# April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter Jubilate Sunday



## **Christ's Lutheran Church**

700 East Pennsylvania Avenue Oreland, Pennsylvania

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.

## Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy **Trinity**, **H** one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.** 

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**  At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! Gathering Song

ELW # 377 | Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



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## Greeting

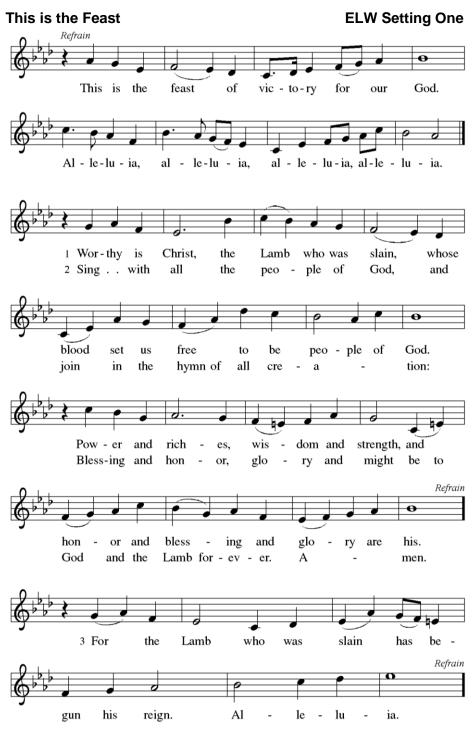
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



#### Please be seated.

## A Word on Jubilate Sunday

## THE WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **First Reading**

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts, chapter 3.

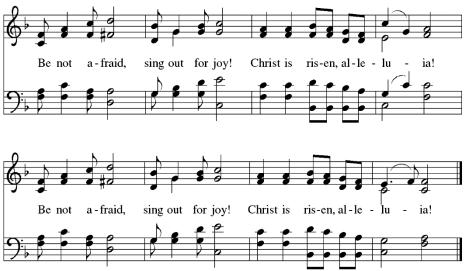
<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

## Psalm 66:1-5

## Be Not Afraid ELW # 388



Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

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<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power,

your enemies cringe before you.

Response

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah <sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

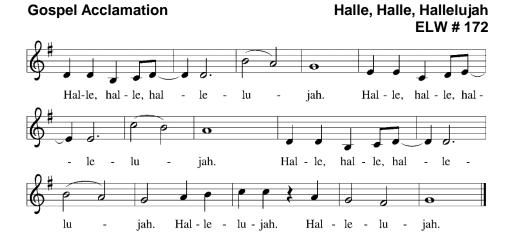
Response

A reading from First John, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 



Please stand in body or spirit.

#### The holy gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

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

Please be seated.

#### The Children's Message

**Becca Shelor** 

A Moment of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW # 752



Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW # 815



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

## Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you and to greet those who are worshipping online.

Please be seated.

Musical Offering

"Run, Mary, Run!"

Martin

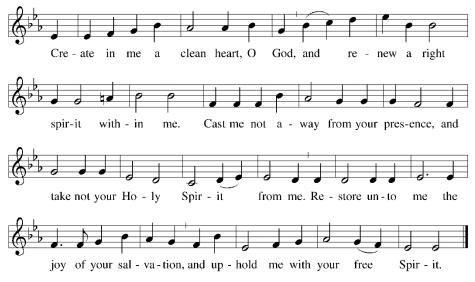
Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia, Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

**Response**: As you feel inspired by the music, we're encouraging you to respond with "Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" after the song has ended.

Please stand.

## **Offertory Hymn**

Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV # 732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12 Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

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

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.

The Sending Song Verses 1-3, 5	The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done ELW # 366
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le	$\mathbf{p}$
1 The strife is o'er, the bat 2 The pow'rs of death have don 3 The three sad days have quid 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gate 5 Lord, by the stripes which wou	ex - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious es of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
tri - umph won! Now be the som has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho from the dead. All glo - ry to por - tals fell. Let hymns of prais ser - vants too, that we may live	- ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia! our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia! se his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
After the final stanza	p. p. p. p.
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le	- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.

Delmar Barth (friend of Karen Bennion) Chippy the Clown (long-time friend at CLC events) Holly Curran (friend of Bob Kelly) Clyde Engle Paul Engstrom Jamie and Keith Eyre (friends of Karen Bennion) Gil Gavish & Family (son-in-law of Elise & Steve Seyfried) Beryl Gutekunst Paul & Rose Hill (friends of Shirley & Clyde Engle) Irene, Mercy, Winnie, Allan, Baby Giovanni (family members of The Uehlings) Paula Knipe (friend of Pat and Don Hallman) Jim Laubach (Pat Hallman's cousin) Ken Leister (Don Hallman's brother-in-law) Margie Reiman (Robin Griffin's aunt) Nancy Renner Sherry Rich (Don and Judy Berger's niece) Ruth Smith Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion) Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

*We remember in prayer* the family and friends of Jodi Coffman (Becca Shelor's cousin) who died on April 7. May her loved ones be comforted by the promise and hope of the resurrection.

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated by Clyde and Shirley Engle in celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

#### Family Table

Family Table is open to families of all ages and make-ups. Come learn about God, our faith and how we walk in the world as People of God. Family Table meets Sundays at 9 am in Parish Hall. Any questions email director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org.

#### WGB Food Pantry Soap and Toothpaste Drive - Now until April 21st

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the donations for the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry for the month of March. We delivered a car full of donations twice and 130 \$10 Giant Gift Cards for Easter!

Our next collection will be for bar soap and toothpaste. The pantry currently has over 170 families a week. Each week a family gets a bar of soap and the following week they will receive a tube of toothpaste. These two items are not donated frequently to the pantry so let's help them fill their shelves with bar soap and toothpaste! This collection will run **until Sunday, April 21st**. During this time we will still continue to collect all nonperishable items.

