

Christ Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

PRELUDE

Hymn To Joy - Burkhart

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (10:30 a.m.)

God's Hands - Burrows

Thank You for Family - Martin

Gloria Choir

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

OPENING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW #449

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.

All



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.

Refrain



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. God of songs and marvels, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that lifted Jesus to new life. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the ever-widening home of your love.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

Pew Bible/New Testament page #130

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Pew Bible/New Testament page #241

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 fifteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Pew Bible/New Testament page #109

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Tom Robison

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m.) *Love is Come Again* - Parker and Shaw
Sanctuary Choir

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 clcah.org.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. Holy God, **you have taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. Pour your Spirit upon these gifts. Send them into the world as signs of your joyous work of love. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

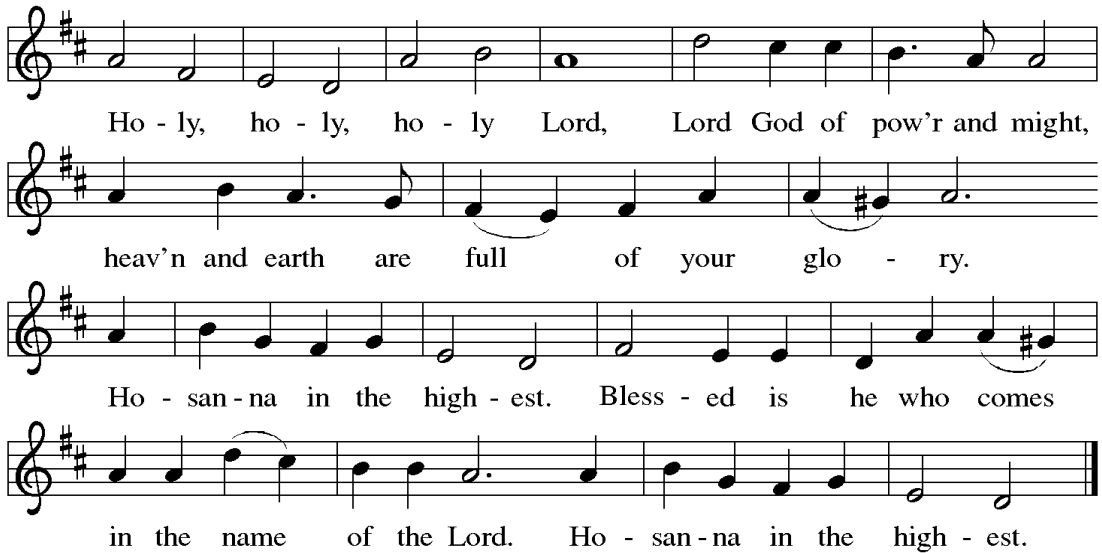
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

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. Holy God, **you have remained faithful in your steadfast love offered to all people. In this meal, we are healed by your grace and called again to be your beloved children and witnesses. Strengthen us in this time of worship that we might share the good news with all whom we meet, that you are love and in you there is no fear. Amen.**

SENDING

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.**

SUNG BLESSING (10:30 a.m.)

Blessing - Althouse
Sanctuary Choir

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon - Moffatt

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preaching & Presiding
Assisting Ministers
Lectors
Communion Helpers

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Tom Robison
Rev. Lorraine Potter
Richard Bardon
Cyndi Manes

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Tom Robison
Ryan Loyd
Bill Chavers
Edna Robbins
Kyle Loyd

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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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.

TODAY

- 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 Make-Up Day - come fill out any Talksheets you may have missed!
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Faith University - Rev. Tom Robison will lead conversation around life together as the community of faith at Christ Lutheran.
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education - Primrose House

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Money Counters, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Joseph's Sons, Longhorn Café at 1003 Rittiman Rd.

Tuesday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House
- 6:45 p.m. CLC Book Club, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Read Through the Bible via zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872> or 346-248-7799

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 p.m. Gloria Choir, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Angelicus Choir, Children's Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Conversational Spanish, Parlor

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

If you forgot to bring your pledge cards back last Sunday as part of Stewardship Sunday, you are still encouraged to turn them in to the offering plate today or mail them to the office. If you misplaced your card, there are more available at the usher stand. We thank you for your support of our congregation.

JOSEPH'S SONS

Monday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., Longhorn Café at 1003 Rittiman Rd.

Calling all CLC men! We will meet for a meal and fellowship. We will have a short Bible study. If you have questions or need directions, please call Joe Diana.

CLC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 7, 6:45 p.m., CLC Primrose House

All readers are invited to join the CLC Book Club as we discuss the book "*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*" by James McBride. Our June book will be "*The Frozen River*" by Ariel Lawson.

