



Christ the King Lutheran Church

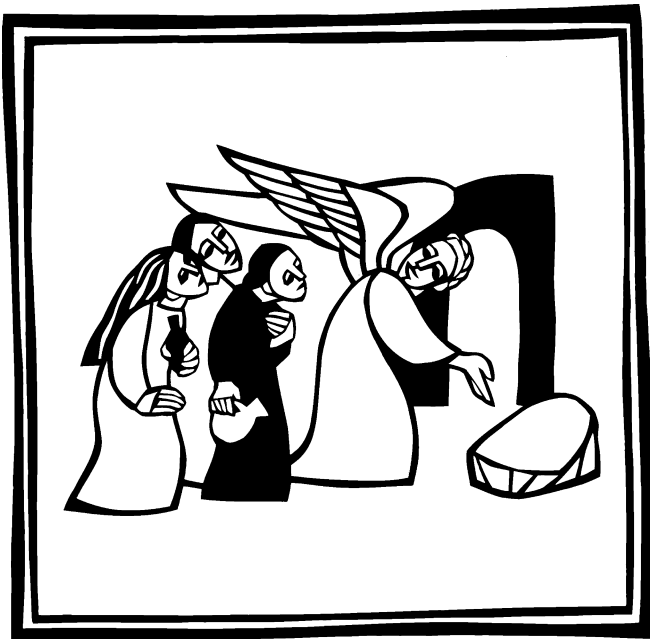
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Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

9:30 am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Welcome

Prelude *I Love You Lord* Lori Johnson Steve Fenske
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Alleluias released

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Meditation

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents
of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling

love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***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

***Gathering Hymn** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* **ELW 365**

Tanner Black on trumpet

(Adorn the cross with your flowers.)

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You

know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than

five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, Word of Life

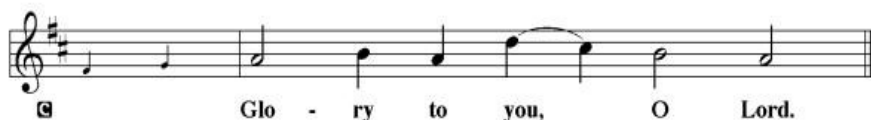
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus Is Risen

Vocal Group

*Gospel The gospel according to Mark 16: 1-8



The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement..

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right

side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The good news of the Lord



Childrens Song

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Repeat

Children’s Message Pastor Larry

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound*

ELW 367

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A Brief Silence

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.

God of Grace, hear our prayer

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.


Amen

***Offering Prayer**


Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that 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

***The Great Thanksgiving**




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

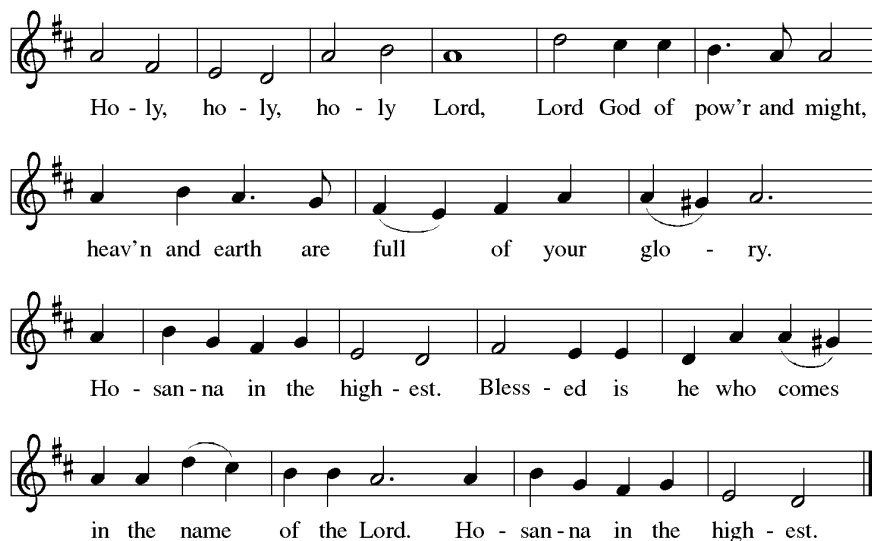


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
And so.....we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

