

6th Sunday of Easter

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

May 17 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- **Bathrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.
- Worship is broadcast over **92.1 FM**.

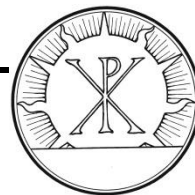
CONNECTION CARDS

Take a moment to fill out the Connection Card. If you have a private prayer request, comment, or question, write it on the back side place the completed card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

WORSHIP THEME

The love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Jesus' promise of another Counselor is a loaded one: the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do what Jesus asks. This Sunday's lessons teach that love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make that possible. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone: "Put your Spirit in us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good..."

MORNING PRAISE



"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins". Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.

OPENING HYMN

143 He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van-quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

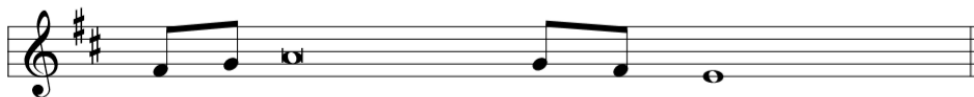


And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.
Tune: WALTHER (11 11 11 11) C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87.



L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



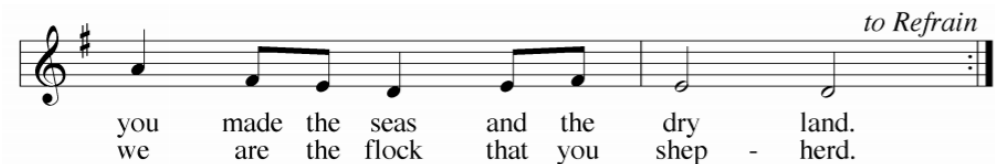
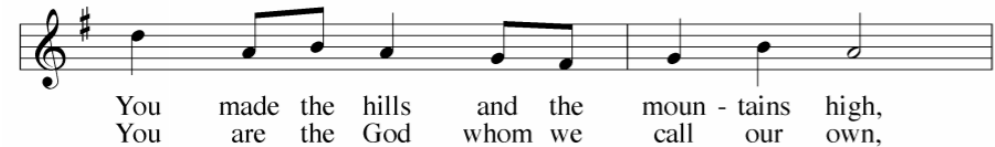
C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.



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CONFESSION

M: 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.

C: 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.

ABSOLUTION

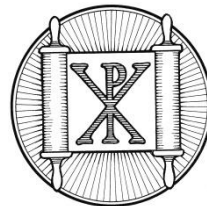
M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:16–31

Paul preaches before the meeting of the Areopagus in Athens. To these pagan Greeks the apostle proclaims the “unknown God”—the God who made the world and who calls all people to repentance and faith in the One whom he raised from the dead.

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed when he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with those who worshiped God, as well as in the marketplace every day with those who

happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also debated with him. Some said, “What is this ignorant show-off^[a] trying to say?”

Others replied, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign deities”—because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

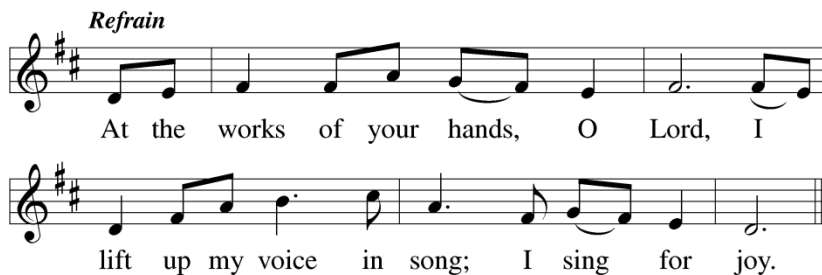
¹⁹ They took him and brought him to the Areopagus,^[b] and said, “May we learn about this new teaching you are presenting? ²⁰ Because what you say sounds strange to us, and we want to know what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners residing there spent their time on nothing else but telling or hearing something new.

²² Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus and said, “People of Athens! I see that you are extremely religious in every respect. ²³ For as I was passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’ Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it—he is Lord of heaven and earth—does not live in shrines made by hands. ²⁵ Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one man^[c] he has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. ²⁷ He did this so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For in him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also his offspring.’ ²⁹ Since, then, we are God’s offspring, we shouldn’t think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image fashioned by human art and imagination.

³⁰ “Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has set a day when he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he has appointed. He has provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66, page 90 in front of the hymnal



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives

and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,

The LORD would not have listened;

but God has surely listened

and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13–22

Peter admonishes the faithful to be ready always to confess the hope they have in Christ Jesus, particularly when they face hardship and persecution. This demonstrates the power of their baptism by which they have washed free of the guilt of sin and connected the Christ and his resurrection.

¹³Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear them^[a] or be**

intimidated,^[b] ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard^[c] Christ^[d] the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused,^[e] those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh^[f] but made alive by the Spirit,^[g] ¹⁹ in which^[h] he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few—that is, eight people^[i]—were saved through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge^[j] of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

Jesus' farewell discourse continues from the previous week. The Holy Spirit is promised to the disciples, and they are comforted by the Lord's promise: that he will not leave them Jesus exhorts them to show love for their Lord by giving loving obedience to his commands.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep^[a] my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor^[b] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be^[c] in you.


¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.”

HYMN OF THE DAY


377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice




1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis




ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright




nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD – *Te Deum*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verse 1: With the angels in heaven, We praise you, we praise you!
 With the cherubim and seraphim, We praise you, we praise you!
 With apostles and prophets, We praise you, we praise you!
 With the martyrs and your holy Church, We sing in endless praise!

Refrain

Verse 2: Creator of all things, We praise you, we praise you!
 O Jesus Christ, the Son of God, We praise you, we praise you!
 O Spirit, most holy, We praise you, we praise you!
 To the Trinity most blessed, We sing in endless praise!

Refrain

Verse 3: O Christ, King of glory, We praise you, we praise you!
 You became a man to set us free; We praise you, we praise you!
 You have risen to free us; We praise you, we praise you!
 And with all your saints in glory, We sing in endless praise!

Final Refrain: You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you To you, O
 Father holy, all creation offers praise, all creation offers praise, all
 creation offers praise.

OFFERING

The offerings of the members of Christ Lutheran are gathered at this time. Guests need not feel obligated to give an offering.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: [L] In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a new section marked [C] and the lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. The fourth staff concludes the phrase. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

[L] In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of you Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Amen.

LORD'S 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.

HYMN

377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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|---|--|
| 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive. | 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever. |
| 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us. | 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you. |
| 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you." | |

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



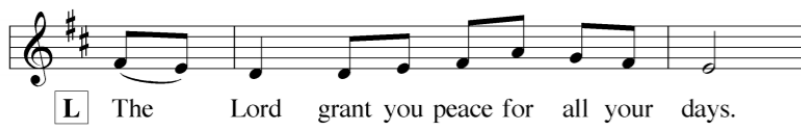
C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



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CLOSING HYMN

737 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing

I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -

cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll

demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its

man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:

That brought me sal - va - tion free,
In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
I am bap - tized in - to Christ;

Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
To make life im - mor - tal mine.
I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.