

Worship

April 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM
2nd Sunday of Easter



Christ the Servant
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, your presence is a blessing to us!
Scan the QR code with your smartphone on the seat in front of you or below if you'd like to...



- Let us know you are worshipping today
- Request prayers or share your care needs
- Explore upcoming ministries and RSVP
- Respond with generosity and give to our mission and ministry

TO THOSE WITH YOUNG ONES

We embrace all the wiggles and giggles that the youngest in our midst might make!
The noise of children is the sound of a church that is full of life and is welcome here!

Here are some helpful tips:

- If they need a break, take it!
There is a room just past the bathrooms where little ones can play, parents can relax, and the service can still be heard.
- Let them pick out activities from the Activities Cart!
They can go back to it as much as needed!
- Sit where your children can easily see what is happening.
- Sing and respond loudly! Children learn by copying you.
- Explain the parts of worship and teach them how to use the hymnal.

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EMAIL: _____ I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES: YES

PRAYER REQUEST: _____

PUBLIC PRAYER TEAM ONLY PRIVATE

HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO HOLD THESE IN PRAYER?

1 WEEK 2 WEEKS 3 WEEKS 1 MONTH UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

**Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE ***O Sons and Daughters of the King***
Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

***EASTER ACCLAMATION**

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN – *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (#386 verses 1, 5-8)

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

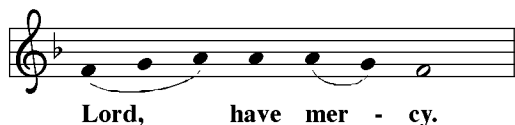
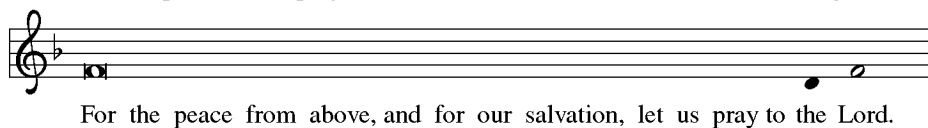
Please greet each other with the peace of Christ!

***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.

***KYRIE**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 (sung responsively)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the mighty | firmament.
- ² **Praise God for | mighty acts;**
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.
- ³ Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.
- ⁴ **Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;**
praise God with | strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ **Let everything | that has breath**
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY – *We Walk by Faith* (#635)**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Each prayer petition will end with
Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

OFFERING

In response to God's generosity, let us now consider our own generosity as a rebellion against the powers of this world and a demonstration of the faith and trust we have in our Creator through the gifts of our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Song
George Herbert, Alexander Bean

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

*OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

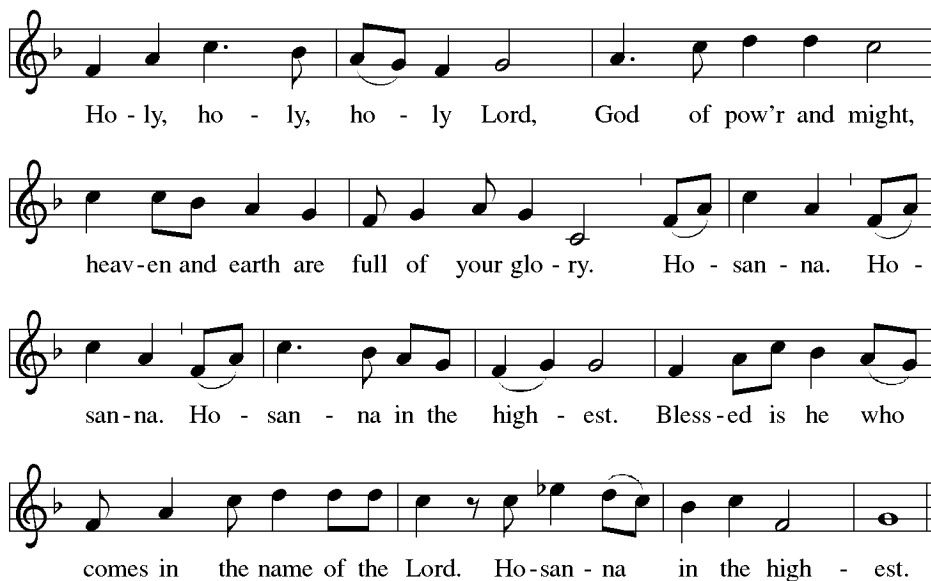
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

See, God's home is among us. God will dwell with us as our God. We will be God's people, and God will be present to us.

God will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Christ has died! Christ IS risen!

Christ will come again!

It was in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:

"This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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. Do this in remembrance of me."

Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all people
With courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let all God's people say Amen!
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

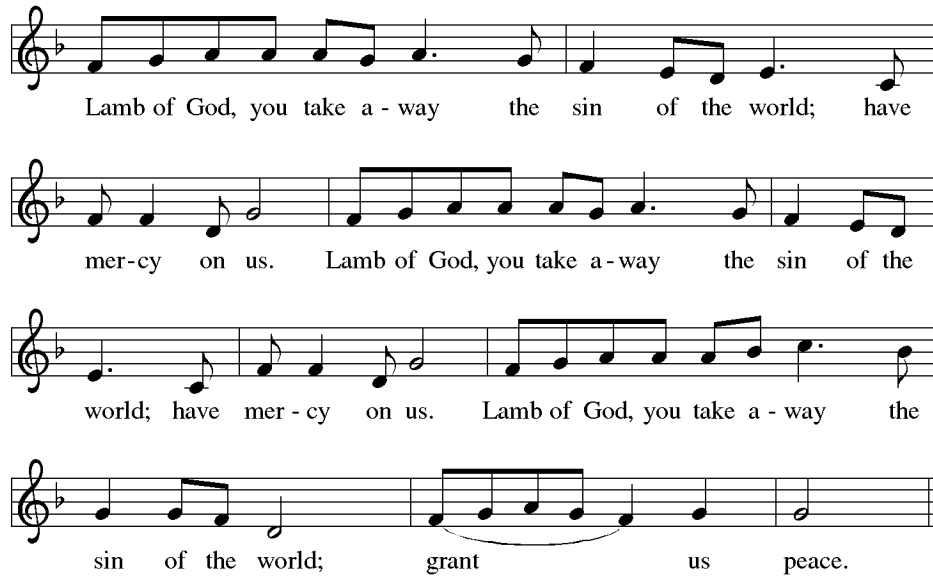
COMMUNION

The table at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is not a Lutheran table, nor is it a pastor's table, or a specific church's table, it is Christ's table. And Jesus invites all people to come and partake in this meal! No matter your age or your faith background, whether you are high in faith or low in faith, you are invited to come and eat because Christ has invited you!

You will come down through the center isle and will be handed a piece of bread. Take the bread and go to either side to dip the bread into the wine (the dark liquid) or the grape juice (the light liquid) and take them together. There is a gluten free option available in the center. If you'd prefer that, just ask as you come forward.

Allergen Notice: *The communion bread is purchased from a commercial bakery and may contain or may have been exposed to one or more of the following allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish. The gluten free wafers contain garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour and palm oil. They are manufactured on dedicated equipment in a dedicated facility and are gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free, fish and shellfish free.*

COMMUNION MUSIC



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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION



The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine up-on you be gra - cious to you.
5 The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.
10 A - - men, a - men a - men. A - - men, a - men, a - men.

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Celebrate! Think! Serve!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Fiii

Jeanne Demessieux

MUSICAL NOTES OF INTEREST

The Second Sunday of Easter is often called “Thomas Sunday”, because the Gospel reading for the day relates the story of the disciple Thomas doubting the truth of the Resurrection of Christ. As such, the prelude and postlude for today are both settings of our first hymn “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”, which also tells the story of Thomas. The prelude “O Sons and Daughters of the King” by Michael Burkhardt is a quiet, simple setting of the tune (which is played in its entirety exactly once) on a reed solo with flute accompaniment. The Postlude “O Fiii” by Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) is a more elaborate set of variations on the tune. The piece is broadly a crescendo from a very quiet set of stops to a loud chorus, in which the harmony grows from relatively simple to complex.

Today’s offertory is an original composition, sung by Walter Richardson, of a poem by George Herbert (1593-1633). The song is set to a folk-sounding melody in three verses, mirroring the three stanzas of the poem. The text is reproduced below.

Easter Song

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sunne arising in the East.
Though he give light, and th'East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we misse:
There is but one, and that one ever.

Ministry Opportunities

God calls us all to participate in God's kingdom building throughout the world. You are invited to participate in God's mission and the ministry of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church! As you participate, we hope you will discover belonging and we know you will have holy experiences because the Spirit is at work in and through you!

To discover more ministry opportunities and to register for ministries you feel called to, visit

christerves.churchcenter.com

or scan the QR code on the seat back in front of you!



Churches are called to be places of welcome and hospitality to all people. Over the coming months, CTS will host 4 speakers to discuss welcome around specific groups and demographics. For more info, visit our website.

TODAY

Stay after worship for a brief presentation on physical spaces and how they communicate welcome and hospitality.

TODAY

Our monthly lunch packing will take place in the classroom following the speaker presentation.

May 3 @ 2PM

The next wine tasting will be held on Saturday, May 3rd and the cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP on the registrations page.



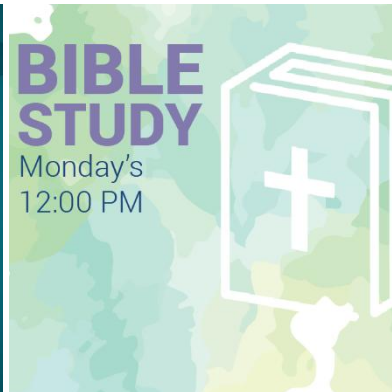
May 4

The second Children's Education Experience will be held on Sunday, May 4. Please see the church website for more information and to register.



May 18

Tyra Dennis will lead us in worship and music on Sunday morning and then guide us in conversation about how the diversity experienced through music impacts welcome.



Mondays @ noon

Bring your lunch and join Pastor Kenny in the classroom on Mondays to discuss the scripture and message from the day before. **No Bible Study on 4/28**



We continue to accept your non-perishable food donations for the South Lakes Food Pantry. Items can be left in the church office.