
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Easter 4
Vicar Daniel Rodewald
April 22, 2018**



**SERVICE OF THE WORD
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Opening Hymn *"Alleluia Jesus Lives"*

CW 153

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

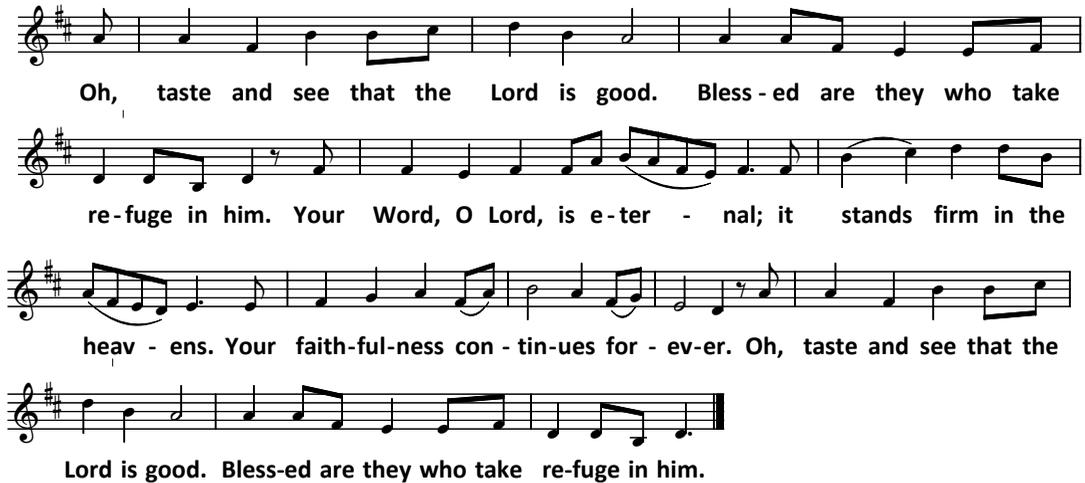
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the
heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Acts 4:23-33 – One in heart

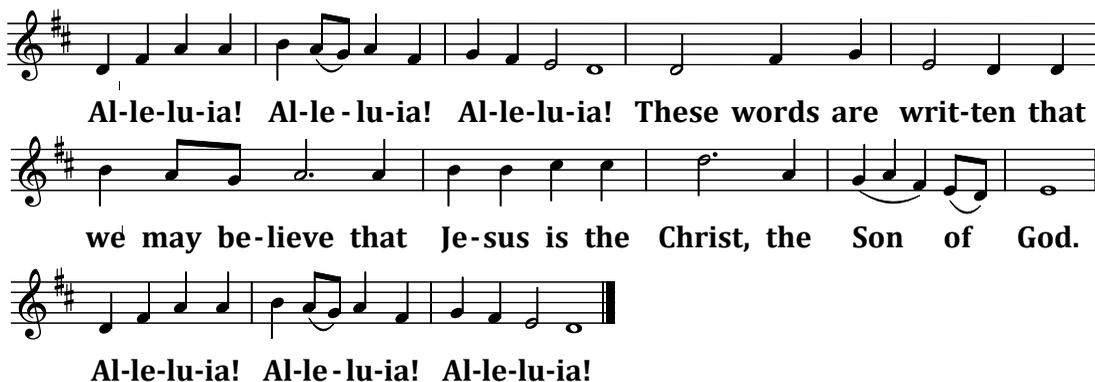
On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'" Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants

to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

John 14:6



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that
we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

John 15:9-17 – One in love

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

Sermon

“Living and Loving with Confidence”

1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This then is how we know that we belong to the truth,
and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence

²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us.

For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God

²²and receive from him anything we ask,
because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to love one another as he commanded us.

²⁴Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them.

And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.

HYMN – “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

CW 358 vv 5-7

THANKSGIVING

Offering and signing of the Friendship Register

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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

Children's Lesson

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

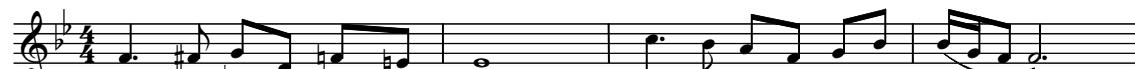
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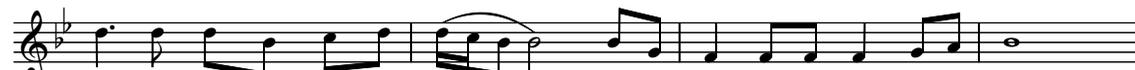
I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus keep me from all wrong;
Through this world of toil and shares, If I fal - ter Lord, who cares?
When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly o'er To thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.



Just a clos - er walk with thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea.



Dai - ly walk - ing close to thee. Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – April 22

- Today 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
No Catechism Class
- Monday Calendar and Newsletter Information should be sent to the church office: christredeemer@corchurch.com
7p Outreach Meeting
- Wednesday NO COR Sr. Choir
- Thursday 8a Bible Study
6p Adult Discipleship
7p Worship
7:45p Bible Study
- Friday 6:30p COR School Musical
- Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship
9a Choirs to rehearse
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
12-1:30p Catechism Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

To all who helped with our work day yesterday – it was much appreciated!

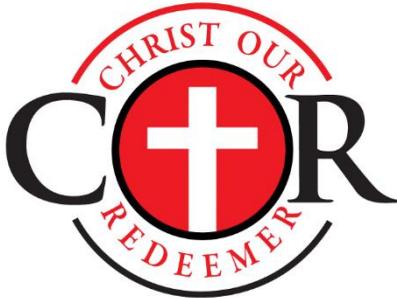
Our thanks to Vicar Dan Rodewald for leading us in worship and preaching. Vicar serves at Christ Lutheran in Denver. In our WELS church a vicar is a 3rd year student at our seminary and spends this year out in the field under the training of a pastor.

SCHOOL MUSICAL: This Friday at 6:30p. Join us for the musical production “The Secret of My Success.” All are invited, we hope you can join us.

Rocky Mountain Lutheran Christian Camp: RMCC, located in Leadville, CO gives our young people an opportunity for Christian fellowship with others of their same faith (youth from New Mexico, Utah, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming). This year RMCC will be July 14th – 21st. Youth entering 6th grade are eligible. The cost is \$150 per person (includes all food and tents). For more information or to register go to <http://www.rmcc-wels.com>.

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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.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.