

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023
8:30 & 11am Worship



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Welcome to Central!

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by *loving* God and one another, *nurturing* faithful living, *servng* those in need, and *sharing* the Gospel.

A special word of welcome to our guests today: Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor and would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you'd like to hear from us, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you wish to find out more about Central, we invite you to visit our website *welcometocentral.org*.

Parents of young children: We welcome the sound of little ones in worship and so we encourage children and parents to worship together. However, if it is helpful to you, you are welcome to utilize the children's space located adjacent to the Narthex (entrance) to the Sanctuary. Additionally, there are children's bags and kid's bulletins available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins as well as hearing assistance receivers are also available from the ushers. Please note: if your personal hearing device has a T-Coil there are Hearing Loops in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Moderato

Elizabeth Stirling

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(please stand as you are able)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN #367 Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that still a - bounds:
2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings:
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things a - bove
4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing:



"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear!
"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he comes to give us life
that we con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day
"Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord,



Re - peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
and by his pres - ence stills all strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
that by our lives we tru - ly say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

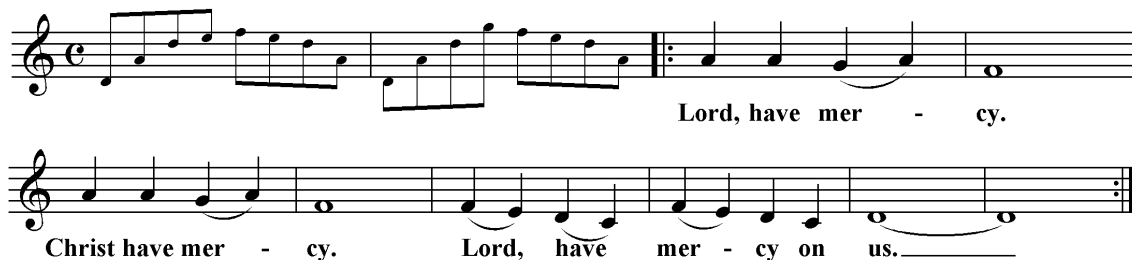


Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Korean)



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA



Organ

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
mighty God and Fa-ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. Organ

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone

whom the Lord our God calls to him.”⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

Serenade Haydn

Handbell Ensemble

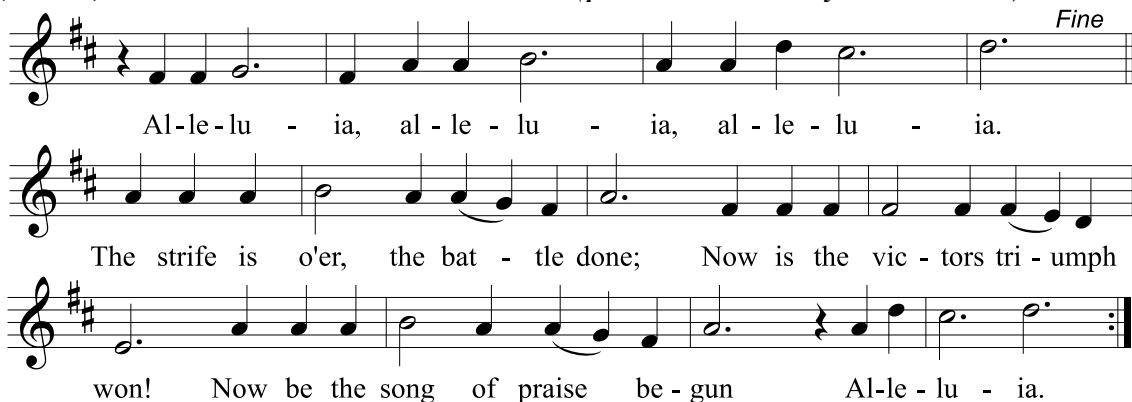
SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the Gospel Acclamation

(8:30) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia - Randall Thompson Chorale

(11:00) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the vic - tors tri - umph

won! Now be the song of praise be - gun Al-le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had

