

MARCH 31, 2024 | 8AM WORSHIP | EASTER SUNDAY

# HE IS *Risen*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today, we celebrate the cornerstone of our Christian faith: Easter! Throughout Holy Week we have journeyed with Jesus from His entry into Jerusalem to His last meal with the disciples in the Upper Room, and then to the Cross, on which Jesus gave up His life for all humanity. Death, however, does not have the last word in the story of Jesus! Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as recounted in the Gospels. The Resurrection is Good News for all people: if Christ has arisen, we too shall arise!

St. John Paul II said in 1986, “We are Easter people... and Alleluia is our song!” Let Alleluia be your song today – for Christ has triumphed over death!

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## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

If you brought little ones with you today – we are overjoyed to have them here. While your worship might feel more like a wrestling match, a battle of wills, or a circus... your time, efforts, and distracted worship are worth it. Even the messiest and most frustrating days are not wasted. If your little one just needs a place to stretch their legs for a second, we have a **Family Room** in the back of the sanctuary.

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## HOLY COMMUNION + WHAT WE BELIEVE

Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust in the words “my body... my blood... for you”, repent of all sin, and seek to live by the Lord’s ways. If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

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## CONNECTION CARD

Please let us know you’re worshipping with us today. You can give us as little, or as much, info as you’d like. There is also a place on the connection card to submit a prayer request, make a comment, ask a question, or express interest in next steps. If you’d like to give an offering, you can do that, too! Scan the QR code or visit [christlamesa.org/hello](http://christlamesa.org/hello).



# + ORDER OF WORSHIP +

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*Please stand, if you are able, as we prepare our hearts to worship God and receive His good gifts.*

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

## OPENING HYMN | LSB 457 | JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## CONFESSION OF SIN | PSALM 32:5; PSALM 51:10; 1 JOHN 1:9; JAMES 5:16

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate God together.

*We take a moment for self-reflection as we confess to God our imperfections.*

Leader: For the times we've sinned against you in thoughts, words, and actions, Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

Leader: For what we have done, and what we have left undone, Christ have mercy.

**All:** Christ have mercy.

Leader: For not loving you with our whole heart, and not loving our neighbors as ourselves, Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## RECEIVING OF GRACE

*Please be seated as we enter the "Liturgy of the Word." Since the early days of the church, portions of the Bible have been read during worship so that all may be formed by the Word of God.*

Reader: Our first reading is from Exodus, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

<sup>2</sup> “The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup> Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. <sup>7</sup> “In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

<sup>9</sup> The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’ <sup>10</sup> But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup> Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? <sup>12</sup> “You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies. <sup>13</sup> In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. <sup>14</sup> The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia. <sup>15</sup> The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away; <sup>16</sup> terror and dread will fall on them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone—until your people pass by, LORD, until the people you bought pass by.

<sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established. <sup>18</sup> “The LORD reigns for ever and ever.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-58 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1642

Reader: Our second reading is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL | MARK 16:1-8 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1454

Leader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

**All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | NADIA NIYOMWUNGERE

### APOSTLES' CREED

*The Apostles' Creed serves as a timeless and foundational expression of the Christian faith, offering a sense of shared identity. We utilize the creed as a statement of belief about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Adults may be seated. Children are invited to come forward for an age-appropriate message.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE HYMN | LSB 469 | CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## HOMILY | AGAINST ALL ODDS

## OFFERING | [CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE](http://CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE)

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## HYMN OF RESPONSE | SANCTUARY CHOIR AND SABBATH SOUND BELLS | EASTER BELL CAROL

*Easter bells are ringing this Easter day, All the birds are singing, they seem to say,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, praise the King!" Let us all our songs and praises ring.*

*Easter bells are ringing this Easter day, All the bells are ringing, they seem to say:  
"Alleluia, He is risen, Christ our King!" Let us all our songs and praises ring!*

*Please stand, if you are able, as we lift up our prayers to God.*



## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Each petition ends with:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All:     Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers, we continue with the Lord's Prayer:*

**All:     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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION | ISAIAH 6:1-8; 2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1; MATTHEW 26:26-28

*The Sursum Corda (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an ancient Christian communion prayer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised with Christ and now reign with him in heaven. We end this preface with the Sanctus (Latin: "Holy"). The Sanctus is one of the songs being sung in heaven before God's throne. We join our voices with the angels and those who have gone before us in the faith to give glory to God. After the Sanctus, we embrace the ultimate Mystery of Faith, as bread and wine become, for us, the Body and Blood of Jesus.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All:     And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.


