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Community of Christ Lutheran Church
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

P Christ Is Risen!

C He Is Risen Indeed!

Musical Prelude

8:00 a.m. “Hornpipe from Water Music” by Handel Eric Dickey

10:00 a.m. “Shine Jesus Shine” Bell Choir

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” **ELW 365**

Greeting

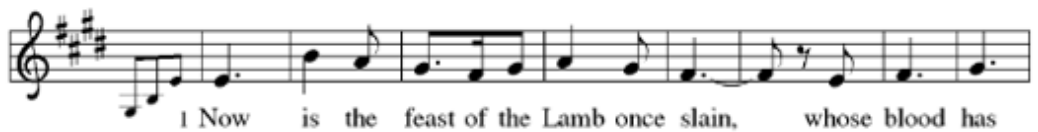
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

Refrain

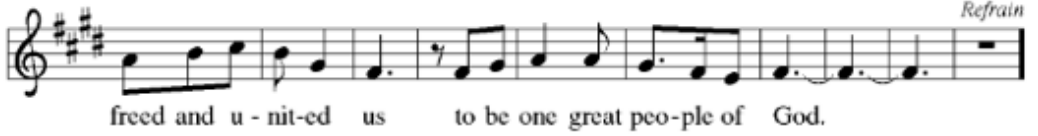


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sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff continues the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom; praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!'.



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



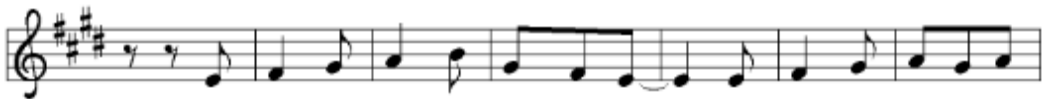
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

PO 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**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem

“This is the Day”

Choir

THE READINGS

The First Reading Acts 10:34-43

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.”

L Here ends the Reading C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

L Here ends the Reading C Thanks be to God!



The Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according... **C** 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord! **C** Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Loose in the World"

Pastor Steve Bond

Hymn

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW 367

The Nicene Creed

C 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

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

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.

AM 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.**

AM Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of

justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Loving God, we pray for this community of faith **Tom Jennings, Craig Burdo, Phyllis Sturgeon, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Brittany Dewitz, Judy Mock, Kathy Phillips, Dick Rison, Frank O’Konski, Donna Longnecker, Paula Gruhler, Dorothy Petrell, Kevin Stiles, Carol Golembiewski, Sharon Miller, Becky King, George and Mary Ellen Beaudoin, David Todd, Christina Temple, Bruce Williamson...** and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, so that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P 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.**

THE MEAL

We practice open communion, which means all baptized believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament. However, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate by crossing your arms. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it and gluten-free wafers if needed. Ushers will dismiss you by row.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** **And also with you!**
Share an expression of peace with your neighbor please.

Our Tithes and Offering *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offertory

8:00 a.m.

“Gothic Suite”

Organ

10:00 a.m.

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

Duet, Jessye Wright, and Larry Adams

Offering Prayer

AM 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

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

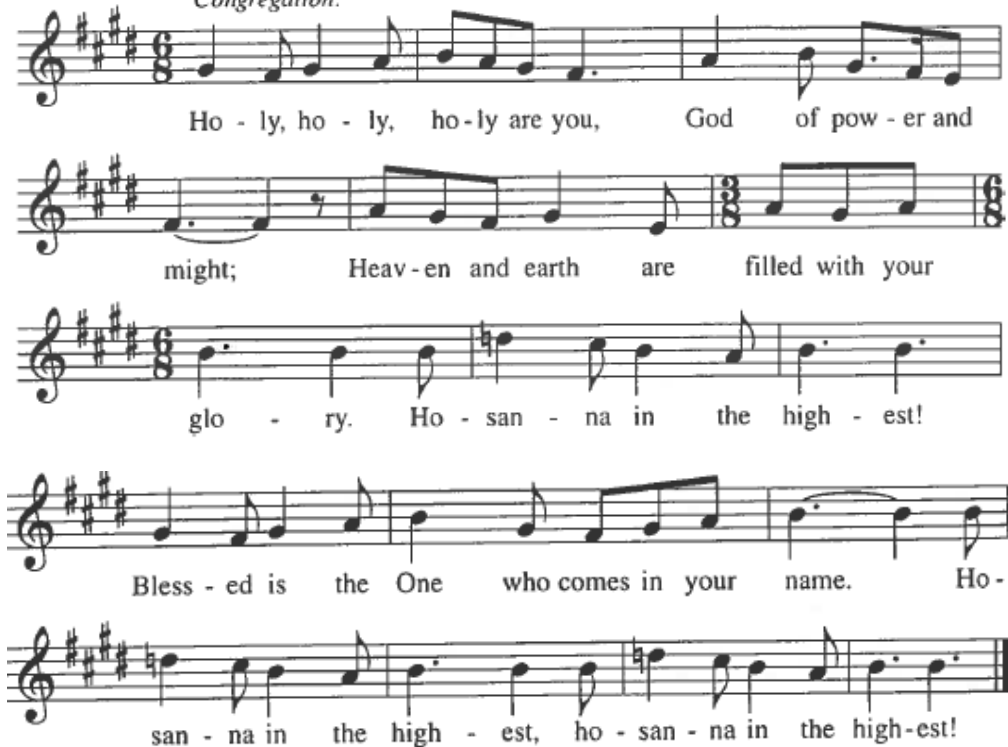
thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

**Eucharistic Prayer Continues

HOLY

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **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.**

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

10:00 a.m.

“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”

Bell Choir

“By Your Hand, You Feed Your People”

ELW 469

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM 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.**

THE SENDING

The Blessing

P 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 Hymn

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

ELW 382

Postlude 10:00 a.m.

“Forever”

Solo, Amanda Worthington

(Congregation please remain seated for the postlude)

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

Postlude 8:00 a.m.

“Doxology Tocatta”

Organ

****Please refer to the back of the bulletin for announcements. Thank you!**

Easter Weekend Announcements

Blessed Easter Greetings! Welcome to the day of Resurrection! We are grateful you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are visiting, we sincerely hope you experience the joy of Christ our Savior in worship today! Please feel free to sing hymns of joy, bow with us in prayer, and come to The Lord's Table for the gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Have a very Happy Easter!

Reminder! The church office will be Closed on Monday, April 1st.

Offering Envelopes: Community of Christ members, if you have not already picked up your offering envelopes please do so today. They are located on the pamphlet table in the gathering space. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt! Hey Kids!!! You are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt in the Fellowship Hall following the 8:00 service! See you there!

Reminder! This coming Saturday, April 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. we will be having our Bed Build Event!! If you still wish to donate items for this ministry, please select a card for bedding items or an envelope for a monetary donation from the tool belt. Return bedding items to the sample bed in the Gathering Area by **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, or place the monetary donation envelopes in the offering plate during today's service. Thank you!