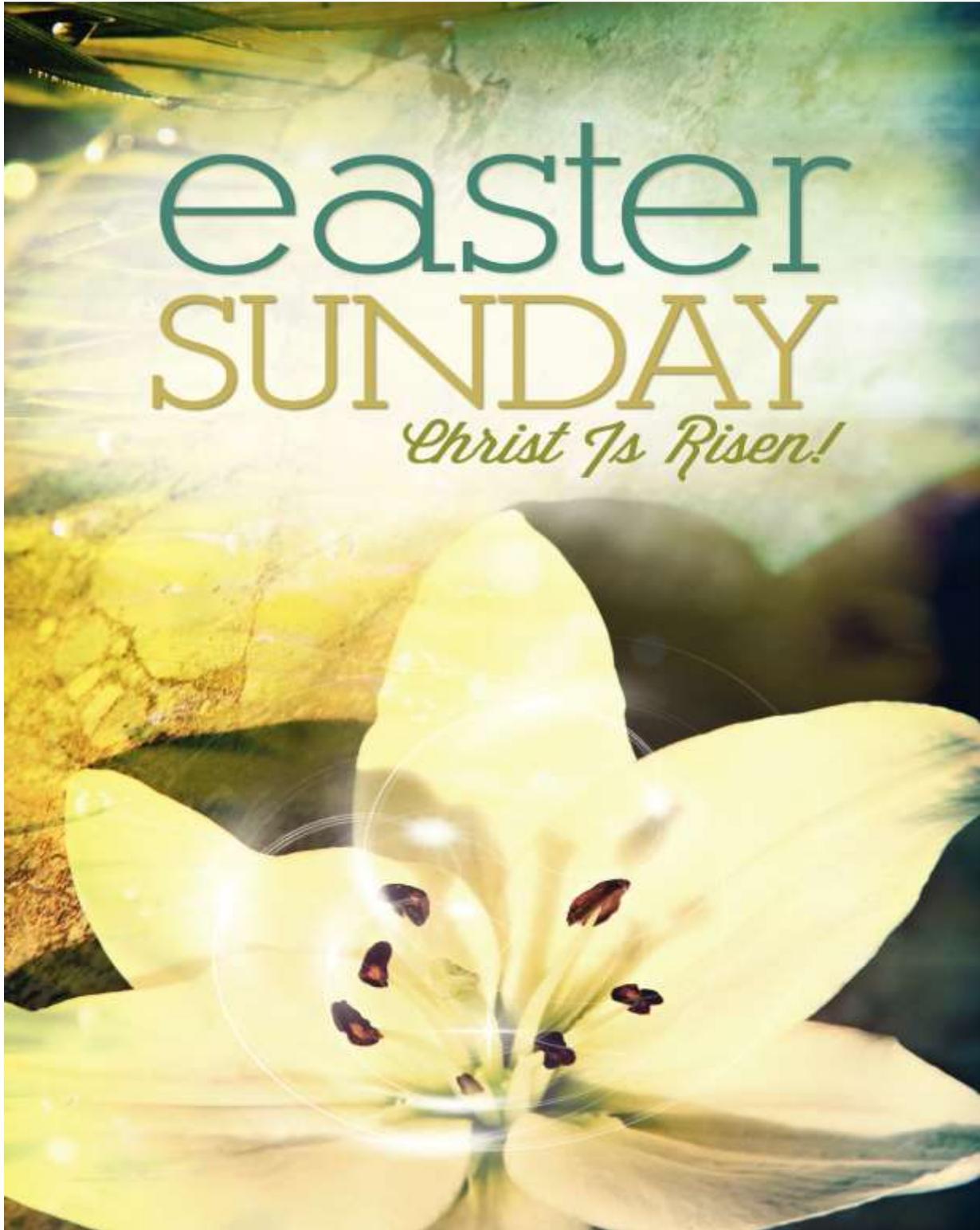




Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 2018



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 **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367**

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

ACTS 10:34-43

L: The first lesson is from Acts, the 10th chapter.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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!

²³**By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

L: The second lesson is from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

¹Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether 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!

