

**MARCH 31, 2024**  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY**  
**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Weekly Worship:      Saturday @ 5:00pm**  
**Sunday @ 10:30am**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.**

**As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.**

**Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer**

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**Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow(president), Dave Kisenwether, Tyler Russell, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president).**

**Designated Pastor – Rev. Wayne Lupole**

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.

**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).

**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!

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. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MARCH 31, 2024**  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY**  
**7:00am and 10:30am Worship Services**

**PRELUDE**                      “All Creatures of Our God and King”                      arr. Chris Rice  
**CHORAL PRELUDE**                      “An Easter Call to Praise”                      arr. Stacey Nordmeyer  
*Celebration Singers*

**GATHERING**

PLEASE STAND

*P*      Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C**      **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**                      “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”                      **ELW(red) #382**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*P*      Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**C**      **Amen.**

*P*      Look, here is water!

**C**      **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*P*      Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom’s land.

**P** In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.  
Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **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 (CONGREGATION SINGS ALL MUSIC)

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo- ple of God.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow- er, rich- es, wis- dom, and  
 strength, and hon- or, bless- ing, and glo- ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre-a- tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A- men.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A* Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 118:1-2, 14-24

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

- <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## A READING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.



On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

## 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK the 16<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

<sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*P* The Gospel of the Lord.



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**SERMON**

**Pastor Fairchild**

PLEASE STAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**ELW(red) #365**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*P* 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* Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

*A* Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. Especially we pray for all on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts (*pause*)...God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*A* Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P* Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen.**

MEAL**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*p* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please greet each other as you are comfortable.*

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**OFFERING****ANTHEM**

**“Sing an Alleluia to the Lord”**

**Douglas E. Wagner**

*Celebration Singers*

PLEASE STAND

**OFFERTORY**

**☞** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*A* In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.  
 Risen One,  
 you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
 May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
 Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
 through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God,  
     we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
     for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
     and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
 We give you thanks for Jesus  
     who, living among us,  
     healed the sick,  
     fed the hungry,  
     and with a love stronger than death,  
     gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
     his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
     we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
 Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
     carry us in your arms from death to life,  
     that we may live as your chosen ones,  
     clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
     Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
     in your holy Church,  
     both now and forever.

**C Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*P* 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P* The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
 Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION

**C** 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. There are two communion stations. Both sides of the congregation will proceed to the altar at the same time. Pick up an empty communion glass as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

**C** Amen.

## CANTICLE

**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A*     Shepherding God,  
           you have prepared a table before us  
           and nourished us with your love.  
           Send us forth from this banquet  
           to proclaim your goodness  
           and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
           our redeemer and friend.

**C**     Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

*P*     Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C**     **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*P*     The God of resurrection power,  
           the Christ of unending joy,  
           and the Spirit of Easter hope  
           ✠ bless you now and always.

**C**     Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

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### DISMISSAL

*P*     Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C**     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

“Postlude on ‘Saint Kevin’”

Arthur S. Sullivan-arr. Humphrey Turner

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### **Worship Helpers**

#### *7:00am service*

Acolyte	
Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Reader	Shirley Ikeda
Comm. Asst.	Ashley Marsicano
Ushers	Sue Oliver & Barbara DeLong

#### *10:30am Service*

Acolyte	Hadley Brutosky
Asst. Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Reader	Bonnie Floryshak
Comm. Assts.	Gary Houseknecht & Russ Nyblade
Ushers	April Nyblade & Volunteer

### **Calendar of Events for the Week of March 31, 2024**

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday -	10:00am	Stephen Ministry Supervision
Wednesday-	11:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday-	9:00am	Quilting Group
	5:00pm	Karate
Friday-		
Saturday-		

**Next Weekend:**

**April 6 & 7, 2024**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**NO Saturday Worship Service**  
**Sunday Worship Service at 10:30am**  
**9:15am Sunday School**

