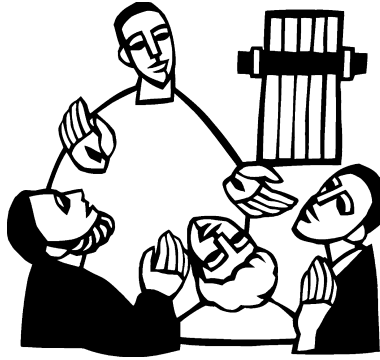


2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 7, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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

PRELUDE

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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
☑ Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always
☑ And also with you.
We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

ELW Hymn 380

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

↑ 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.

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

ELW pg. 140

Refrain-This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. to Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. to Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. to Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. to Refrain

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

FIRST READINGS: Isaiah 63:7; Psalm 122.1-2; Luke 4.16-19

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Be Not Afraid*

ELW Hymn 388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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↑ GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen*

ELW Hymn 375

Refrain

Alleluia! Christ is arisen. Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

Alleluia! Christ is arisen. Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

- 1** Run, faithful women, to the grave-side. Marvel, the stone is rolled away!
Hear from the angel, "He is risen." Christ goes before you all the way. *Refrain*
- 2** Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: "He is alive." *Refrain*
- 3** Gather, disciples, in the evening: suddenly Christ your Lord appears.
"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior. Peace be with you, and do not fear." *Refrain*
- 4** Thomas, where were you on that evening? "I'll not believe unless I see."
Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me." *Refrain*

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us profess 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 "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Into your hands, most merciful God,... through Jesus Christ,
our resurrected and living Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) Hallelujah Chorus, G. F. Handel,

Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: | | |
| C | Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. | | |
- ELW page 144*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

- C** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. —ELW page 146**

COMMUNION HYMN: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW Hymn 364

- 1** **Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

- 2** **For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show.**
- 3** **The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain***
- 4** **"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain***

Hymn continues on next page. ►

- 5 **Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- 📖 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 📖 **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝️ bless you now and always.
 📖 **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN: *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***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
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↑ **SENDING**

- 📖 Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
 📖 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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Altar Guild:

Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn

(11:00) Dannee Barkow

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

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert

Usher: (8:30) Tor Brunso

(11:00) Ethan Miller

Altar flowers given in honor of Pastor Miriam Beecher's 25 years of faithful service at COS.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, April 7

FIRST READINGS:

Honoring and giving thanks to God for the use and service of the current sanctuary.

Isaiah 63:7

A reading from Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Psalm 122.1-2

We read the Psalm together.

**I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Luke 4.16-19

A reading from Luke

¹⁶When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel on the back ►

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 *The congregation speaks the words in the **BOLD** font.*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas 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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**