

# Christ Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024



# WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH THAT WELCOMES

All are welcome at Christ Lutheran Church. We emphasize grace, forgiveness, and the reality that God is love. The teachings and example of Jesus call us to love one another and to be an inclusive and affirming community for people of every culture, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, relationship status, family makeup, and spiritual background. No matter what challenges you're facing – physical, mental, spiritual, economic, emotional, moral, or otherwise – we invite you to experience God's grace with us. There is a place for you here.

## THE IN-PERSON CLC ESSENTIALS

**Restrooms** are in the Narthex and in the Education Building.

The **Nursery** is available from 9:15 a.m. through the end of the late service.

**Attendance Registration Cards** are located in the pew racks. We ask everyone in attendance, visitors and members, to fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

**Audio Receivers** for the hearing impaired are available in the Narthex.

## THE VIRTUAL CLC ESSENTIALS

Please tune in each Sunday for livestream worship at 10:30 a.m. by clicking the YouTube button below.

Online giving is easy! Simply click the Offering button below, and it will take you to the giving page to make your offering when you are ready. You can also use your phone to scan this QR code, and it will take you to our donation page at <https://clcah.org/contact-us/give-online/>



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# GATHERING

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## PRELUDE

*Variations on "Gelobt Sei Gott" - Gale*

## WELCOME

**TEMPLE TALK** (10:30 a.m.)

Why I Love Christ Lutheran!

Martin Bauer

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW #789

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



<sup>All</sup> 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



<sup>Refrain</sup> This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

Pew Bible/New Testament page #240

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## 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.

The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

Pew Bible/New Testament page #103

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Leslie Price

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW #502 (v. 1,2,4,6)

*(The 8:30 a.m. service continues with the Nicene Creed on page 8.)*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (10:30 a.m.)

At this time, we invite forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this community of faith.

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of God at Christ Lutheran. They have deepened and reaffirmed their faith by their response to God's word and sacraments received here. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

*To the people welcomed.*

You are no longer strangers to us or sojourners looking for a church home, but you are welcomed into our midst and brought into this household of God, which is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus alone being its cornerstone. In him this whole community is joined together and struggles to grow in discipleship to him and fulfillment of God's vision for this place. Through Christ, you also are brought into our community and asked to join in our common life and mission.

## QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Do you profess God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit as the center of your faith? **We do.**

Will you be faithful to this community?

**We will with the help of God.**

Will you challenge this community to be the best version of itself and to live up to the things we say we believe?

**We will with the help of God.**

Will you allow yourselves to be shaped by this community, living into your called identity as beloved children of God?

**We will with the help of God.**

By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in the spiritual pilgrimage which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your home, and we celebrate your presence with us in this household of God.

## **QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Do you profess God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit as the center of your faith? **We do.**

Will you be faithful to these new people as they join our congregation?

**We will with the help of God.**

Will you challenge these new members to be the best versions of themselves and to live up to the things they say they believe?

**We will with the help of God.**

Will you allow yourselves to be shaped by these new members, so that we may live into our called identity as a beloved community of God?

**We will with the help of God.**

Will you share with them in receiving the means of grace, through word and sacrament, and remember that you and they are always forgiven and that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

**We will with the help of God.**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the spirit and build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Beloved, let us greet our brothers and sisters as we offer the hand of Christian love and officially welcome them into the company of this community of faith. **Thanks be to God!**

## NICENE CREED (8:30 a.m.)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for those in need, within our own community and throughout the world. We give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us. Our petitions end with "God of Grace," and the congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."*



*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

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## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m.)

*Laudamus Te* - Vivaldi

Kristen Burress, Soprano and Oksana Potts, Alto

*We praise you. We bless you. We adore you.*

### OFFERING

*Christ Lutheran designates 20% of your Sunday offerings to our benevolence partners who make a direct impact on the lives of people in our world who need it most. See page two for more information on giving virtually from your phone or go to [clcab.org](http://clcab.org).*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

### OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #184

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. Shepherding God, **your gentle love guides all we do. As you care for us and tend to our needs, let us also be mindful of the needs of others. Through our gifts, enable us to seek out those labeled outsiders that we might make them feel at home in your saving love. Amen.**

### 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 our thanks and praise.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Two thousand years ago Jesus ate with sinners and those whom others scorned. He still does. None of us is worthy, except by God's grace. No matter what you have done or what your present condition, Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another.*

*The gathered faithful have a choice to commune at the front of the sanctuary by intinction or in their seats with individual communion packets available at the entrance to the sanctuary. With intinction, the bread is placed in your hand for you to dip in the wine. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion from a minister where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are found on the small table next to the usher stand for anyone who needs them.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

ELW #780

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together. Guiding Lord, **at this table you name us as your own and provide grace abundant for our wounded hearts. May the love you have revealed by laying down your very life inspire us to serve others in your name. Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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*The congregation may be seated.*

**TEMPLE TALK** (8:30 a.m.)

Why I Love Christ Lutheran!

