



Today's Worship at
Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter 2

April 8, 2018
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Living in Peace

The stock market may crash; buildings may burn down; banks may close; doctors, businesses, and the love of family members may fail; but the good things that Christ gives will never fail because they are based on historical fact – Christ's resurrection from the dead. He lives; and because he lives, we live in peace.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

WE PRAISE GOD IN SONG

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His name.

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of cre - a - - tion.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall live for - ev - er.
Come, let us praise the liv - ing God; Joy - ful - ly sing to our Savi - or.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
for sins of habit and sins of choice,
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and Sacrament and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Acts 3:12-20 We live with conviction

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-- even Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29b

John 20:19-31 We live with peace

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

THE MESSAGE – 1 John 5:1-6

How's Your Love Life?

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ.

He did not come by water only, but by water and blood.

And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners. He redeemed us from Satan's power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sin, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

HYMN – “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*”

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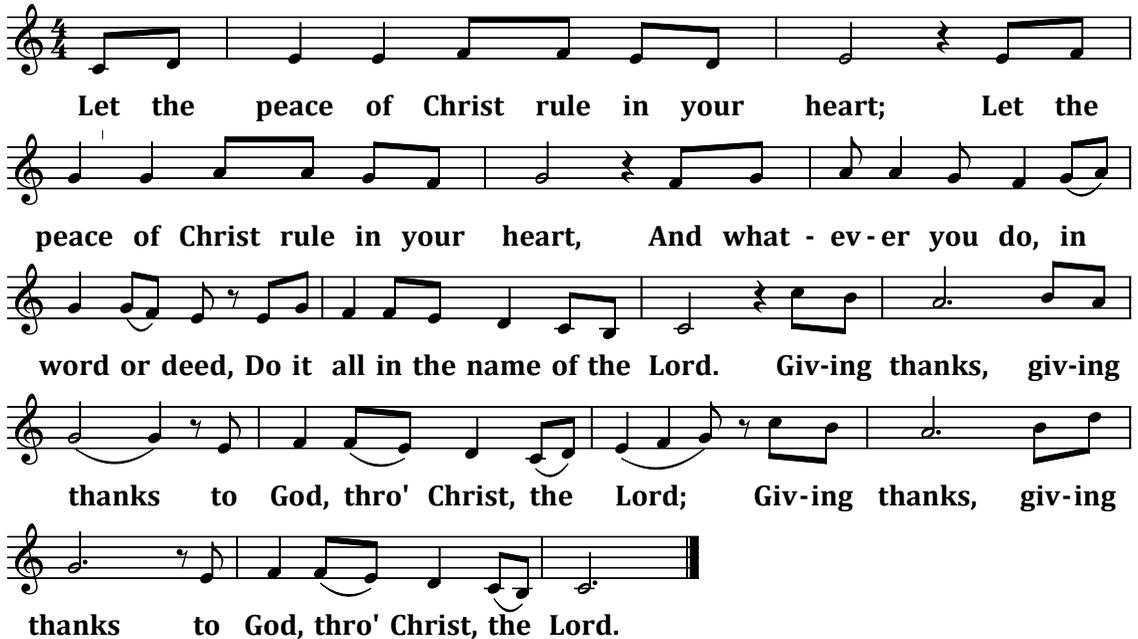
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CHILDREN'S LESSON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – page 126 in Christian Worship

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING



Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the
peace of Christ rule in your heart, And what - ev - er you do, in
word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord. Giv-ing thanks, giv-ing
thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giv-ing thanks, giv-ing
thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord.

CALENDAR – April 8

- Today** 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School
9:15a Finance Board
12p Catechism
- Tuesday** 10:30a Sr. Bible Class
7p Church Leaders
- Thursday** 8a Breakfast Bible Study
7p Worship with Communion
7:45p Bible Study
- Sunday** 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School
12p Catechism Class
1:30p Youth Group
4-6p COR Potluck & Game Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER LIST: Please contact the church office if you have any conflicts for May and June. Thanks!

COR WORK DAY: Saturday, April 21, from 9a to noon. A list will be available of jobs for the morning. Please come and serve your Savior!

COR GAME NIGHT AND POTLUCK: Join us for a Game Night and Potluck Sunday, April 15th, at 4p. Bring your favorite games, your favorite kids and your favorite dish to share! Games being at 4p followed by a Potluck Dinner.

COR WOMEN’S GROUP: We are getting together next Sunday, April 15th, at 1p to put together the blessing bags. You are invited to help!

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Please consider enrolling in our online donation program to set up an automatic weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly offering. You can also choose a one-time donation. Go to www.corchurch.com and click on the Donations tab.

SCHOOL MUSICAL: Join us Friday, April 27th, at 6:30p for the musical production “The Secret of My Success”. We will have a spot reserved for you!

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at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

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A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.

Children - Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.

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