

Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

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INTRODUCTION

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
 To you, our Beginning and our End,
 our Shepherd and Lamb,
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
 now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* (ELW 314)

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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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.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

Refrain

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


 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb


 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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



 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

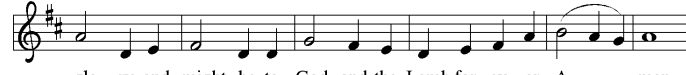

 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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


 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

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


 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was


 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

 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

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

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.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”

⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples

came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON

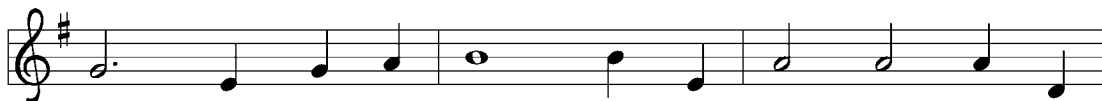


HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (ELW 696)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

O Risen Christ, we may not see a blinding light, hear God's voice, dream visions of singing multitudes, nor have You help us catch over a hundred fish, but we are blessed to have you with us always. Help us to see You in every person we meet and to feel your presence in our lives. Teach us to follow You and your disciples, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Creator God, we praise you for forming us from dust and giving us life each day. We marvel at the majesty, beauty, and complexity of everything you have made. Remind us that we do not own the land, air, water, plants, and animals, but are here to care for them. As the Earth awakens this spring, keep us mindful of the ways we waste our resources and destroy your Creation. Open our eyes to enjoy the beauty of the greening buds and our ears to hear nature. Inspire us to be faithful stewards, working to make sure that the gifts of nature will flourish for future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Holy Spirit, we pray your peace will spread throughout our broken world, so all people will put down their weapons and set aside their hatreds. Give wisdom to the world's leaders to seek compromise and reconciliation rather than torture, oppression, and war. Protect refugees, anyone living in violence, and military service people. Comfort their families who deal with worry and stress. Send us out to work for justice and peace and inspire us to "Feed and tend your sheep." Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Loving God, we rejoice that you have named and claimed us. May we constantly praise you, discern and use our talents wisely, and share our bounty with those in need. Bless all pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders. We also rejoice with those who are celebrating special milestones, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, and other happy occasions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Healing Lord, "I cried to you for help, and you have healed me." We pray You will continue to care for us and carry our burdens. Restore to wholeness all those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. Guide and bless the work of all medical professionals, researchers, and caregivers. Strengthen those dealing with long-term diagnoses: such as addiction, dementia, and depression. Wrap our elderly loved ones and shut-ins with your warmth, comfort, and love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you answer all our needs. Listen now as we offer other prayers, either silently or aloud..... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Comforter, we pray for those who are dying or have passed away. Console their family and friends who mourn, bringing them peace and hope in the days of grief ahead. Strengthen us all in the promise of eternal life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Bonnie Childress' cousins, Dale McCaman and Valerie Nixon, who both were found unresponsive after cardiac arrest.

Mark Snyder for further testing after seizures.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING – THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES OUR MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

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OFFERTORY

(Tune: This Land Is Your Land)

This church is your church, this church is my church
We come to worship with Love Divine,
We enter into His Courts of Mercy,
When we commune with bread and wine.

We hail from Norway and from Ohio,
Some come from P. A, or Minnesota;
We join a worthy far reaching end goal,
To serve and help each living soul.

We care for orphans, and feed the hungry,
We honor manna sent from above;
We give to missions and a Food Pantry,
We hold the Hand of endless love.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

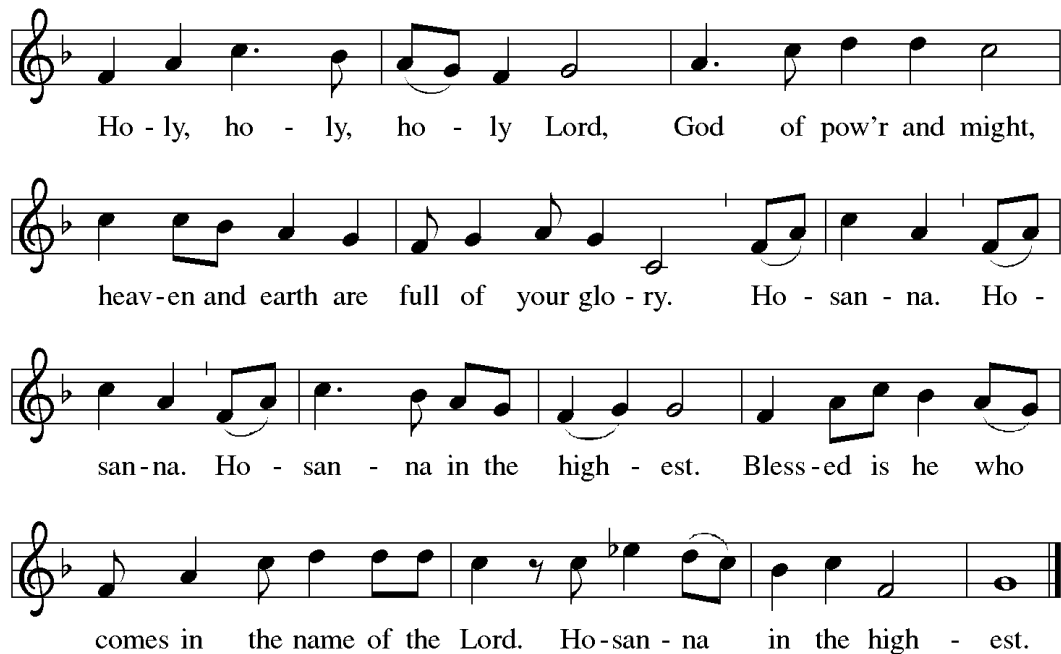
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth....
 ...Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

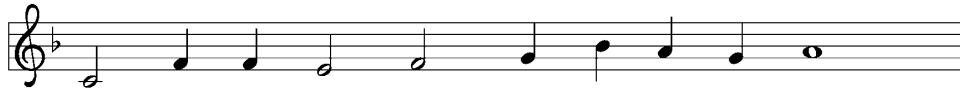
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church (ELW 321)



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY: *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Asst/Lector: Greg Newton; Livestream: Sam Hanson; Greeter: John Deno; Time with Children: Kay Cleland; Acolyte: Jane Unger*