

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

PRELUDES

WELCOME

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW Hymn 389

- 1** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2** Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3** In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 5** Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: 1 Peter 1:21-23

- ☒ Through [Jesus] you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.
²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le-lu-ia. Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le__lu-ia.
Give an air hug to the one next to ya, but take care to keep it safe;
Give an air hug to the ones who love ya. Just be sure to stay __ six feet away.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

- ☒ Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, ►

- ☞ “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”
- Ⓛ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,
- Ⓛ “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”
- Ⓛ ¹⁹He asked them,
- ☞ “What things?”
- Ⓛ They replied,
- Ⓜ “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.
- Ⓛ ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”
- Ⓛ ²⁵Then he said to them,
- ☞ “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”
- Ⓛ ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
- ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.
- ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying,
- Ⓜ “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”
- Ⓛ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other,
- Ⓜ “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”
- Ⓛ ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying,
- Ⓜ “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”
- Ⓛ ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
- Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord. ☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day of Arising*

ELW Hymn 374

- 1 **Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**
- 2 **When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**
- 3 **Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:
When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**
- 4 **Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

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 "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."
 The prayers are ended with these words, "With bold confidence in your love, almighty God,
 we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord."
 Please respond, "Amen."*

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.
- 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

"The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

SONG FOR COMMUNION: *Remember Me*

Tune: Let It Be (Beatles Liturgy)

- 1** On the night our Savior was betrayed he took bread and then he prayed.
 "This is now my body, take and eat."
 After supper he took the cup, giving thanks he held it up,
 "This wine is now my blood, take and drink."

CHORUS: "Remember me," Jesus said, "in the wine, through the bread."
 "This meal of love I give you. Remember me."

- 2** This meal is our new covenant, Christ's summary of what he meant.
 United in his body, you and me.
 Black or white, young or old, if your heart is open or still cold,
 Forgiveness now is given, for you and me. **CHORUS**
- 3** So as we celebrate Christ's meal we proclaim the cross that heals,
 Our sins upon his shoulders at Calvary.
 For the bonds of death God devastates, Christ's resurrection liberates.
 To the banquet now he calls us, you and me. **CHORUS**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING INVITATION**BENEDICTION**

- P** May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *We Know that Christ Is Raised**ELW Hymn 449*

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

DISMISSAL

- P** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in Jesus' pathway of joy and life. Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**