**EASTER LILIES 2024**

Helen Badamo and Family

In memory of Anthony Badamo

Gordon and Grace Boyer

In memory Don Boyer

Sue Boyer

In memory of Don Boyer

Joyce and Jim Bradbury

In memory of loved ones

Jay and Lisa Budgeon

In memory of loved ones

Chivers Family

In memory of Charles and Florence Kisenwether

Patt and Cindy Derr

In memory of Cindy's dad and Patt's parents

David & Joanne Getz

In memory of Sally Heller

Shirley Heckrote

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Heckrote

Alan & Janes Houseknecht

In memory of loves ones

Fred and Marian Jaxheimer

In honor of Fred's mother Sandra Jaxheimer

Diana Jessel

In memory of Frank Jessel

Deb Jones and Dennis Mallams

In memory of Tom Winters

Deb Jones, Tony and Jesse

In memory of H. Raymond and Eleanor Jones

Charles Lingenfelter

In memory of Sandra H. Lingenfelter

Dawn Luchi

In memory of Leo Luchi

H. D. Mallams

In memory of Kurt Mallams; Harry and Ruth Mallams

Sandy Marchetti

In memory of Ted and Helen Houseknecht

Susan Oliver and Family

In memory of Johnnie and Jack Oliver

Cathy, Tim and Tyler Russell

In memory of parents, grandparents and brother

Carol and Wil Samler

In memory of Robert and Gloria Moore; Wilbert, Sr. and Elva Samler

Steiner Family

In memory of loved ones

Ruth Swank

In memory of loved ones

Tom Toth

In memory of Carol Pastorella

Rick Walck

In memory of Diana, Richie & Emily

### **OUR PRAYER LIST**

Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Frank, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Kim, Eileen, Samantha, Emily, Jarrod, Amanda, Dawn, Nancy, Rob, Violet, Scarlet, Robbie, Seth, Seth, Jr. Josh, Dick, Tom, Judi, Rodney, Pauline, Tom, Anita, Alex, Madison, Patti, Bob, Jean, Doug, Dolores, Gene, Donna, Bruce, Charlotte, Paul, Glen, Cindy and family and Rob. A copy of the prayer list is on the bulletin board in the parlor for you to take home.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you are in need of pastoral care or wish a visit, please contact the church office at 570-788-1572, email [clcony@ptd.net](mailto:clcony@ptd.net). In case of emergencies, you can also reach Cindy at 570-788-3708 or 570-579-7732 or Pastor Lupole at 570-708-1690.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

Dates are open for volunteers to teach Sunday School in 2024. Open dates are: **April 14, 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26 for the Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> grade class and May 12 for the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class.** Please consider helping by picking one of the dates. All material is provided. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the parlor.

### **DEVOTIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

Have you seen and read the devotional prayers that are posted periodically on our congregation's Facebook page? Hopefully, when you read them, you will find encouragement and a sense of God's peace as you go about your daily life.

### **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

LDR is asking for gifts to help with the recent disasters and wars. The survivors/victims need our support. Checks may be out to the church and marked **LDR**.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

They are among us. No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. As Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ". If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is one of our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministries. For more information contact Deb Jones or any of our Stephen Ministers.

## **2024 BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART** **IS AVAILABLE**

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece).

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday night Bible Study is each week at 7pm. Currently, we are wrapping up Exodus and will be starting Leviticus shortly.

Wednesday morning Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 11am. We use the "Wired Word" current affairs material and discuss how it relates to the Bible and our lives.

## **BEAR CREEK CAMP**

Registration for Summer Camp is now open. See the poster on the bulletin board in the parlor for dates and take an information packet that shows costs phone, e-mail and other information. Financial help is offered to campers from our congregation (see Cindy).

## **SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

### *Sharing the Journey*

### *“Grief Shared is Grief Diminished”*

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco Church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions starting in April that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief.

The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one’s grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain.

The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on Monday, April 1, 2024. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

## **VALLEY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEAL**

The next meal is Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:00pm at Black Creek United Methodist Church at 158 Golf Course Road in Sugarloaf. Tickets are available in the church office. There is no cost for the tickets but a free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go to fund the next meal. Please pick up your tickets by April 12<sup>th</sup> so they know how many to prepare for.

**SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024**  
**PASTORAL CANDIDATE**  
**MEET & GREET – WORSHIP – VOTE**

**9:00am** – The candidate will be here to hold a question-and-answer time. If you have any questions or concerns, please come at 9am. This time will be followed with fellowship and light refreshments until 10:15am.

**10:30am** – worship service led by the candidate.

***After the worship service*** – important meeting with vote on the candidate.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be here for this important and exciting next step for our congregation!!!

**NOTE** – *NO Saturday service on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>.*



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## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life - more;  
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now;  
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

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*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The musical score is written in a key with three flats (F major or D minor) and a common time signature. It consists of four systems of music. The first system is the vocal line for the first phrase, followed by piano accompaniment. The second system is the vocal line for the second phrase, followed by piano accompaniment. The third system is the vocal line for the third phrase, followed by piano accompaniment. The fourth system is the vocal line for the fourth phrase, followed by piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;  
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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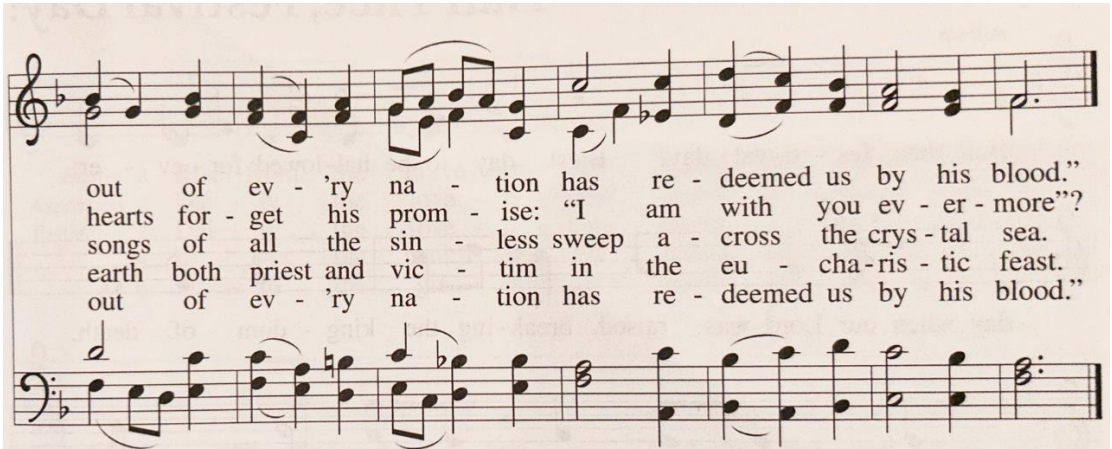
## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (one flat). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood." "hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? "songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea." "earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast." "out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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## 369 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!