

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

*April 30, 2023*

*Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am*  
*18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612*

**Worship Christ**

**Grow with Others**

**Serve Christ**



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!  
May He bless our worship.**

## CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

## Announcements

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn

### Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

LSB 481



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an  
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of  
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through-



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,  
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,  
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -  
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your  
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be-



clipped by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!  
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!  
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

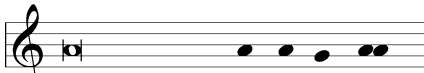
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

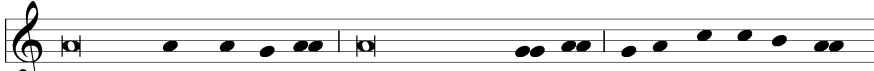
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



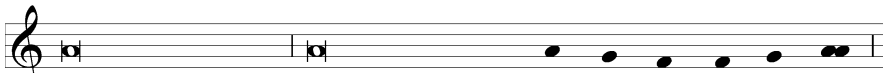
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

## Exodus 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Handbell Choir - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Lloyd Larson

## Second Reading

## Exodus 3:11-15

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

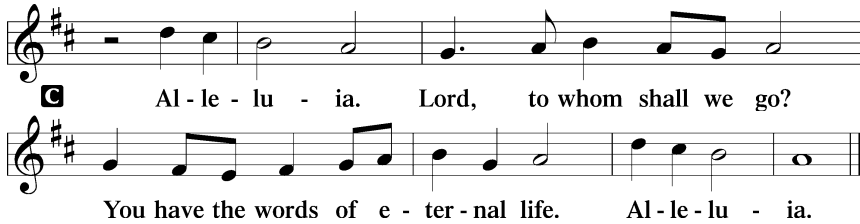
<sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 8:48-59


**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'" <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'" <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## Children's Message

## Sermon

*Stand*

### **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.**





1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

## Prayer of the Church

### Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)  
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)  
Carl Schubert  
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)  
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)  
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)  
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)  
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)  
Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)  
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)  
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Al Nelson  
Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)  
Kim Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)  
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Paul Massmann  
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)  
Robert Lingenfelter  
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)  
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)  
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)  
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)  
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)  
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)

### Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)  
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)  
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)  
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)  
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)  
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)  
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)  
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
Shirley Vogel  
Marilyn Schubert  
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)  
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)  
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)  
Andria Butz  
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)  
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)  
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Dimaris Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)  
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)  
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)  
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)  
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)  
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)  
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)  
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)  
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)  
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Pastor Graeme Rosenau  
Ruth Rosenau  
Mark Shurtleff  
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)  
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)  
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)  
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)  
Linda Condon (*co-worker of Julie Giron*)

### Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)  
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)  
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)  
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)  
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)  
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

### Grieving

Friends and Family of Don Wellwood (*friend of Dick and Gale Paul*)  
Friends and Family of Tomo Kainuma  
Friends and Family of Penelope DeLong

## **Persecuted Church**

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

## **Mental Health**

All those struggling with mental health issues

## **Mission Field**

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

## **Relief and Mission Organizations We Support**

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

### *Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

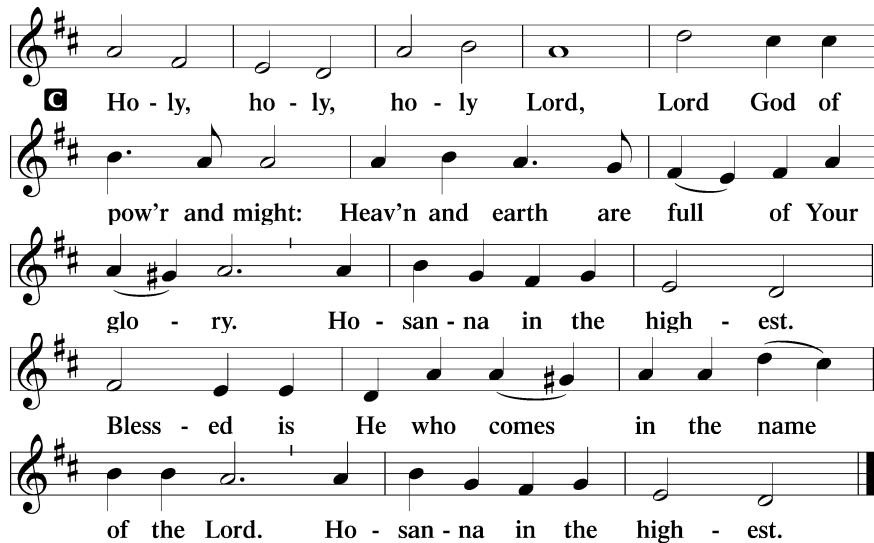
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



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.

