

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

Easter Sunday † April 5, 2021 † 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
David Byers, Karl Dietmeyer, Richard King, Domenic Ravita, Musician Leaders
Sarah Juhasz, sKIDdles, Palmetto Road Pandemic Pipers, Joyful Noise Ringers, Musicians

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

PRELUDES: Sarah Juhasz, handbell solo; sKIDdles, preschool singers; Pandemic Pipers, flute choir

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ☐ Morning has broken, but this morning is different.
- ☑ We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."
- ☐ Darkness and death end in defeat;
- ☑ for Christ is risen in our hearts.
- ☐ He has taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy.
- ☑ He has turned our mourning into dancing!

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: *If you have a candle ready, please join us in lighting it now.*

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

ELW Hymn 365

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 Public Domain

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ 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.

LESSON: Corinthians 15: 1-5, 11

- ☐ The Lesson is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, the fifteenth chapter.
Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. ►

C (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

P The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried;

C that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says;

P that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers ,,,

C So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same:
We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

P Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Hallelu, Hallelu*

sKIDles, preschool singers

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

COS Youth: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?" Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished. He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said." They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

COS Youth: The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *Thine Is the Glory*

ELW Hymn 376

1. **Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.**

REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

2. **Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting! REFRAIN**
3. **No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C 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 THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "your mercy is great."
The prayers are ended with these words, "In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give: <https://coslutheran.org/give/>*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation; and so, with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** 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.
 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.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

As the pastors and worship team commune, please joining them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Joyful Noise Ringers

BENEDICTION

- P** May God the Father grant you grace to Easter love and serve your neighbor in all that you do.
C **Amen**
P May God the Son, whose dying and rising destroys death forever, give you everlasting life.
C **Amen**
P May God the Spirit, who empowers the Church for mission and gives it power to proclaim the Easter Gospel, fill you with faith, hope, and love.
C **Amen**
P And may the blessing of God who is Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
 that we conquer through your triumph;
 grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
 Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
 all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

- P** May God the Father grant you grace to Easter love and serve your neighbor in all that you do.
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- P** May God the Son, whose dying and rising destroys death forever, give you everlasting life.
- C** Amen
- P** May God the Spirit, who empowers the Church for mission and gives it power to proclaim the Easter Gospel, fill you with faith, hope, and love.
- C** Amen
- P** And may the blessing of God who is Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Altar Guild: Peg Schaum and Pat Ronco

Tech Crew: David Turk, Carol Jensen-Linton, Sara Turk, Debra Myers, Joni Siepert

EASTER GARDEN***In Honor Of:***

Carol Jensen-Linton –In honor of Adam, Vanessa and Rowan Linton
 Carol Jensen-Linton –In honor of Chris Linton and Family
 Katharine Manes –In honor of Anna Manes
 Katharine Manes –In honor of Jackson Manes
 Linda and Bill Volckmann –In honor of Cassie, Emily, Owen and Cortland
 Linda and Bill Volckmann –In honor of Stephanie, Carrie, Eric and Joshua
 Linda and Bill Volckmann –To the Glory of God
 David and Miriam Beecher –In gratitude for Andrew
 David and Miriam Beecher –In gratitude for Matthew
 David and Miriam Beecher –In gratitude for COS
 Miriam Beecher –In gratitude for David

In Memory Of:

Judy Own –In memory of Robert J. "Bob" Owen
 Pat Frye –In memory of Andy Frye
 Carol Jensen-Linton –In memory of Ron Linton
 Katharine Manes –In memory of John Manes
 Linda Hackett –In memory of Bob Hackett
 Linda Hackett –In memory of Michael Hilovski
 Linda and Bill Volckmann –In memory of Avalyn Naugle
 Linda and Bill Volckmann –In memory of Claude Cook
 Nancy and Ernest Broadwell –In memory of all our loved ones
 Miriam and David Beecher –In memory of Sunny Wilkerson Beecher