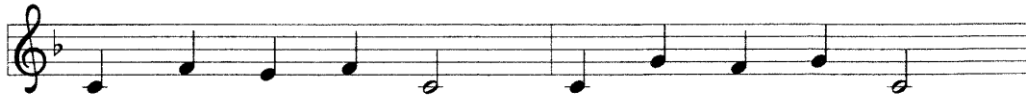
said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

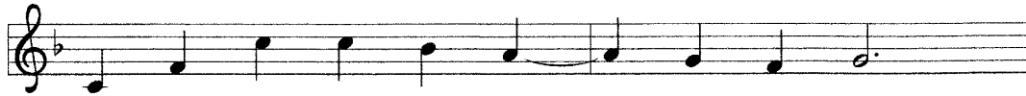
SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY #374 Day of Arising (*please stand*)



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

(11:00) BAPTISM (*please be seated*)

ELW p. 227-231

Linnea Abbott Prichard is here baptized.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*please remain seated*)

PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This musical score is for a hymn titled 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music. The first two staves are vocal lines with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'Lift up your hearts.' The next two staves are vocal lines with lyrics: 'And al - so with you.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The final two staves are vocal lines with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music features a simple, melodic line with some rests and a steady accompaniment.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Organ Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.

Detailed description: This musical score is for a hymn titled 'SANCTUS'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff is an organ introduction with the lyrics 'Organ Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,'. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,'. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the'. The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.' The music features a simple, melodic line with some rests and a steady accompaniment.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took break, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

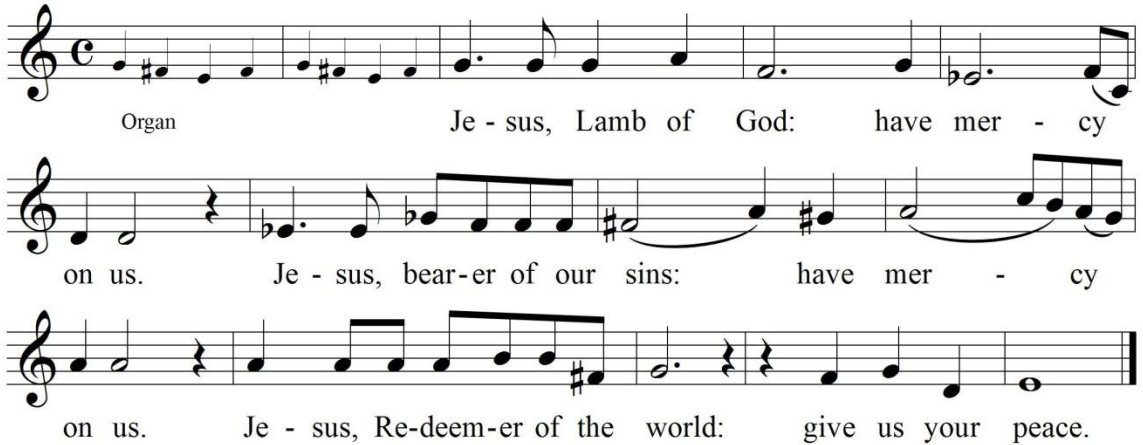
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. (please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may dip it into the cup which has red wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are also available.)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

HYMN #370 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;
 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 the knot of sin has been un - done, the claim of death is end - ed.
 who died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong God's love!—to save us.
 Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 Christ has crushed the pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell—
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;
 Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Præludium in C*

Diderik Buxtehude

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Cantor at 11am: David Gustafson

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lisa Berg in memory of her sister, Tara Pratt (Tara's birthday was April 22).

A special welcome to the family of Linnea Abbott Prichard being baptized into our family of faith today. Linnea is the daughter of Madeline & Nicolas Prichard, and sister to Hadley. Linnea's baptismal sponsors are Ellory Busch, Andrew Prichard, and Gabrielle Stout.

Cradle to Crayons Family Group (children 0-5):

A new group for families with children age 0-5 is having its first meeting at Tugman Park (3666 Hilyard St), Sat. May 6 at 10:30am for a time of fellowship, getting acquainted, and faith formation. All interested, please RSVP to Pastor Ben (pastorben@welcometocentral.org).



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