



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 19, 2020**  
**Service of the Word**

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Continually refreshed by the fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too, might be refreshed and renewed.*

# GATHERING

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Christ is Risen. C **He is risen indeed!**

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GREETING

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Throughout Easter the second reading will be from 1 Peter, a sermon given to the newly baptized.*

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 16

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2All my delight is in the LORD that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.

3But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips. R

5O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

7I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

8I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

11You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

*Every year this is the Gospel read on the Second Sunday of Easter. It begins after Mary Magdalene has told the disciples that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to her and sent her with a message of comfort to them.*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephen Herr

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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## NICENE CREED

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.

## OFFERING

Offertory Message

Offering Anthem                                    “Diapason Piece”                                    Samuel Wesley

Offertory Prayer

P     Let us pray.... Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P     Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition of the prayers:*   P   Lord, in your mercy,   C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P     Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LORDS 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

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

“Postlude in D”

JKF Fischer

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**About today's hymn:** “Christ is Alive!” was written in the ten days between the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Easter Sunday in 1968. While its author, Brian Wren, has revised the text several times since then, the theme remains the same – the Resurrection is not a purely past event, but one which reaches into the present and promises the future, in which Christ shares our suffering, but is not defeated by it.

**Hymn and scripture reading introductions are written by the Reverend Dr. Mark Oldenburg.**

## **PRAYER LIST**

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **David Clark, Orville Nyblade, Joyce Naugle, Dante John and the Barnabei family, Kay Gray, Marty Henderson, Easter Dorsey, Dave Lopes, Irene Linzmayer** (cousin of Marie Chantelau), **Jake Parsons** (cousin of Renee Winters-Dunn) **Joseph McLaughlin** (father of Sally Jones), **Alan Lewis** (son of Joanne Zinn Lewis) **Scott Badger** (Jim Badger's brother), **Ron Roth** (friend of George Gallagher), **Lee Flinner, Maddie** (friend of Doug, June and Jordan Smith)

We pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones including the **friends and family at the death of Bill Roulette** (brother of Kib Roulette), **Kalina Hart, Randy Jessup** (Rose Anderson's son-in-law), and **John Vannorsdall** (former Gettysburg College Chaplain)

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat and Harold Kint) and **Mark Dende, Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Helen Bream, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Gladys Zech, Pearl Hoffman, Kay Gray**

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **Ramona Suehr, John Wolfe, Jr., Gus Douds, Jack Bream, Marie Chantelau, Lillian Winters-Dunn, Anna Ward, Karen McKay, Clifton Suehr**

In this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we pray for all person providing healthcare to our community and the world.

### **Worship Leaders**

Presiding Minister- Pastor Jay Eckman  
Preacher – Pastor Stephen Herr  
Organist- Cameron Wentz  
First Reading – Denise Royer  
Psalm – Paul Royer  
Gospel Reading: Paul, Denise, Sophia, Maria Royer  
Camera and Editing – Jared Herr  
Trumpet – Jared Herr



### **Staff**

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