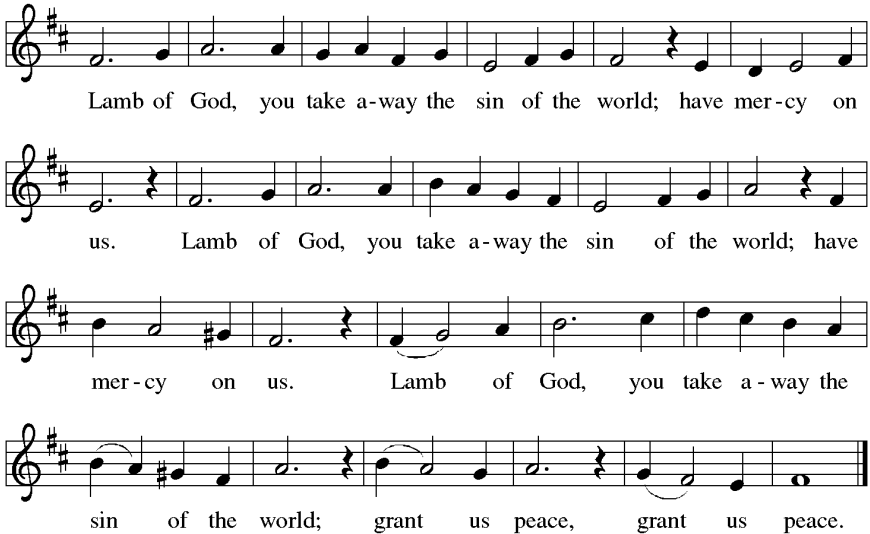
***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



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.

Communion Hymns

I Know that My Redeemer Lives! **ELW 619**

At the Lamb's Feast We Sing **ELW 362**

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

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**

***Blessing**

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.

***Sending Hymn** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

ELW 385 vs 1, 3, 4

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



OUR PRAYER LIST



Joe D. for strength and healing as he continues dealing with health issues.

Don A. for strength and healing as he deals with his extended recovery.

Judi D. (sister-in-law to Donna and Bill) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Shanna T (friend of Mike P) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

John C. (brother to Michelle) for strength and healing as he deals with his medical issues.

Krista (co-worker of Lori) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Patty M. (sister-in-law to Richard and Dottie L.) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Lindsey P. (Pastor Larry and Luanne's niece) for strength and healing as she deals with her medical issues.

M. (client of Karen's) for God's guidance.

Jule B. (friend of Nancy E.) for praise and thanksgiving to God for the good news of positive outcome.

The family of Georgia P. (aunt to Gary and Joan M.) for comfort and each as they mourn her passing.

The family of Curt O. (cousin to Gary and Joan M) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

ONGOING PRAYERS: **Grace Lutheran Church** our prayer partners

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Thank you to the following people who adorned our altar with lilies.

Pat Chaffin - In loving memory of my parents, grandparents and son Jimmy.

Chris and Jim Duffey - in memory of Richard Strauolo and all of our lost loved ones.

Nadine and Woody Duffin - in memory of Jack Elston, Henry and Virginia Duffin, and Mark Duffin.

Nancy Ellis - in memory of Mary Lou Ellis.

Michelle and Steve Fenske - in memory of Christine Fenske and Sterling Ottinger.

Liz Jehlicka - in memory of Jodie Jehlicka and David Diehl.

Lori and Palmer Johnson - in memory of Sis Johnson and Johnny O'Brien.

Jo and Don Kammer - in memory of Harold Dees, Jeanette Dees Urrutia, and Don and Leah Kammer.

Donna Lawhorn - in memory of Harry and Muriel Clafin and Tom and Jennee Lawhorn.

Dick and Dottie Lirette - in memory of all loved ones lost.

Donna and Bill Machacek - in memory of Howard and Neva Dissly, Frank and Grace Machacek, and Bob Machacek.

Marilyn Pillar - in memory of Don Pillar and Bruce Pillar.

SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

March 31 Easter Brunch

April 7 Kelly/Markham

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Apr 1, 9am-11 am— Food donation drop-off WSC

Monday, Apr 1, 6:30 pm— Book Club at Pat Chaffin's

Wednesday, Apr 3, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Apr 3, 6:00 pm — Confirmation at CTK

Sunday, Apr 7, 10:45 am — Second Sunday of Easter

Pastor Phil Erlander presiding



Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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