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Early 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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary 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 **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

ELW 365

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: On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

A brief silence

A: You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

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: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

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 image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. 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. 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.

The image shows a musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.'

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

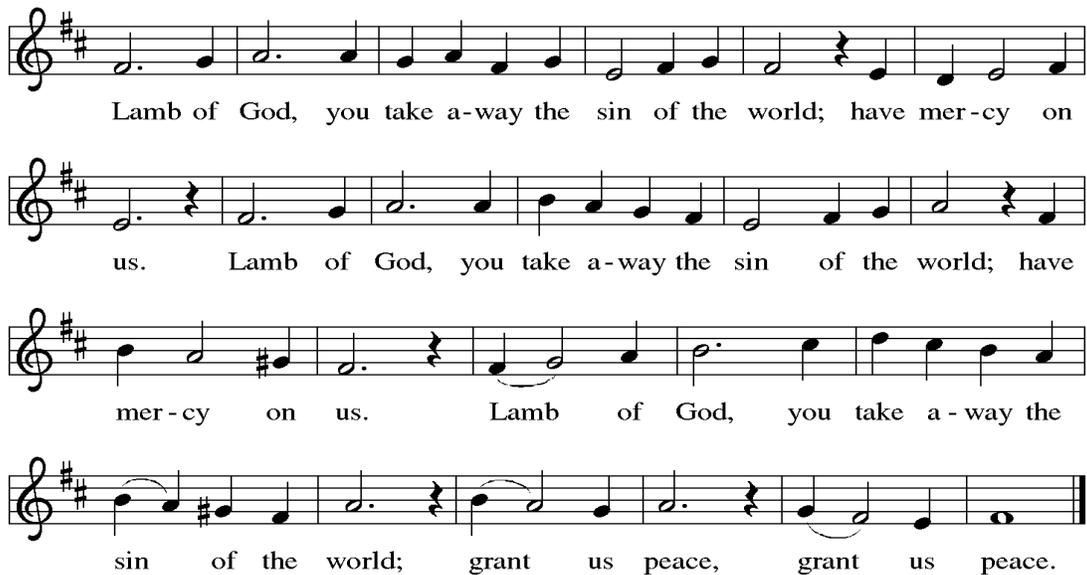
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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	“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”	ELW 362
	“Now the Green Blade Rises”	ELW 379
	“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”	ELW 619
	“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”	ELW 383

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: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



All: 1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en — con-qu'ring Son;
 Choir: 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en — from the tomb;
 All: 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, — scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let — the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us — more than con-qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave-clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Christ now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us — safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en — con-qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

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DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON NOTES

Lilies beautifying our sanctuary this morning are...

Given by:

Fred Ayers
Vera Barnick
Quella Columbaro
Jean Crawford
Brenda Crout
Hilda Drury
Barb Dwyer &
Kelly Dwyer Radeff
Joe Guthman & Fred Kirtner

Genny & Howard Helmink
Bob & Anita Hlava

The Knip family
Beth Kral
Johanna & Lizzie Markko
Janet and Michael McCoy
Carol Meiners
Howard Pressnell
Ron & Randi Smarsh
Ryan Smarsh
Harold & Karen Wagner
Arlene Walters
Jan Wunderle

For the glory of God and in Thanksgiving:

Bob and Anita Hlava
Gisela McFarland

In memory of:

Norma Ayers
Dick Barnick
Floyd and Louise Couch
Bruce Crawford
Charles Crout Sr.
Thomas Drury
Joseph Dwyer & Shawn Radeff

Bobbie Sue Guthman, Dorothy Guthman,
Geraldine and Ken Bozak

Loved Ones
Family and friends who have passed

Shirley Mitchell

Mary Knip
Milan Kral
Loved Ones

Walter and Dorothy Buchbinder

Jason & Lane Meiners

Marilyn Pressnell

Loved Ones

Susan Cicerchi and Eloise Mason

Loved Ones

Niznik and Walters families

Loved Ones



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 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 and women's circles
- ◆ to those who help with our Christian education classes
- ◆ to all the Worship Assistants and their schedulers
- ◆ and... to everyone else that has been helping support all the ministries at Christ Lutheran Church!

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