**All:     We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:     It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly ... evermore praising You and singing:

All:



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.

Pastor: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed...

## SHARING OF THE PEACE | MATTHEW 5:9; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

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

All: And also with you.

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) | JOHN 1:29



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



*Please be seated, and join in singing the hymns, as you reflect on God's love and prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. You can find what we believe about Communion on the bottom of page 2.*

## COMMUNION HYMN | LSB 633 | AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

## **COMMUNION HYMN | LSB 744 | AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## COMMUNION HYMN | LSB 605 | FATHER WELCOMES

**REFRAIN:** Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. **REFRAIN**

In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. **REFRAIN**

Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. **REFRAIN**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN | LSB 465 | NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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# THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Celebrant and Preacher:** Pastor Travis Ferguson; **Liturgist:** Deacon Jacob Sitze; **Children’s Message:** Cheri Selander; **Acolyte:** Logan Johnson; **Reader:** Dana Blackford; **Music Leader:** Kathy Barkett; **Trumpet Players:** Oscar Cardoso and Miguel De Santiago; **Opening Hymn Organist:** Jeff Miller; **Special Music:** Sanctuary Choir and Sabbath Sound Bells; **Worship Partner:** Dale Mastny; **Communion Assistants:** Mike Maass, Gunnar Schalin, Kent Schwartz, and Steve Smith; **Livestream, Sound, and Media:** Stuart Gardner, Craig Barkett, and Trevor Voss; **Welcome Team:** Dallas Johnson, Mark Brouker, Mike McGhen, Julie Brown, and Sandy Zeilinger.

# IN OUR PRAYERS

**Celebrating a birthday this week:** Britton Bradley, Carson Holden, Christy Johnson, Evie Walters, Lois Womack, Sarah Salisbury, Jim Cole, John Lieber, and Jeffry Miller **Healing:** Katha Kuspa, Sylvia Press, Lucy Price, Nancy Sierra; **Others:** All those who don’t yet live as Easter people.

# OUR STAFF



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**2024 EASTER OFFERING | HELP US PACK 100,000 MEALS** – Easter is just around the corner... but millions around the world have difficulty thinking about the joys of Easter because their bellies are growling from hunger. Help us change that this Easter. Our goal is to pack 100,000 meals - and we need your help to do it. Make a difference. Donate to the Easter Offering today by going to [christlamesa.org/easter](http://christlamesa.org/easter).



**THE 2024 MEXICO HOUSEBUILD | SATURDAYS IN APRIL AND MAY** – As a church, we partner with AMOR Ministries to build a home for one family in Mexico. Join us on April 13, 27, May 11, and 18 as we help our neighbors to the South! Anyone over 8 years old with a valid passport may come to serve on a build Saturday. Friends and family are welcome to join. Scan the QR code to sign-up.



**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL** - Named Premier Parent Choice Award Winner for 2022-2023, our Christ-centered and accredited School and Preschool have been committed to academic excellence since 1958. You get tradition and legacy with a bright and exciting future with Christ Lutheran. If you are interested in enrollment, visit [lutheranschool.org](http://lutheranschool.org) or call **(619) 462-5211, ext. 3**, and schedule a tour today!



**PICKLEBALL AT CHRIST LUTHERAN** – Join us in the Gym on Mondays from 7-9 pm for an amazing night of Pickleball! Equipment is provided, but you can also bring your own. Church and school family, friends, neighbors and community members are welcome. Questions? Contact Matt Rochester at [mattrochie7@gmail.com](mailto:mattrochie7@gmail.com). This provides a great opportunity to connect your friends with Christ Lutheran in a non-threatening atmosphere.



**CONNECTING STUDENTS TO JESUS AND OTHER STUDENTS** - Youth Ministry at Christ Lutheran is about growing relationships between students and fun, faith-filled adults. This is done by gathering consistently through worship opportunities, Bible studies, games, fun activities, mission trips, servant events, leadership development, and more. Each month there is a way to stay connected and grow in faith. Find out more at [christlamesa.org/youth](http://christlamesa.org/youth).

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