



All will be made

alive in Christ

1 Cor. 15:22

*Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025*

*Community of Christ Lutheran Church*  
*Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 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.**                      “Tell the Story”                      Bell Choir

**WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM**

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

**Greeting**

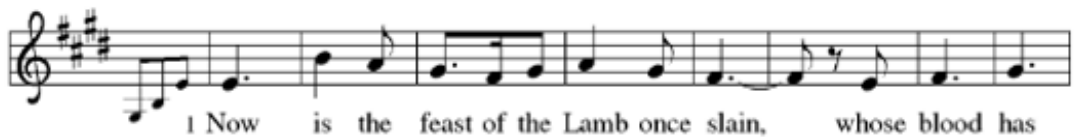
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

*Refrain*

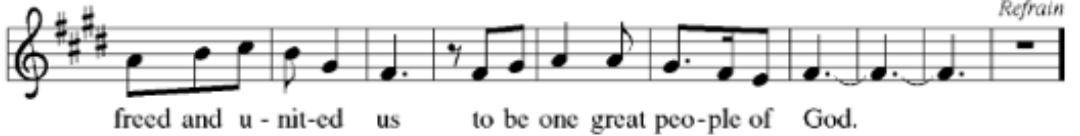


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sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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 celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forever 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

P 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**

### Childrens Sermon

Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

“The Strife is O’er”

Choir

## THE READINGS

### **The First Reading Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**L Here ends the Reading C Thanks be to God!**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according.... **C** Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

**Sermon**

*“Where it Starts”*

*Pastor Steve Bond*

**Hymn**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

**ELW 367**

**10:00 a.m.**

***Holy Baptism of Marek Boytim***

(Please refer to your hymnal page 227)

**The Nicene Creed (8:00 a.m. only)**

**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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**AM** Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, *especially* **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Luke Holtz, Lisa Boltz, Ron Hetherwick, Jake Cope, Debbie Carman, Virginia Dillon, Sam Kenney, Warren Kingsley, Nathan Dipillo, Amy Meagher, Eric Lewis, Staci, Josie Heilmann, LuAnn Shuman, Martina Benton, Marie Sheets...** 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** Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us the courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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 Offerings** *Bring your gifts to the Altar, or you may offer gifts in the tray located in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

## Offertory

### 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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise." The roles are indicated by "Presider:" and "Congregation:" above the staves.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

*Presider:* you. *Congregation:* 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:*

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues the melody with a 3/8 time signature change, then returns to 6/8. Lyrics: "might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your". The third staff continues with 6/8 time. Lyrics: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!". The fourth staff continues with 6/8 time. Lyrics: "Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -". The fifth staff concludes with 6/8 time. Lyrics: "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.**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Bell Choir

“By Your Hand, You Feed Your People”

**ELW 469**

**Post Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**AM** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

### **THE SENDING**

**Choral Benediction**  
**(10:00 a.m.)**

“Christ Is Arisen Indeed!”

Choir

### **The Blessing**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**P** 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**

### **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Where It Starts** (Marek's Song)—A Song for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

This is just the beginning  
This is where it all starts  
When we thought death was winning  
You enlivened these hearts.

We had lost all direction  
We had all gone astray  
Then you bring resurrection  
And the stone rolls away.

***O Alleluia! Holy surprise!  
Because of Jesus, we shall arise  
O Alleluia! Join in the song  
Because of Jesus, now we belong.***

At the first light of morning  
At the edge of the grave  
Good news came without warning:  
Jesus, risen to save.

We abandoned, betrayed him,  
Then the angels appeared:  
“See the place where they laid him:  
He is no longer here!”

***O Alleluia! Holy surprise!  
Because of Jesus, we shall arise  
O Alleluia! Join in the song  
Because of Jesus, now we belong.***

Find your place at the waters  
Old and young, strong and weak  
We are made sons are daughters  
As the Risen One speaks.

What began first with Jesus  
When he rose from the tomb,  
Meets us here and it frees us  
Present here in this room.

***O Alleluia! Holy surprise!  
Because of Jesus, we shall arise  
O Alleluia! Join in the song  
Because of Jesus, now we belong.***

This is just the beginning  
This is where it all starts...