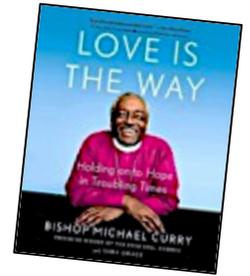
Morning Bible Studies

Lessons for this week: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; and John 21:1-19.

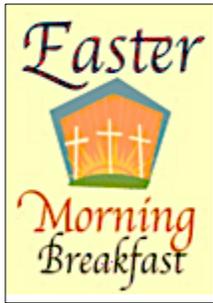


New Adult Education Series Begins Today

Dr. John Bergseng will be leading a new Adult Education Series starting this morning. The book we will be reading is called, "Love is the Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times," and it is written by Bishop Michael Curry. He is the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The class will meet in the Conference Room at 10:15 a.m.



Lenten Soup Suppers and Easter Morning Breakfast Thank You



Thank you to all the Confirmation students and families that helped to serve for the 2022 Lenten Soup Suppers and Easter Morning Breakfast.

Thank you to the Alsleben, Brown, Ruschmeier, Sauter, Simonson families and to Bob Scheidt for preparing and leading the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Thank you to Tami Alsleben and Erin Sauter for cooking the eggs and sausages for the Easter Breakfast.

Thank you to Michael Foods for the generous egg donation of four cases of liquid eggs.

Thank you to Thrivent for a Thrivent Action Team grant in the amount of \$250.00 to help purchase supplies.

Thank you to all those who donated Easter Breakfast orange juice, milk, coffee, butter, and cheese!

We served over 200 people and were able to raise \$864.10 for our 2022 Youth Activities.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis

During the entire month of April, the Mission emphasis will be on donations for Ukraine refugee relief. Please make checks out to Christ Lutheran with notation "Ukraine Relief" on the memo line. Your gifts will be given to the ELCA Eastern Europe Crisis Response and will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. For more information, go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>.



Mission Committee

Start saving your change now for the

Noisy Pail Offering for Common Cup on May 8th



Missions will be holding a Noisy Pail offering for Common Cup on Sunday, May 8th (Mothers' Day). In case you cannot make it that Sunday, we will take donations any time in the month of May. Thank you for your continued support of our Missions. **If you write out a check, please make sure to note on the memo line that it is for Common Cup.**