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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
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Third Sunday of Easter
Setting Three with Holy Communion
April 14, 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: Chris Starr

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**

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

ELW # 377

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who loves 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 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*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 36th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

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

†**Sermon**

Rev. Grady St. Dennis

Hymn of the Day

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

ELW # 468

***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.**

STEWARDED 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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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

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 # 471, 470, 473

*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.

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

“Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ”

ELW # 674

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Chris Starr



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

Organist: Chris Starr

Head Usher: Kevin Menning

Cantor: Becky Peterson

Ushers: Brian O'Donnell, Rob Lemke

Lector: Dennis Davis

Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert

Communion Assistants: Chris Davis, Kathy Remus, Mary Metag, Mary Stoltenburg (Helper)

Greeters: John & Pat Bergseng

Refreshments: Fran Huwe & Joanne Chrast

Altar Guild: Mary Stoltenburg, Jeanne Pagel, Gloria Lovett

Kitchen Guild: Fran Huwe

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Bob Iverson, Jeanne Klitzke (grand-mother of Jesse Hardel and mother of Donna Hardel), Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Marilyn Ueland, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), 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), Bonnie Hahn, Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Shawn Davis (Son of Dennis and Chris), Jo'Cleta O'Donnell, Howard Giese.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, April 14, Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Bible Study @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

Monday, April 15, Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, April 16, Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, April 17, 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 18, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room; Glenfield's Worship Service @ 10:30 AM in the Glenfield's Community Chapel.

Friday, April 19, Office Closed

Saturday, April 20, First Communion Bread Making @ 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall; LaVerne Eurich Funeral @ 11 AM in the Sanctuary; Narcotics Anonymous @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 21, Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Pastor Erik on Vacation

Pr. Erik is on vacation from Friday, 4/5 through Sunday, 4/14. If there is an emergency or you need pastoral guidance, please call Rev. Kay Rohloff at (507) 339-7947. Pr. Kay is the pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn, MN.



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!

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).

Adult Education Begins This Week!

Adult Education will begin today, April 14th, 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.

Crow River Singers Presents "Renewal": Songs of Love, Loss, and Transformation

Performances will be on Friday, April 19th @ 7:00 p.m. at New Journey UCC (31 4th Ave SW Hutchinson, MN) and on Sunday, April 21st @ 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran (400 Franklin St. SW Hutchinson, MN). \$9 Admission fee, children under 12 are free.

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!!!