

APRIL 11, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Weekly Worship: Sunday @ 9:30am

Sunday School: 10:45am on Zoom

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

In accordance to the Executive Order of the Commonwealth of PA, CDC and ELCA guidelines masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Extra seating is available in the fellowship hall, parlor and courtyard or you may listen to the service from your car.

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9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE "Resurrection Medley" arr. Mark Hayes

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

ENTRANCE HYMN "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" ELW #384

*That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light when,
to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord!*

*O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.*

*O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you,
once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

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

A Let us pray.

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,**
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

A READING FROM 1st JOHN

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia!

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN THE 19th CHAPTER

C Glory to you, O Lord

John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen 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.

L The Word of the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God!

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

written by Pastor Tom Cvammen

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY**“We Walk by Faith”****ELW #635**

*We walk by faith and not by sight, with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

APOSTLES' CREED

ꝝ Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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.

THE PRAYERS

- A** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

- A** You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A** You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A** You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A** You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Jack, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Elizabeth, Kay, Rich, Jack, Karen, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Jean, Carl, Neal, Larry, Patt, Sandy, Viola, Dennis, Janice, Ken and Gail. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A** You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A** You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please wave to each other or share the peace sign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 God of love,
 you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
 Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
 Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
 for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- C** **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 him 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 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

ꝝ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

ꝝ Lamb of God,
C you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

ꝝ Lamb of God,
C you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ꝝ The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

ꝝ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
C Amen.

PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, [†] Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the victor'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Refrain*

*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*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more the conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. Refrain*

DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Christ Is Arisen”

Leupold

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Dawn Luchi in memory of Leo and parents.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God.

Worship Helpers

9:30am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Reader	Nancy Lockwood
Ushers	Rob & Nancy Lockwood

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Next Weekend:

April 18, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30am Worship Service
Sunday School at 10:45 on Zoom

BEAR CREEK CAMP INFO

Registration is now open for summer camp at Bear Creek Camp. Information is on the bulletin board in the parlor or go to bearcreekcamp.org for all the information about dates, COVID policy, etc. Financial help is available for cost of camp. Contact the church office. Summer camp positions are also open.

2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS

Now that the church is open weekday mornings and Sunday, the flower and bulletin charts are posted on the bulletin board to sign-up. You can still call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year. There are MANY openings!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Growing Young Book Group At Christ Lutheran

In the upcoming months, we will be reading the book *Growing Young*, and studying the six essential strategies that have helped congregations to “Grow Young”

If you’re interested, please stay tuned for dates and times or contact the church office for information and join us!

LWR QUILTERS

Mark your calendars! Quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will begin on **Thursday, May 6 at 9am** and the first Thursday of each month thereafter. Remember, you **don't** have to know how to quilt to be part of this group. If you can tie a knot, you're good to go. More details will follow in the bulletin as we get closer. If you have questions or want to participate, please contact Jean Frye at 570-788-5700 or Marian Jaxheimer at 570-788-6098.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE SALE

Yes, those wonderful peanut butter pies are back! **Orders begin Sunday April 11th and order deadline is April 30th (NO orders after that date).** Watch for the order form.

Drive-thru pick-up dates are Saturdays May 15th, 22nd & 29th from 11am-1pm. *You will need to specify what date you want to pick-up your order.*

MAY LUNCHEON
SATURDAY MAY 15TH – 12PM
LOOKOUT HOUSE
COST \$10 – PAY DAY OF EVENT

Moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, all ladies of the church are invited. Meal includes sandwich, soup, salad, beverage and dessert. For reservations call 570-788-1572 by Sunday May 9th.

**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE
NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 18TH**

APPLE PICKIN' TIME?

It is hard to believe that it is time to plan our annual Apple Fest for October 16, 2021. Our committee's first meeting will be **Thursday May 13th at 10am**. Anyone interested in planning or volunteering for the event is welcome to attend. We will meet in Roth Hall and hope to see some new faces.

Hopefully, we will be able to have our Fest indoors with all the activities, but of course, can switch gears and do a food drive-thru that was well supported by our congregation and community.

Call or e-mail Barb Gaval at 570-788-4219 or barb123@ptd.net for more info.

PLEASE NOTE:

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

**YOU MAY COME AND WORSHIP FROM THE PARKING LOT IN
YOUR CAR -If listening in the parking lot, please tune radio to 90.1FM**

WE ARE LIVE!

FaceBook Live that is. Our Sunday morning 9:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clcconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

Stephen Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
(Galatians 6:2, NRSV)

The congregation is planning on starting a new outreach program called Stephen Ministry. This ministry offers an effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members called **Stephen Ministers**—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. These can include, but are not limited to, death, divorce/separation, job loss, relocation, life threatening illness, loss of property, etc.

Stephen Ministers are trained by **Stephen Leaders**, all being from the congregation. **Stephen Leaders** and the church pastor match **Stephen Ministers** with people in need of care. The **Stephen Minister** meets with his or her **Care Receiver** for about an hour a week to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. This relationship lasts as long as needed. It is important to remember that this ministry IS NOT counseling. **Stephen Ministers** gather together twice monthly to receive the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to provide high-quality care. They also participate in continuing education to enhance their skills.

This ministry was started in 1975 by Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, to help him provide Christian care and support to people in his congregation and community who were experiencing life difficulties. It is based in St. Louis, MO. Stephen Ministry is in more than 13,000 congregations from more than 180 Christian denominations, in all 50 states in the US, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries.

For more information on Stephen Ministry, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com or Pastor Deb.

