

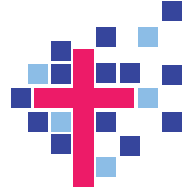
EASTER SUNDAY



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
April 4, 2021

Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



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!



GATHER

WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organ

Improvisation on "Christ ist Erstanden" – ELW #372

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

ELW #365

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Appear again to us, Risen Lord, and break the darkness with the glorious light of your resurrection. Bring us a new dawn of faith and hope, and fill our hearts with your peace that passes our understanding. Inspire us to be witnesses to your glory and grace by our faithful words and generous actions. This we pray through you, O Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Pastor Judy

Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

A reading from the 10th chapter of Acts.

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.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSV)

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

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

¹⁵**Shouts 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.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver 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 righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSV)

A reading from the 15th chapter of First Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Holy Communion: Setting Nine

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

EASTER GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel as recorded in the 16th chapter of Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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 gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Thomas

Who Will Roll Away the Stone for Us?

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #370

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

- 1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;
- 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;
- 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,
- 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;
- 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav-en.
 the knot of sin has been un-done, the claim of death is end-ed.
 who died on the ac - curs - ed tree—so strong God's love!—to save us.
 Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav-en.



There-fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 Christ has crushed the pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell—
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pas - ses o'er,
 Now his grace to us im-parts e - ter - nal sun-shine to our hearts;
 Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of	hal - le - lu - jah!	Hal - le - lu - jah!
its sting is	lost for - ev - er.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Sa - tan	can - not harm us.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
the night of	sin is end - ed.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
faith lives up - on	no oth - er!	Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite

Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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PROFESSING OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING

Dean Robinson, organ

The Strife is O'er – ELW #366

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O Lord."

To which the congregation responds, "**Your mercy is great.**"

THE 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

And now as we move from Palms to Passion,
And walk with Jesus toward the cross,
May the journey of this week lead us
To know, to experience, and to share,
The fullness of Christ's love.
Hosanna to the Son of David.
Hosanna to the Son of God.
Amen.

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

SENT TO SERVE

Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."

By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:

Worship God,

Grow in Faith,

Share the Gospel,

Serve Others,

Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Jim and Elsie Anderson – *In memory of our parents*

Sally Anderson – *To the glory of God*

Sterling and Nadine Bentsen – *To the glory of God*

Viggo and Sandy Bertelsen – *In memory of our parents Viggo, Sr. and Dagmar Bertelsen, Herb and Dorothy Sager*

Pastor Judy Brennan – *In memory of Bill Brennan and Ray Dettmann*

Julia Brewer – *To the glory of God*

Linda Capron – *To the glory of God*

Liz Clark – *In memory of my parents, Charles and Jessaline Mehlum and my sister-in-law, Mary Jo Mehlum*

Kirsten Clark – *To the glory of God*

Fred and Lois Corwin – *In memory of dear family and friends*

David and Linda Ernst – *In memory of Edie Hershey*

Heidi Fine – *In memory of Tom Fine*

Karen Hart – *In memory of Charlotte and Bill Hart*

Laurel Hooper – *In memory of Terry Hooper*

Roberta Jensen – *To the glory of God*

Jerry and Joyce Johnson – *In memory of family and friends*

Lila McMillan – *In memory of Jim McMillan and Luella Colling*

Larry and Monnie Meland – *In celebration of Jesus*

Hal and Jean Mills – *In memory of our daughter Linnea*

Wanda Nelson – *In memory of Ken Nelson*

Lisbeth Nielson – *In memory of my parents, Elis and Niels Nielsen*

Arlene Palmerton – *In memory of Karen Conley*

Matt and Andrea Pohle – *In honor of Andrea's mother, Marilia Paiva*

Carroll Rehmke – *In memory of my husband, Dick*

Doug and Margie Rogers – *In memory of our parents*

Conrad and Joanne Roseburg – *To the glory of God*

Bob and Carol Shelley – *In memory of our parents*

Pam Stoeffler – *In honor of my mother, Ruth Stoeffler*

Dorothy Swent – *In memory of Norm Swent*

Phil and Carole Tjelle – *In memory of Jennifer Hawkinson*

Sandra Volkman – *In memory of Don Volkman and Angel Reed*

Bev Walker – *In memory of loved ones*

Janet Wright – *To the glory of God*
