



Easter Sunday + The Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE/CHOIR ANTHEM: time for prayer and preparation.

My brothers and sisters, join our voices with the church throughout the world,
of every people and language, and proclaim the good news: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WE SING THE GATHERING HYMN #365, JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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



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



B 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.



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



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.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence-* 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. Open our hearts to the new life that is ours, that every day we may rise to life, hope and peace, and let die all that is sin and death; through Jesus Christ our 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 10th chapter. (Acts 10:34-43)
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.”
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Silence for Reflection

PSALM 118 is read responsively by verse.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

**²Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

**¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.**

**¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”**

**¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”**

**¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

**¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.**

**¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”**

**²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

**²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**²³By 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.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was now and will be forever. Amen!**

Silence for Reflection

THE SECOND LESSON is from Colossians, the 3rd chapter. (Colossians 3:1-4)

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

Please stand.

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.**

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!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 28th chapter. (Matthew 28:1-10)

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, 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

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*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)

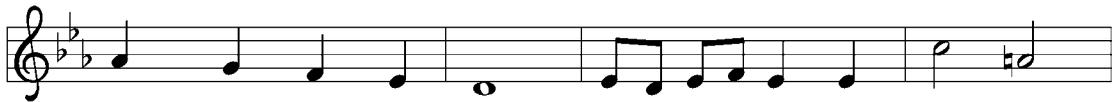
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #376 THINE IS THE GLORY (ON THE NEXT PAGE)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Please stand at pastor's invitation.

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.

I ask you to confess your faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:
Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

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.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

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.

May God renew us by the life-giving Spirit of the risen Christ,
and strengthen us to walk by faith in newness of life!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 with a wave, placing a hand over our hearts, even a little bow in whatever touchless way you choose. Following the peace, please be seated.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offering is collected as we bring our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God’s gifts and mercies. 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”

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. *Silence* Mighty God of Resurrection, we lift our offering to you with our joyful alleluias. May we be strengthened by the glorious news of this day and so renewed by this Meal that we will be witnesses to the triumph of light over darkness! In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

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,
Almighty and eternal God earth and heaven resound with gladness
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation praise your praise:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy and merciful are you, O God: When humanity turned away in sin
you restored us by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, who conquered death
restoring in humanity the image of your glory.

For 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.

Through this gift of Christ's body and blood call us to freedom,
strengthen us for life through forgiveness, and empower us
to share with others what you have freely given to us.

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

We share in the Lord's Body and Blood. All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that He 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! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: "The Body of Christ given for you" and "The Blood of Christ shed for you". The recipient may respond "Amen".

The musicians are communed first, followed by the organ side then the pulpit side. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Host from Pastor. Then move towards the side aisle to receive the Wine by intinction, dipping the Host into cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisle.

Following communion there is time for prayer and reflection as the altar is cleared and the chalice vested. Following communion and the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.

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.

Please stand.

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 strengthen us to show the love revealed to the world

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

THE SENDING HYMN ELW #369, CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS'N TODAY



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

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

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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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 APRIL WEB SITE is sponsored by Pastor Caron, Mike and Nick in thanksgiving for the people and leadership of Christ Lutheran and in memory of our departed loved ones.

TODAY’S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pastor Caron and Mike in Thanksgiving!

WE WELCOME Debra Bacak as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

LECTOR: Kim Campbell

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS –The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Jackie Gardner (H,P,St) and the family and friends of Verna Casteel as they mourn her death. 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.

BLESSINGS BY THE BOX: This program helps local Tincum Elementary families facing food insecurity during the summer months. The number of families needing assistance has increased from 3 last year to 6-8 this year. You may place your donations in the basket by the sanctuary doors or place cash or check in a marked envelope and drop it in the offering plate or church office. Deadline is May 31st.

TABOR HOME EASTER COLLECTION: Thanks to your generous donations, \$190.00 in Giant gift cards was delivered to help provide Easter baskets/meals for the children and families supported by Tabor Services.

WE WILL BE HOSTING THE PIPERSVILLE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE on April 14 & 15 and April 21 & 22. The church will be selling soup and baked goods as well as holding a rummage sale. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or talk to Kathy Brown to volunteer to help. Book donations may be placed on the stage and rummage sale items (good condition only) may be placed in the room next to the kitchen.

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.

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.

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 \$1,600 in 2022 and \$500 to date in 2023.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of April we are collecting canned fruit and baby food, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (peanut butter, cereal, pasta, 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 will 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 April 9th at a Glance

Sun. 4/09 The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday
7:00AM Sunrise Service
8:00AM Easter Breakfast
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, NO Sunday School
10:30AM Fellowship Period
Happy Birthday, Chad Kallenbach!

Mon. 4/10 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Tues. 4/11 7:00PM Council

Wed. 4/12 7:00PM Ensemble
Happy Birthday, Emily Cree!
Happy Birthday, Maggie Meyerhoff!

Thur. 4/13 8:30AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study

Fri. 4/14 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
10AM – 6PM Book/Bake/Soup/Rummage Sale

Sat. 4/15 9AM-Noon Cemetery Clean Up
9AM-1PM Book/Bake/Soup/Rummage Sale

Sun. 4/16 The 2nd Sunday of Easter
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period
3-5PM Girl Scouts

Easter Lilies and Remembrances

In Memory of and in Honor of All Our Loved Ones given by the Campbells.



In Thanksgiving for the People and Leadership of Christ Lutheran and in Memory of Our Departed Loved Ones given by Pastor Caron, Mike and Nick.

In Honor of Our Newest Gift – Granddaughter Zelie given by Holly and Bill Hanisak.

In Memory of All Our Loved Ones Who Have Passed Away and in Honor of All Our Family and Friends, especially Our Church Family Here at Christ Lutheran given by Ron, Peg and Melanie.

In Memory of George, Mildred and Bruce Hopf and Michael and Mary Kondyra given by Richard and Genya Hopf.

In Memory of Our Parents given by Chuck and Bev Maddux.

In Memory of My Mother Christine Drury, My Father Michael Drury II, My Brother Michael Drury III and My Sister Sharon Drury Thomaszfski given by Kim Szymanowski and Family.

In Loving Memory of Ramona Phelps and in Honor of All Our Children and Grandchildren – Anna, Emeline, Noah, Carrie and Christopher given by Gerry and Craig Trauger.

Boiler Fund

In Memory of Our Loved Ones given by James and Cindy Carper.

Endowment Fund

In Honor of Our Daughters and Expanded Families given by Holly and Bill Hanisak.

Memorial – Special Gifts Fund

In Memory of Our Parents, Blanche and Paul Trauger, Elva and Floyd Weisel, and Our Dear Cousin, Roger Jenkins given by Gerry and Craig Trauger.