



CHRIST
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CHURCH

Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Fourth Sunday of Easter & First Communion
Setting Three with Holy Communion
April 21, 2024

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.

Setting Three begins on page 138 in the red hymnal.

*** *Please stand as you are able.***

† *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Peg Hatlestad

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Introduction

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

Welcome

*** Gathering Song** “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

ELW # 531

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again from you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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.**

Kyrie
This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ **Choir Anthem**

“In Remembrance”

Directed by Vicky Harris
Accompanied by Carla Kuehn

WORD

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

First Reading: Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Here ends the readings. **Thanks be to God.***

✱ **Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia, Lord to Whom...”

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Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John – this is the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

†**Sermon**

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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***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 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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

STEWARDING 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.]

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

*Offering Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

And let us pray... **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Litany for First Communion

Let us welcome those newly invited to Christ's table this day...

We welcome you as communing members of Christ Lutheran Church and the world-wide Christian community. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this holy sacrament.

Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the parents and family members that support and love them, and help every one of us to see ourselves, others, and the world through Jesus' eyes. Amen.

The 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.

EASTER PREFACE

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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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.

✠ Distribution of Communion "Lamb Of God"

ELW # 146

[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]

Communion Hymns

ELW # 778, 502, 491

* Prayer after Communion

And let us pray... **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

SENDING

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

✠ Blessing of the Quilts

Quilts created by the CLC Quilters

Let us pray, O Lord our God, maker of all things. You have blessed us with so many gifts - a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors: the quilts, we have made to You.

We dedicate these quilts to your service, O Lord, trusting your love will go wherever each of these items is sent, making them more than just a piece of material, a collection of items - making each piece an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life - how You can use something as comforting and fine as a homemade quilt, to radiate your love from us to the world.

May these gifts be used in Your service, O God, and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Lord, we know that all we possess come from Your loving hand. Give us grace to honor You with all of our being. Draw our hearts to You, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, and control our wills, so that they may be wholly yours. In your beloved name we pray.

Amen.

Announcements

* Benediction

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW # 544

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Peg Hatlestad



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

Organist: Peg Hatlestad	Head Usher: Becky Peterson
Cantor: Chris Davis	Ushers: Mark Johnson, Joan Johnson
Lector: Charlotte Dittmer	Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert
Communion Assistants: Linda Simonson, LeAnn Jaster, Bonnie Hahn, Connie Heitz (Helper)	Greeters: Fran Huwe and Rhonda Schumacher
Altar Guild: Mary Stoltenburg, Jeanne Pagel, Gloria Lovett	Refreshments: Milestone Team Kitchen Guild: Fran Huwe

Need to contact a staff member? Find their information below:

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Bob Iverson, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Marilyn Ueland, Mary Entinger, Carol Carver, Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), Gloria Gustafson, LuAnn Harms, Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Karen Wendlandt, Bev Phifer, Karen Sylwester, Jay Braband (Brother of Jon Braband), Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Jo'Cleta O'Donnell, Howard Giese, Jane Larter.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, April 21, Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Bible Study @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

Monday, April 22, Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, April 23, Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, April 24, Pastoral Text Study @ 11 AM in the Fireside Room; Confirmation @ 5:50 PM in the Fellowship Hall; Choir @ 6 PM in the Chapel.

Thursday, April 25, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room; WELCA Leadership Meeting @ 9 AM in the Narthex; Women's Coffee @ 10 AM in the Narthex.

Friday, April 26, Office Closed

Saturday, April 27, Narcotics Anonymous @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 28, Service of the Word @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

First Communion



Today, we have nine youth who have completed their First Communion training and will be receiving Holy Communion. The youth and their parents are:

- ✝ Hannah Bruch, daughter of Nathan and Vana Bruch
- ✝ Mason Metag, son of Erik and Emily Metag
- ✝ Broc Roberts, son of Matt and Kelly Roberts
- ✝ Avery Sauter, daughter of Chad and Erin Sauter
- ✝ Brooklyn Weber, daughter of Travis and Nicole Weber

Administrative Assistant Megan on Vacation

Our Administrative Assistant Megan will be gone visiting her husband in Texas from Friday, April 19th until Monday, April 29th. Please direct all correspondence to either our Pastor or our IT Coordinator in the meantime.

CLC Quilters

Our CLC quilters completed 12 weeks of quilting. They began on January 8th and finished on March 25th. These talented women completed 64 quilts plus 8 quilts for our 2024 graduating seniors.

The beautiful quilts that you see displayed will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train.

Our 2024 Quilters are:

Mary Ellen Bullert, Louise Carlson, Betty Dahlke, Charlotte Dittmer, Connie Hanson, Darlene Hennessy, Judy Ide, Jane Larter, Jeanne Pagel, Kathy Remus, Elrena Scharpe, Linda Simonson, Muriel Wavra, and Roxanna Wavra.

The quilters would like to thank those who donated fabric, yard, sheets, thread and more.



Veterans Wall

Becky Peterson has volunteered to update our Veterans Wall here at CLC. It has been some time since this wall has been updated and we know that we have some members that have recently joined

the military, as well as some whose status may have changed.

Becky would like to hear from those currently serving as well as any Veterans whose name is not listed on our wall. In addition, we know that there are a few plaques that have misspellings, and we would like to correct those. If you see any error with your name or dates of service, please let Becky know. Becky can be reached at 218-343-2785 or you can contact the church office and Megan will relay information to Becky. We are grateful to those in our congregation who are currently serving or have served. Thank you!

Head Ushers Needed!

We are looking for Head Ushers. Head Ushers help get the church ready each Sunday morning and help coordinate our other assistants. If you have questions about the position, feel free to contact Pastor Erik at pastor@christluth.com. If you would like to sign-up, please put your name on the Head Usher calendar in the Usher room under the Sunday you are willing to assist with. Thank you for all your help!

Thank You from the Christian Education Team

Thank you on behalf of the Christian Education Ministry Team for the support over the Lenten Season with Soup Suppers and the Easter Breakfast. None of it would have been possible without your donations and efforts, including Daris Remus and Pastor Erik who sought out Thrivent Grants for our use. Additional thanks for those that donated goodies and food supplies, along with Michael Foods for the donation of eggs. A total of over \$650 was raised during the Easter Breakfast. Our children and youth of the congregation will benefit from your generosity. Thank you.

Sunday Acolytes

Students don't forget to keep signing up for Sunday Acolyte slots! Our Acolytes are a crucial part of our worship services and help keep everything flowing smoothly. Find the signup form on our Worship Assistants webpage (christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants) or our Confirmation webpage (christluth.com/confirmation).

Join us for An Adult Education Series

A new Adult Education series has begun! Join us at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. There will be six sessions on "Five Gifts of Discipleship – How Do We Live Our Baptism?".

Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Newsletter Deadline: Tuesdays @ 10 AM

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays @ 12 PM

Worship Service Additions or Alterations: 7 days prior to the affected service.

April Food Shelf Focus: Canned Goods

For the month of April, we will also focus on canned goods such as veggies, fruits, and meats. Christ Lutheran collected and donated 161 pounds of cooking and baking supplies and other items in March. Each donation in the month of March was matched so our donations went further.

Thank you, Christ Lutheran, for your continued generosity!!!