

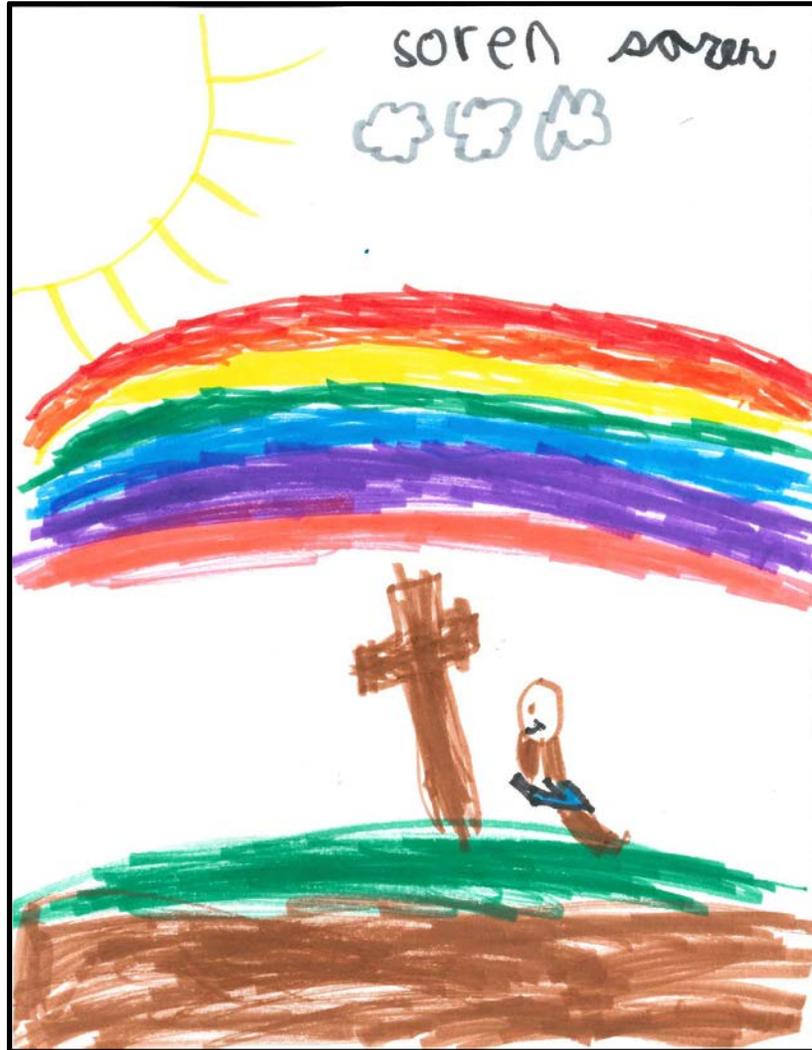


Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2017



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement: *“Gospel In Action: Caring for all God’s children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.”*

## **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship** - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

**New to CELC** - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

**For those with children** - We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you or your children need a break, we have a nursery room available with your supervision. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you to the nursery. Coloring and activity bags are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week at CELC. All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to your seat. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, you are encouraged to do so. Gluten-free crackers and grape juice are available for those with dietary needs. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

### **This Sunday, April 16**

**Greeters:** Myers family **Usher:** Eric Mohney **Lector:** Carol Meiners  
**Acolytes:** Drew Fournier and Ruslan Nordman **Cantor:** Joe Guthman  
**Assists:** Cantor, Genny Helmink, Fred Kirtner, and Acolytes

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **PRELUDE**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**ELW 365**

### **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

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **FIRST LESSON      JEREMIAH 31:1-6**

L: The first lesson is from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,<sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**



<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers 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. R

## SECOND LESSON COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

L: The second lesson is from Colossians, the 3rd chapter.

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL JOHN 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they

have laid him.”<sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.<sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.<sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,<sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;<sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;<sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.<sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”<sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Jeff Steeber**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**ELW 367**

## **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**

**A: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.**

*A brief silence*

**A: We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**A: For the earth. Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare. Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick, especially.. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **OFFERING**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a line of lyrics. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

## PREFACE

P: 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done</i>	ELW 366
	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	ELW 362
	<i>O Lord, throughout These Forty Days</i>	ELW 319
	<i>Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands</i>	ELW 370

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**            *The Day of Resurrection*

C: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

W: Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph, And all that is therein.

M: Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

C: Then praise we God the Father, And praise we Christ the Son,  
With them the Holy Spirit, Eternal Three in one;  
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,  
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

**A: Sisters and Brothers in Christ...**

**C: As the Gospel in action, go in peace. Christ is with you! Thanks be to God!**

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## **SERMON NOTES**

*Lilies beautifying our sanctuary this morning are...*

**Given by:**

Vera Barnick  
Jean Crawford  
Brenda Crout  
Hilda Drury  
Joe Guthman  
Genny & Howard Helmink  
Bill and Ruth Higgins  
Bob & Anita Hlava  
Nita Reiber  
Alfred Grenke  
Loved Ones  
Fred Kirtner  
The Knip family  
Johanna & Lizzie Markko  
Carol Meiners  
Howard Pressnell  
Jon Pressnell  
Ken Reiber  
Ken Reiber  
Keith Reiber  
Ron & Randi Smarsh  
Harold & Karen Wagner  
Jan Wunderle  
Andy and Michelle Young  
Wilbert and Flossie Schrader

**In memory of:**

Richard Barnick  
Bruce Crawford  
Charles Crout Sr.  
Thomas Drury  
Bobbie Sue Guthman  
Loved Ones  
Our Parents  
Carol Aufdenkampe  
  
Geraldine  
Mary Knip  
Grandparents  
Jason & Lane Meiners  
Marilyn Pressnell  
Marilyn Pressnell  
Juanita Reiber  
  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Don Young

***For the glory of God and in Thanksgiving:***

Charles & Jamie Crout  
Carol Homola  
Gisela McFarland  
L. Musat  
J. Polacok

*The last few months have been a very busy time around Christ Lutheran Church. Many people have extended themselves in helping out and we would like to say...*

# THANK YOU!

- ◆ to Randi Smarsh, our organist, for her faithful service to CELC
- ◆ to the choirs for your hard work, time, and dedication
- ◆ to all those who helped with the soup suppers
- ◆ to everyone who helped make our Lenten services a success
- ◆ to youth and parents for planning, preparing, and serving a wonderful Easter breakfast
- ◆ to all who shared their musical talents this past year by playing instruments for worship services
- ◆ to everyone who helps with our outreach programs
- ◆ to those who are serving on church committees
- ◆ to Nadine Carlson, Brenda Crout, and Stacy Jantz for planning VBS
- ◆ to Jan Wunderle for managing the Lily sales
- ◆ to all the Worship Assistants and their schedulers
- ◆ and... to everyone else that has been helping out with all the ministries at Christ Lutheran Church!

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