**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**
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**April 14, 2024**

3rd Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. An accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you’d like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Young worshippers may visit our COR-KIDS Playspace in the rear of the sanctuary. Activity bulletins are available for children.

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ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor **C-Congregation**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**GATHERING**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

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. 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.**

P: Look, here is water!

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

**Gathering Hymn:** O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)

**Apostolic 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.**

**Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn of Praise** Christ is Arisen, Alleluia! (ELW 364)

**C: Christ is arisen, alleluia! Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia! For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert**

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

Psalmody Psalm 4

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.*

12[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.
 17“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

*The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

 1Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
  you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
 2**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;**
  **how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**
 3Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;
  the Lord will hear me | when I call.
 4**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;**
  **speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.** R
 5Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
  and put your trust | in the Lord.
 6**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”**
  **Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.**
 7You have put gladness | in my heart,
  more than when grain and | wine abound.
 8**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;**
  **for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure.** R

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
 4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(In honor of God’s Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)*

**Gospel Acclamation** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

**C: Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (2x)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

36bJesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.
 44Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Children’s Time** The Rev. Kimberly A. Vaughn

*(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Kimberly A. Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Hymn of the Day** We Will Glorify (AAH 286)

**The Nicene Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession** Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: 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.*

P: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **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. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**Greeting of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of Christ’s peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)*

*Please be seated.*

**Offering & Offertory Music**

(*In response to hearing God’s Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: 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. **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, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heav’n 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.**

**Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught…

**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**

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

*Please be seated.*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn:** His Name is Wonderful (AAH 307)

**Distribution of Communion**

*(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)*

*Please stand as able.*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** God is So Good

*GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

P: 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**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

*(Please see the last page.)*

**SENDING**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**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** Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)

**Closing Anthem** Jesus Remember Me

**Dismissal**

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

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

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Pianist Kim Norton

Lector: Toni Mabry

Counters: TBD

Usher: TBD

*Thank you to those who assisted in today’s worship.*

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**Our Parish Calendar**

**April Birthdays:**

Zuri Hart 4th

Cornelia Hazel 14th

Jalen Braithwaite 19th

Annastacia Braithwaite 20th

Kim Norton 27th

**April Baptism Anniversaries:**

**Worship Assistants for 4/21/2024**

Lector: Janasia Carter

Counters: TBD

Usher: TBD

**Worship Assistants for 4/28/2024**

Lector: Joan Narain

Counters: Corey Brooks and TBD

Usher: TBD

**Worship Assistants for 5/5/2024**

Lector: TBD

Counters: Jameka Carter and TBD

Usher: Joy Griggs and Joan Narain

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Congregational**:

* SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Emma & Anna Eckhardt Scholarship application is now open for college students. Please consider applying.
* COUNCIL RETREAT: The church council will be in retreat on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00—2:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior’s building. Please mark your calendars.
* BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on “Daily Discipleship”. See Pastor Kimberly for details. Bible study is offered both in-person and on Zoom. (NOTE: There will be no afternoon or evening bible study on Thurs. April 18th.)
* HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION: If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
* LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
* Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for April and following months.

**NJ Synod and Community:**

* The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Late fee (Feb. 15—April 15) is $475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is $190 (Waived restriction apply). A $150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

***CHRIST IS RISEN!***

***HE IS RISEN INDEED!***

***ALLELUIA!***

***126th YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST***

***THROUGH GOD’S WORD,***

***THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,***

***WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST***

*† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community*