Any questions, please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org. As always, thank you for your generosity!

## CLC Community Yarners

Spring Schedule will meet twice a month on Mondays: Mondays, April 15 & April 29 Monday, May 13 Where: 700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland (Room 200) Time: 11:00 to 1:00PM

Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries, all levels are welcomed! Or, bring your own craft project to show & do.

Please contact: Betty Messer: betty.messer508@gmail.com, phone: 267-475-2933 Marty Frantz: marty.frantz@gmail.com, phone: 215-885-4812

## Wonderful Wednesday

Please join us for our next gathering at the home of Pat and Don Hallman, 609 Hartranft Ave, Ft. Washington, on **Wednesday, April 17** at 6:30 pm.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Consy Finney at cwfinney1@comcast.net no later than Sunday, April 14.

## <u>Men's Breakfast</u>

Good time together on March 16th for breakfast and fellowship. Interesting conversation about things that we have done that we would be sure to tell our younger self to do again. James Brown in concert, the 1960 Eagles game, taking on responsibility, military service, mission trips and softball were all part of the wide ranging discussion.

Looking forward to the next breakfast tentatively scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 20th** at 8:00 am at Halligan's Pub in Flourtown! More info coming soon on the topic and date confirmation. RSVP to jprasmussen9@gmail.com.

#### Pub Theology

Join us for Pub Theology on the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at The Ways Restaurant and Brewery in Glenside.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our April gathering will take place on **Wednesday, April 24**!

RSVP to clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

## David Wilson Memorial Scholarship

David Wilson Memorial Scholarship is now accepting applications. \$2,000 available to rising college freshman, first year vocational school students, first year graduate students and first year seminarians.

Applications available in the church office or by emailing director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org. Applications due **May 1st**, scholarship awarded May 26th, Memorial Day, during the church service.

## Vacation Bible School (June 17-21)

Registration for **Operation Restoration: VBS (June 17-21)** is open! Participants age 4-8 and volunteers age 9 and up. Our theme centers around mending God's world and how we can be participants in that process at any age. Questions? Flyers are available in the Narthex, or contact Becca at director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org

## CLC Evening Meditations Update!

Our Tuesday and Thursday meditations continue, written by church members and sent out via email. Begun during the pandemic, this has been such a wonderful ministry of our church, and we'd like to find ways to share them more widely. Starting this week, there will be booklets printed at the beginning of each month, containing the previous month's meditations. They will be in a labeled container in the narthex, and you are encouraged to pick up one or more copies, to read at home and to share with family, friends and neighbors. Additionally, we will add a link to the meditations to E-news, the LINK and other church print and digital publications. It is our hope that we can better spread the word about these thoughtful meditations going forward. Many thanks to all the writers, to John Frantz for coordinating this ministry, and to Lorraine for her help as well!

#### Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** in room 200 with Pastor Kaegler. Please join us as our current bible study explores Mark's Gospel.

#### PBJ Sandwich Donations

Please make PBJ sandwiches with plain white bread, creamy peanut butter, and grape jelly. Wrap sandwiches in individual sandwich baggies and leave them uncut. Mark your bag with the number of sandwiches enclosed.

PBJ sandwiches can be dropped off at the following times:

Sunday mornings (narthex fridge), Mondays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. Coolers will be outside the chapel on Mondays and Tuesday.

If you'd like to help with delivery, please contact the church office.

# Thanks to your continued support of this program CLC donated 98 sandwiches this past week!

#### Willow Grove Food Pantry Collection

A box is located in the back of the Narthex by the "Giving Place" for donations of nonperishable items.

Once a month, or more if needed, we will drop off any donations to the pantry. Please consider bringing a nonperishable item to church with you each time you attend. Together we can help our brothers and sisters in need. Any questions please email Jen at community@christs-oreland.org.

#### **CLC Evening Meditations**

If you'd like to join the team of CLC meditation writers, contact John Frantz at johnhfrantz123@gmail.com or call for more details or to discuss at 215-885-4812.

#### Digital Sound Board

If you are interest in joining our sound board team, please contact Kathryn Steen (kathryn.steen@protonmail.com), Music Chair, or Rick Daniels (daniels.r@verizon.net).

#### Home Visits

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org or by calling the church office at 215-886-4612.

#### Altar Flowers / Bread and Wine

Would you like to sponsor the flowers decorating the altar on a Sunday morning? A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby or you may contact the church office. Flower arrangements are \$30 apiece.

Bread and wine are also available to be sponsored for communion services. A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby or you may contact the church office. Bread and wine are available to be sponsored for \$15.

#### Christ's Lutheran Preschool

We are presently accepting registrations for our September 2024-2025 Preschool Programs. All programs meet from 9:00-12:00.

If you are interested in one of our programs or want to schedule a tour, please contact Sally Mead, director, for a registration form at clcpreschool@christs-oreland.org or 215.886.4612 ext 6.

Enrollment is limited so you will want to register as soon as possible.

A \$50.00 non-refundable family registration is due at the time of registration.

#### **Online Giving**

To make an offering to support the work of Christ's Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you may use this QR code to access our site for secure online giving.



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## This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Family Table (PH) Choir Rehearsal Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am 10:00 am – 6:00 pm 11:00 am 7:30 pm	Monday Morning Men PBJ Collection (chapel) CLC Community Yarners (200) Boy Scout Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 11:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (200 <b>)</b> Wonderful Wednesday (Hallman Home) AA (PH) Bear Cubs (203/204)
Friday	6:00 pm	AA (PH)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Halligan's Pub)