Questions? Check in with Edna Robbins.

GLOBAL REFUGEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Global Refuge (formally Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) is looking for volunteers to support refugees and immigrants in San Antonio. Opportunities include:

Refugee Resettlement Support

- Airport pickup
- Apartment setup
- Public transportation training and orientation

Career and Language Development

- Resume editing and development
- ESL tutoring

General Support

- Donation inventory and delivery
- Transportation
- Outreach events and more

If you would like to receive more information about these opportunities, please contact Deacon Lisa Diana by **Monday, May 13th**, so that we can schedule a 1.5 to 2 hour group volunteer orientation.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Tuesday, May 7 & 21 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (Every Other Tuesday)

This group regularly meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The class is led by Pastor H. Anyone can join, even if you haven't read along with us yet or may be behind. Join in for good conversation and company. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872>.

THE GATHERING: A GROUP FOR MOMS

Wednesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m., Olmos Perk Coffee

This group for moms with children ages birth through college meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Gathering is a place where moms of children can chat about anything and everything. It's a group to give advice when asked, to listen, laugh and just take a little time to make and grow friendships. This will be our last meeting until September. For more information, contact Joan Woods or Carrie Jowers.

RIVER CITY RINGERS IN CONCERT!

Pop, Rock, and Recollection Spring 2024 Handbell Concert Series

Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Come and enjoy the talented River City Ringers in concert for their Spring series. Concerts are free and open to the public.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 a.m., Bill Miller BBQ, 410 and Nacogdoches

All men of the church are invited to a short Bible study on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Breakfast tacos and fellowship at Bill Miller BBQ located at 410 and Nacogdoches Road.

HONORING OUR AMAZING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Please join us to thank our faithful Sunday School teachers for a wonderful year of learning about God! They have given their time to teaching, preparing lessons, and loving on our youngest members. We will thank them during Children's Time at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Thank you to our teachers: Lisa Diana, Patti Lynch, Troy Hall, Jennifer von Durckheim, Ava Carnahan, and Violet Seiders!

LUCY CIRCLE

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. CLC Parlor

All CLC women who seek to grow in consciousness, compassion, life skills, learning, and fellowship are invited to join. The Lucies will meet for a discussion on the "Unknown Costs" of addiction. Forty-three million Americans need substance addiction treatment, but only a tiny fraction receive it. The article by Wilson M. Sims elaborates. Edna Robbins will lead the discussion. If you'd like a copy of the article, please let Jan Norris know.

SUMMER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP

Each Sunday beginning with Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26, through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 1, we will hold one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On each of these Summer Sundays, you're invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. If you would like to participate in providing breakfast foods for the fellowship time, please let us know by using the sign-up sheet in the CrossWay or calling the church office. You may sign up for one or all of the food offerings – fruit, juice, and pastries. We ask that food be set up by 9:00 a.m. and that you stay to help with clean-up after worship.

Thanks in advance!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Nominating Committee consists of two members of the Congregation Council plus three members of the congregation. The Congregation Council approved Robb Decker (chair), Adam Melius, and Karen Waller and Council Members, Adam Braaten and Rhonda Barsalou, to serve on the Nominating Committee along with Pastor Leslie to nominate candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. Dr. Michael Fisher is completing his first term as President, Bryan Woods is completing his first term as Vice-President, Edna Robbins is completing her first term as At-Large Voting Member #1, and James Ehler is completing his first term as At-Large Voting Member #2 on Council and all are willing to stand for re-election to a second term at this year's Annual Meeting. Adam Braaten is finishing his second term as Treasurer and concluding his time on Council. We thank him for his service and will honor him this summer. The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions of candidates from any member of our church. Suggestions for all Congregation Council positions must be submitted in writing to the church office by **May 30**, and include the signature of the potential nominee, the position they are being suggested for, and information on his or her history and experience serving at Christ Lutheran. **The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, June 30 after worship.**



FIRST
HOLY
COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MAY 12

CONGRATULATIONS

Layla Timm, Archie Leigh,
Georgia Ann Leigh,
and Hadley Braaten

Reception in the CrossWay



Mother's Day Brunch

SUNDAY | MAY 12 | 9:30 A.M. | COURTYARD

During the Sunday school hour the children and youth have planned a special yummy brunch for their moms, grandmothers, aunts, or any special mom figure in their lives.





Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 19, at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
Reception in the CrossWay

Please join us to celebrate this special Stepping Stone for our 8th grade youth,
Maximilian von Durckheim, Silas Tenorio, and Madison Castaneda.

