

The 7th Sunday of Easter, 12 May 2024 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

We have come to the final Sunday in our celebration of Easter. The risen Christ has ascended into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We, too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

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

We are gathered in the name of the Father, + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In baptism, by water and the Word, God liberates us from sin and death, joining us to the resurrection life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God's Easter promise be renewed in us

as we proclaim our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

-Silence -

Do you reject the devil and all his empty promises, renouncing the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I do, by the grace of God, and the power of the resurrection.

Walking with God's people, will you seek His ways,

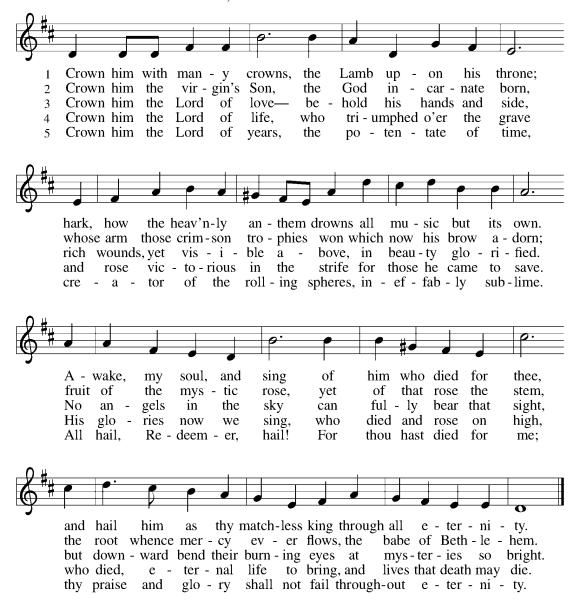
showing His saving grace by faith-filled word and action?

We will, by the grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news: God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might have forgiveness of our sins, and live in faith and hope. By the precious blood of Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven! Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and praise our Father in heaven.

Blessed be God, forever! Alleluia! Amen!

WE SING THE GATHERING HYMN: ELW #855, CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST (ON THE NEXT PAGE)



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Silence- The Prayer of the Day is offered. We join our hearts in silent prayer.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON is from the Acts of the Apostles, the first chapter. (Act 1:1-11)

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for Reflection

PSALM 1 is read responsively by verse.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

THE SECOND LESSON is from 1 John, the 5^{th} chapter.

(1 John 5:9-13)

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Refrain:

SERMON SONG: #364, VS 1 before the Gospel

Christ has 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!

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John, the 17th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord! (John 17:6-19)

[Jesus prayed:] 6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to vou, O Christ!

RESPONSE:

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."

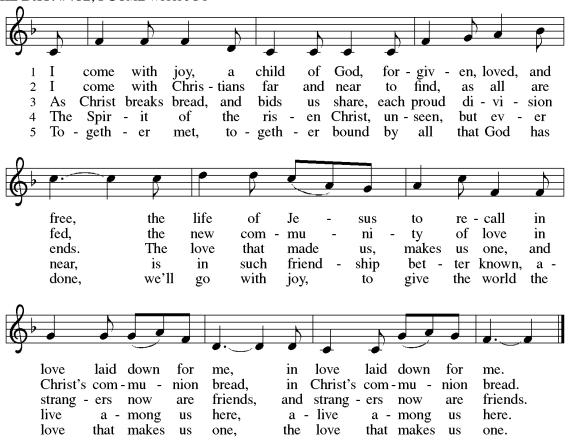
Refrain:

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!

Please be seated.

TEACHING THE WORD / SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #482, I COME WITH JOY



Please stand at pastor's invitation.

We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all longing for wholeness and peace.

We join our hearts in prayer for one another, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each petition concludes: ...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** We offer our own prayers aloud or in silence following, people of God, for what else shall we pray?

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

THE PEACE

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

We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In house the offering is collected. In house or joining us online, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.



THE OFFERTORY: HYMN #186, "Create in Me"



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. silence Risen and living Lord,

vou call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Nourish us at this your Table of grace

that we become your witnesses to the world

working for peace and justice so all may know Jesus Christ,

as Savior and risen Lord. Amen.

Meal

We join our hearts in silent prayer as the Table is prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.

