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Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here. May you feel the presence of God with you and in this community as we sing, pray, hear the Word and share in God's communion.

If you would like to share with us your name and connect with us in other ways, there is a visitor card at the back of this bulletin that may be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

Here's some things it may be helpful to know:

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Most of what you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal at your seat. If a song is not in the bulletin, it will be in that book.

Our **"Pray & Play"** area is for our children! We are so glad they are here and rejoice that God gives us many ways to worship, learn and pray. We love their giggles and squirms. Children's coloring pages are available for them. There are books and bibles available for all ages, and kids are encouraged to participate and help with every and any aspect of the service – including reading Scripture and helping with communion! There is also a "Wiggle Room" towards the back of the sanctuary if you need a separate space for your little one where you can still hear the service.

Volunteer Schedule	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Communion Preparation	Carolyn Clendaniel	Jan Dodds
Fellowship	NEEDED	Phyllis Rude
Technical Support	Megan Bladow	Don Bladow
Altar Flowers		Courtice Family

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

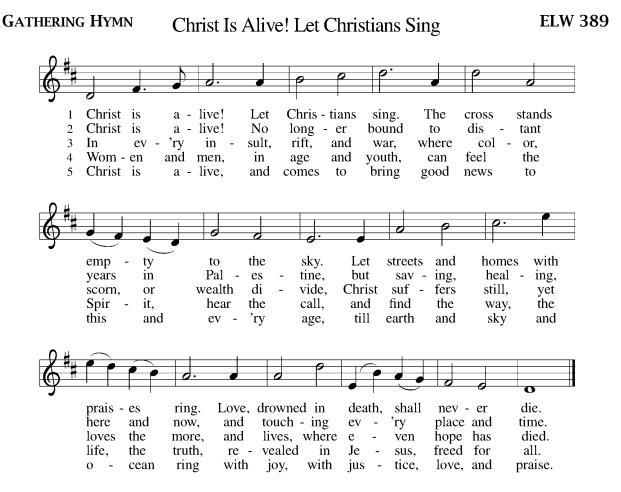


Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**



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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE—1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the book of 1 John.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Chris Terry

SCRIPTURE — Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus 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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you!

OFFERING

On the back of this bulletin you will find a tear-off sheet for you to fill out your information if you are visiting, or if you would like to submit a prayer request. All prayers are private unless you indicate otherwise. Please place the sheet in the offering.



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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

EUCHARIST PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

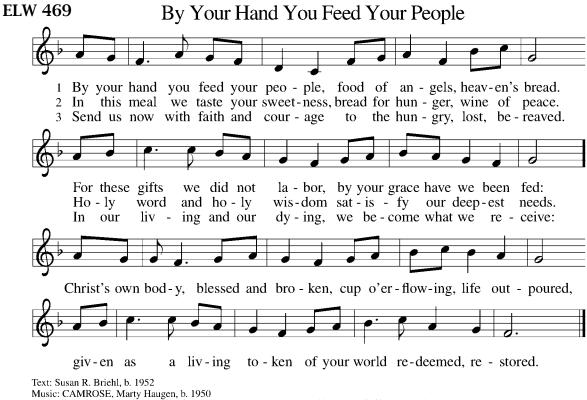
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
- O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS



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Touch That Soothes and Heals See My Hands and Feet



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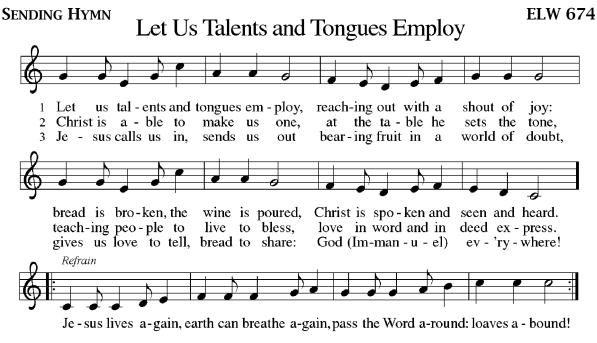
BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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SUNDAY, APRIL 14 •8:30 AM—Bible Study •10 AM—Worship with Holy Communion •2 PM—Christian Worship Center •4:30 PM—Confirmation Class at Central Lutheran Church

MONDAY, APRIL 15 Office Hours 1-5 PM •6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Office Hours 1-5 PM •4:30 PM—Mobile Food Pantry •7 PM—Plus 24 AA •7 PM—Shoulder to Shoulder Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Office Hours 1-5 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Office Hours 1-5 PM
•6 PM—Church Council Meeting
•6:30 PM—Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 •6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 •12 PM—United Church of God •5 PM—Christian Worship Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
•8:30 AM—Bible Study
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□ I would like a call from Pastor Liz April 14, 2024