## The Words of Our Lord

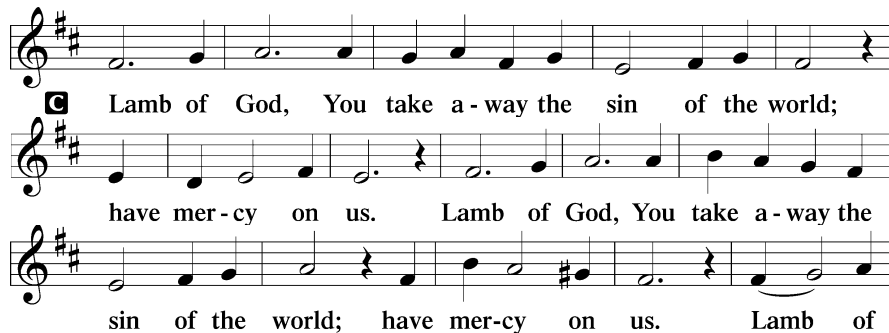
### Lord's Prayer

- 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

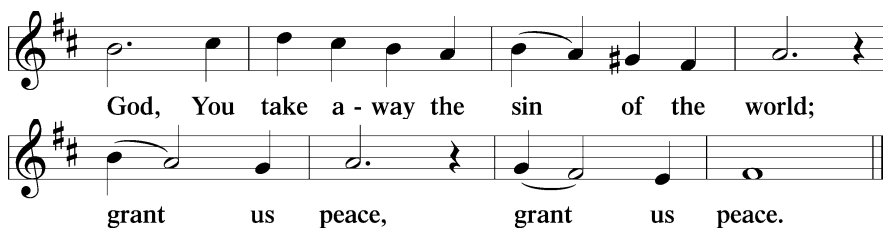
### Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## Agnus Dei



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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*


## Distribution Hymn

## The Day of Resurrection

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise.  
 Alleluia!

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **And His mercy endures forever.**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen**

## Closing Song

## Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav-en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# *Weekly Announcements*

**Council Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**Building Team Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm**

**Building campaign Kickoff meeting: May 7, 11:45am.**

We will have our first building campaign kickoff meeting on May 7. We will review the plans we submitted to the city, answer questions you may have, talk about our goals with the new buildings and talk finances of the project. In addition, we will talk about the financial cost of what we are looking at doing. The meeting will last approximately one hour, and lunch will be provided. Our Smoke Team will be heading up the meal! So, join us for this exciting chapter in the life of the congregation.

**Set Up Help Needed**

Help is requested with some minor set up for the lunch on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please meet Julie Giron in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. if you do not attend the second service. We will be laying out table clothes and some decor for the luncheon. No heavy lifting!

**2023-2024 Council Positions**

We have some openings on our Church Council for 2023-2024. We have openings for two at-large spots and a secretary. Meetings are mostly business related. We deal with budget items, repair items and get updates on how the various ministries are doing. Meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Meetings usually are done in an hour. We meet about 10 months of the year. This is an important role for the life of the congregation. These positions are for members only. If you would be interested in helping in one of these roles, or you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jim.

**Music Staff Updates and Changes**

We have been blessed to have Josh Jacobson as our organist for the past couple of years. He came in at a difficult time and was a blessing to Light of Christ. Josh is ready for the next chapter of his life and May 7 will be his last Sunday with us.

Chris Hauser will be our new organist. We all know and love him and are excited about this new chapter for us as well. Ben Johnson will take over the second service music. Ben has been with us a few years now and has been Chris' fill in.

Sophia Flores will also be back as choir director next year. We have also been blessed by her ministry and we are excited for her to continue next year. Linda Sims has been leading our Bell Choir and she will also be back next year. We are blessed to have her continue with us too!

**Sermon Series: Exodus**

We will be working through most of the book of Exodus between Easter and summer (April 16-July 2). It is a great book and a lot of foundational theology that will carry through all of scripture and through today. Our daily readings will cover Exodus for part of this series. Either way, read up on Exodus as we learn about God's plan of deliverance- for them and for us.



### **Men's Kegger Bible study:**

We will meet for four weeks- May 10, 17, 24 and 31. We meet at 6pm and finish at 7:30pm. We have hotdogs, chips, beer and coke. If you want something else- different drink, desserts, etc., bring your own. If you have never been to a kegger you are missing out! It is a relaxing and casual time. If you can show up at 5:15 or so to help set up that would be great!

### **Men's Retreat:**

We will have our summer retreat August 4-6. We will be going down to Palm Desert. The best part of the trip is the food. We usually eat at a couple of 'Diner, Drive ins and Dive' places. There will be golf on Saturday and/or Sunday for those who are interested. If you want to hang out at a pool all weekend, you can do that. Basically, the mornings and afternoons are yours to do what you want. We will have a bible study in the evenings. We try to keep the costs down. It will be about \$100 for the condo for the weekend. And yes, it will be hot.

