

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 16, 2023
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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Cheryl Dietmeyer, Guest Music Leader James C. Hagberg, Choir Director
The Christ Our Shepherd Woodwind Choir, Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW*=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDES

The Christ Our Shepherd Woodwind Choir

Old Hundredth, arr. William Ryden; *Chorale*, J.S. Bach, arr. Ryden; *Forth He Came at Easter*, arr. Paul Morgan
Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."
We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

ELW Hymn 392

- 1 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**
- 2 **Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**
- 3 **Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4 **Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

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↑ 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.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Ⓟ Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

- Ⓛ Today's reading is from the first letter of Peter, the first chapter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- Ⓛ Word of God, Word of life.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *The Strife Is O'er*

ELW Hymn 366

- 1 **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; translated by Francis Pott, 1832-1909

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↑ GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

- Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'"

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So 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."**

- Ⓟ ²⁶A 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!"**

- Ⓟ ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? ►

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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. him.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW Hymn 379

- 1 **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2 **In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3 **Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 4 **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☑ **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 "Risen Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord."

Please respond, "Amen."

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OFFERING MUSIC

Go Ye Into All the World

Mrs. Dietmeyer (8:30)

Sanctuary Choir (11:00)

Refrain: *Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to ev'ry creature!*

Jesus said, "This is the great commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this: that he lay down his life for his friends."

"Let not your heart be troubled; if you believe in God, you believe in me!"

—adapted from Scripture by the composer, Eugene Butler (1974)

↑ 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

—ELW page 108

↑ 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

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

COMMUNION HYMN: *Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW Hymn 462

- 1** **Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.**
- 2** **Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness. ►**

**3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. ☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

ELW Hymn 382

**1 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

*Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!*

**2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain***

**4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

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↑ SENDING

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen. ☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☞ Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE: *Galliard*, Arbeau, arr. Howland** The Christ Our Shepherd Woodwind Choir
Woodwind Choir: Carolyn Callison, Rita DeNell, Penny Kahley, Sarah Wampler, flutes;
Maiya Frederick, oboe; Elizabeth Wampler, clarinet and bass clarinet

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Altar Guild: Pat and Mike Oliver

Tech crew: David Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30);

Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn (11:00)

Ushers: Stephen Gundersen and Bob Spruck (8:30); Rich DeBreuil and Paul Talbott (11:00)

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Joni Siepert.