



# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**A warm welcome to our visitors.  
May the Lord bless  
your worship with us today!**

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# OPENING HYMN

## “Speak, O Lord”

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-ceive the food  
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the height



of your Ho - ly Word. Take your truth,  
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts  
of your plans for us. Truths un - changed



plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in your  
and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of your  
from the dawn of time, That will e - cho down through e -



like - ness That the light of Christ might be seen to - day  
pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
- ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es,



In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All your  
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you



pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
fill the earth with your glo - ry.

*Stand*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

P: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**C: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

P: God has claimed us as his own.

**C: He has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Our doubts and fears we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to leave behind the way of sin and death and to fully embrace our new life in Christ, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to proclaim by word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our unwise use of the many gifts God has entrusted to us, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## **FIRST LESSON Acts 12:1-19**

<sup>1</sup>It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup>When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

<sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

<sup>6</sup>The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

<sup>8</sup>Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. <sup>9</sup>Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

<sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

<sup>12</sup>When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup>Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup>When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

<sup>15</sup>“You’re out of your mind,” they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.”

<sup>16</sup>But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup>Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. “Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this,” he said, and then he left for another place.

<sup>18</sup> In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup>After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

## **PSALM 118**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song;

**C: he has become my salvation.**

P: The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;

**C: The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!**

P: I will not die but live,

**C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

**C: you have become my salvation.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**C: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”



<sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**SERMON**

***“This Joyful Eastertide”***

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This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
Death's flood has lost its chill! Since Je - sus crossed the  
My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day pri -



- son, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ a - ris-en, a -



- ris-en, a - ris-en; But now is Christ a - ris - en!

## **SERMON TEXT 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6**

<sup>12</sup>Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, <sup>13</sup>I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

<sup>14</sup>But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup>For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup>To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? <sup>17</sup>Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

<sup>1</sup>Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? <sup>2</sup>You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. <sup>3</sup>You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup>Such confidence we have through Christ before God. <sup>5</sup>Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. <sup>6</sup>He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant —not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

# **“Smelly Ministry”**

*Stand*

## **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 our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Be seated*

## **PRAYER**

### **THE 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.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Our church practices membership communion.*

*We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

*You will be guided to the table by an usher.*

*Your group may come forward together.*

*Please practice social distancing with other groups or individuals.*

*The bread and wine are laid out individually for you to remove from the table.*

## **BLESSING**

**P:** 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 peace.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *“Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak”*

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Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing  
Oh lead us Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring  
Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious  
Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh feed us, Lord, that  
truths which you im - part, And wing our words that  
ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

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