Martin Bauer

**SUNG BLESSING** (10:30 a.m.)

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* - Hayes  
Greg Murphy, Bass

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

**SPOKEN BLESSING**

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill you with joy in the faith. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

ELW #385

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*To God All Glory Given* - Sawyer

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Preaching & Presiding Minister*  
*Assisting Ministers*  
*Lectors*

## 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Leslie Price  
Cyndy Manes  
Sarah Borrell

## 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Leslie Price  
Casey Passant  
Sarah Loyd

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

*President* Michael Fischer  
*Vice President* Bryan Woods  
*Treasurer* Adam Braaten  
*Secretary* Paul Pfeifer

*At-Large Member*  
*At-Large Member*  
*At-Large Member*

Rhonda Barsalou  
James Ehler  
Edna Robbins

## STAFF

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*Pastor*  
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*Director for Day School Ministry*  
*Accountant & Office Manager*  
*Office Administrator & AV Tech*  
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*Organist*  
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## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Carolyn Dufelmeier, Patti Lynch, Elward Reiss, Pam Sheffield, Laurie Stiteler, Bobby Stobb, Frank Pennington, and Ron Olson

## WELCOME TEAM

Carolyn Dufelmeier, Lori Harris, Bob Logan, Mary Lynn Logan - Chair, Bob & Karen Corder, Bill Chavers, Joan Woods, Mary Overstreet, Edna Robbins, Ida Marie Schultz, Ulf Balldin, Jennifer Dunn, Heather Rosenquist, Tracy Anderson, and Natalie Tate

## THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to our faithful volunteer, Mary Overstreet, for the beautiful banners which adorn our Sanctuary, and to John Malitz, who donates the time of his employees at Malitz Construction to regularly take down and put up these artistic installations which enhance our worship.

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## TODAY

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- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - **Preschool - Elementary Children** meet upstairs in the education building in their designated classrooms.
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - **Confirmation (6th-8th grades)** meet in the Youth room for “What is our most sacred theology?”
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - **Faith University - Pastor Leslie and our Stewardship Team** will delve into a full report on our church.
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - **Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education - Primrose House**
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - **Lucy Circle - Parlor**
- 10:30 a.m. - **New Member Sunday**, reception in the CrossWay following the late service.
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. - **Church Fiesta, Fellowship Hall and Courtyard**

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## THIS WEEK

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**Monday, April 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Money Counters, Parlor

**Tuesday, April 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House

**Wednesday, April 24**

- 5:30 p.m. Gloria Choir, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Angelicus Choir, Children’s Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Conversational Spanish, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. **ONE TIME ONLY DATE CHANGE**  
**Read Through the Bible via zoom:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872> or 346-248-7799

### FAITH UNIVERSITY:

#### I Love This Church

Today, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Pastor Leslie and our Stewardship Team will delve into a full report on our church. We’ll cover what we love about our community, review where we’ve been and our past successes, and discuss the vision we have for deepening our connections and service in the future.

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Today, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we welcome a group of new members, Kathryn Dicke, Lorraine Potter, Isabel Vaughan, Nancy Hein, Ronda Lantz, Gretchen and Tommy Spalten, and Becky, Rick, Ricky and Mary Kimbrough during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet these new members of our church family during a reception in the CrossWay following the late service.



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

**Wednesday, April 24**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Read Through the Bible in a Year will have a **ONE TIME ONLY** change in date this coming week. We will meet on Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Zoom (rather than Tuesday), as Pastor H will be out of town on Tuesday. We will discuss Deuteronomy, Luke, and portions of Psalms and Proverbs. Join us, whether you have been a part of the group in the past or not. All are welcome!

## FAITH UNIVERSITY:

### Christian Nationalism

Sunday, April 28, May 5 & 12, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Pastor H will present a three-part study on Christian Nationalism. This program invites participants to consider questions such as "is the United States a Christian' nation?" or "does the 1st Amendment to the Constitution support the separation of church and state?"

# FAMILY LUNCH

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APRIL 28  
12:00 P.M.

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**snack pak**  
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## Service Opportunities for Families

Daily Bread Ministries, Monday, April 29, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Families with children in grades kinder and up can participate in preparing "Snack Pak 4 Kids" at Daily Bread Ministries. Families will be working an assembly line preparing snack packs for schoolchildren living in food scarcity in our communities to take home over the weekend. This is a fun, easy way for children to begin serving others in our community.

Spaces are limited, so RSVP with Ms. Carrie to sign up.

Check the Proclaimer for more details.