It is our right, our duty, and our great joy to thank and praise You, O God

for the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to new and eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending praise:

Holy are you, Lord! Holy are you, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the wellspring of all holiness.

We praise you for the gift of creation, the work of your hands,

so wondrously formed in holiness and beauty.

When humanity turned away in sin you restored us by the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

That in forgiveness and joy we might thrive, giving thanks and remembering:

That on the night 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 and 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.

In obedience and thanksgiving, we remember the great and mighty acts of God, and proclaim the mystery and promise of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Proclaiming all glory and honor is yours through the Holy Spirit, O God, we offer our prayer in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE 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.

THE AGNUS DEI: JUST AS I AM, #592

Just as I am, without one plea / but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown / hath broken every barrier down; now, to be thine, yea thine alone / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We share in the Lord's Body and Blood. Pastor will ask us to take up our communion cup and invite us to commune using these or similar words:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

This is the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you!

Take and eat, take and drink!

THE COMMUNION

<u>All</u> who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine are invited to commune. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you.

The hymn during communion is #481, Come to the Table



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Eternal God, living Savior,

All of creation sings for joy at the risen life of Jesus.

Fill our hearts with your power and peace,

and send us forth renewed and rejoicing,

living in new life to be a blessing to the world.

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen!

Sending

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

WE SING THE SENDING HYMN: #392, ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS



THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace, and tell the news that Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WORSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CREDITS:

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE MAY BULLETINS are sponsored by Susan Bechtold in Memory of Henry and Randy Bechtold. **THE MAY WEB SITE** is sponsored by Susan Bechtold in Honor of my daughter and all my grandchildren!!!

LECTOR: Barbara Bell

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Rick and Genya Hopf

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS –The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember bishop-elect Bryan Penman (P/C), George Kallenbach (H,R) and Al F (H,R). Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the June/July edition of Christ's Call is TODAY! Please place all news items in Cindy's mailbox or email them to the church office.

GRADUATING SENIORS: If you or someone in your household is graduating from high school or college this spring, please submit their name, school, degree and future plans to the church office by May 12th for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thank you.

BLESSINGS BY THE BOX – We will once again be helping local Tinicum Elementary families facing food insecurity over the summer months by supplying them with Giant gift cards. We will be collecting donations through the end of May and gift cards will be distributed at the end of the school year in early June to 10 families (a total of 45 people). We have currently raised about \$20 per person for the summer. Last year's families were most appreciative of this assistance. If you would like to help, please place your donations in an envelope and note that it's for Blessings by the Box or drop your donation in the basket by the sanctuary doors.

OUR ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 10 a.m. at Peace Valley Park, pavilion #5. Hot dogs will be provided, but please bring a dish to share as well as your own place settings, tablecloth and lawn chair if you desire more comfortable seating. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to make a donation of needed items or volunteer to help with set up of the pavilion.

THE ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY was held on May 3 & 4 and featured the election of a new bishop to lead the Synod. More information about the assembly and bishop-elect Bryan Penman can be found at ministrylink.org.

SPRING YARD SALE, June 1st, 9AM-3PM, at Tinicum UCC. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details and if you would like to reserve a space.

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS: You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. There are sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. A sign-up sheet with instructions is posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights, turn down heat and change the hymn board...see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

LECTORS: Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

DID YOU KNOW...Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,989.00 through this program in 2023 and \$751.00 to date in 2024.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,400 in 2023 and \$1,000 to date in 2024.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of May we are collecting peanut butter and jelly, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (stew, cereal, tuna, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

TABOR HOME SUPPORT – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

The Week of May 12th at a Glance

Sun. 5/12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter
	9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School
	10:30AM Fellowship Period
	Happy Mother's Day!
	Newsletter Deadline
	Happy Birthday, Krista Gruver!
Mon. 5/13	Confirmation Class
	Happy Birthday, Delana Woodward!
Tues. 5/14	7:00PM Council
Wed. 5/15	11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
Thur. 5/16	8:30AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Bible Study
Fri. 5/17	Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Sat. 5/18	Happy Birthday, TJ Ziegler!
Sun. 5/19	The Day of Pentecost (wear red!)
	9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
	10:30AM Fellowship Period
	3-5PM Girl Scouts