### **Reading the Bible in a year.**

Do you want to read the bible in less than a year? If you read four chapters a day, you will finish the bible in about 10 months. The readings will take between 25-30 minutes. You can read two chapters in the morning and two at night or two in the morning, one in the afternoon and one at night? Add your five minutes of prayer and you will be good to go. THIS CHALLENGE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! Maybe now is not the time. You can build up to it. Try reading at least two chapters a day and you will be developing the discipline to get to this project. There is a reading guide to help you with this reading project. I recommend a Psalm a day and three chapters starting with Genesis 1. When you complete the book of Psalms, read one chapter from Proverbs and three chapters of where you are at the time. Don't be afraid to try this one. It is hard but it is doable. Look for the yellow card stock sheet on the counter as you enter the sanctuary.

### **Adult Ed: A Return to Luther**

In the month of April for Adult Education we are going to spend some time reviewing Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray." It is good for us to again practice this wonderful spiritual discipline together. However, we will be adding another "simple way" for you to understand and read Scripture, which was not covered the last time we did this practice. The hoped for goal with doing this practice together is that it gives you another tool in your spiritual growth tool belt to use as you read through Scripture as part of your growth group experience. In addition, it not only gives you a tool to use for reading and understanding Scripture, but also how to incorporate that in your prayer. Therefore, if you struggle with your reading of Scripture and your prayer time come and learn this simple, yet deeply meaningful tool to use. Even if you have this whole "growth group" thing down I hope that you participate and learn another tool to use to enhance your own personal discipleship experience.

## **Thank you for your Navajo Mission Trip Donations!**

I (Pastor Jonathan) wanted to say thank you to everyone who has generously given to help my students for the Navajo trip. Each student needs to fund raise for the trip, and your donations help with keeping the cost down regarding what they have to raise. The money that we raise goes towards our van rentals, fuel, food, and supplies for our children's ministry events. If you are still interested in giving funds we could use a little extra to help with the purchasing of food during our training week prior to our leaving. Our training week is happening on campus the week after graduation (May 8-14). Any amount is appreciated. If you'd like to write a check please write it to Concordia University and in the memo line put "Navajo Mission Trip." I would need to receive those funds no later than April 30 in order to get them deposited in the university account for me to use. Again, thank you for your generosity and your prayers.

## **Online Giving**

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

## **LOC Ministry Update**

*Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.*

## May Reading Plan



**Growth Groups**

2023

Monday	May 1	Exodus 1	Tuesday	May 16	Exodus 16
Tuesday	May 2	Exodus 2	Wednesday	May 17	Exodus 17
Wednesday	May 3	Exodus 3	Thursday	May 18	Exodus 18
Thursday	May 4	Exodus 4	Friday	May 19	Exodus 19
Friday	May 5	Exodus 5	Saturday	May 20	Exodus 20
Saturday	May 6	Exodus 6	Sunday	May 21	Exodus 21
Sunday	May 7	Exodus 7	Monday	May 22	Exodus 22
Monday	May 8	Exodus 8	Tuesday	May 23	Exodus 23
Tuesday	May 9	Exodus 9	Wednesday	May 24	Exodus 24
Wednesday	May 10	Exodus 10	Thursday	May 25	Exodus 25
Thursday	May 11	Exodus 11	Friday	May 26	Exodus 26
Friday	May 12	Exodus 12	Saturday	May 27	Exodus 27
Saturday	May 13	Exodus 13	Sunday	May 28	Exodus 28
Sunday	May 14	Exodus 14	Monday	May 29	Exodus 29
Monday	May 15	Exodus 15	Tuesday	May 30	Exodus 30
			Wednesday	May 31	Exodus 31

## Sunday Youth Announcements

### Spring Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Room next to the Kitchen with Autumn & Charles.

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Carrie, Hannah and Margo

College Study meets on the picnic tables.

### High School Spring Sunday School

Today a new study starts called The Lineage of Jesus. *Today we discuss Noah.* Can't wait to see you there!

**Summer High School Youth Group** is now on SUNDAY nights from 6-8 pm. Starting June 4th!!!

## **Middle School Spring Sunday School**

Today a new study starts called The Life of David. *Today we discuss David and Goliath.*

**Summer Middle School Youth Group** is now on WEDNESDAY nights from 6:30-8 pm. Starting June 7th!!!

## **Summer Serve Trip to Nevada**

Our Middle and High School youth are heading to the desert to Serve God in amazing ways. We will travel to Christ Lutheran Church in Boulder City, NV to lead Vacation Bible School. CLC is an older church and they do not have the “man-power” to run VBS. Our youth will serve each day to reach their community. Each day we will also do a fun activity like kayaking in Lake Mead, bowling, and touring Hoover Dam. Dates are June 25-30, 2023 and the cost is \$200 per person.

-Planning Meeting on May 21st from 4-6 pm at the Fellowship Hall

## **Godspeed Margo Adamec**

Today is the last Sunday for DCE Student Margo Adamec. Margo is going to be a DCE Intern, at Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina. She's very excited to be working with the middle schoolers on Sundays and confirmation, as well as leading the young adult Bible study. Note from her “thank you to Light of Christ church and all of their support and encouragement over the past year. I had the most amazing time and I can't wait to see what God has in store for me next in North Carolina.”

## **CollegeLampLight Bible Study**

Meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday in our Fellowship Hall.

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