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Mission Statement – “Loving God, Loving People”

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

* A Call to Worship

P: They were looking for a dead friend,

C: Mourning a loss,

P: Caught up in grief,

C: Worrying about stone-cold tombs.

P: They were prepared for death,

C: But not for life.

P: They were ready for sadness,

C: But not for joy.

P: Yet, Easter turned it around!

C: Turned the world upside down,

P: Set love on the throne,

C: Hope on the horizon,

P: Joy in each moment.

C: Easter still turns darkness around,

P: Makes our lives different,

C: Renews our hope,

P: Fills us with courage,

C: Gives us a song to sing.

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn 939 ACS****“Touch that Soothes and Heals”**

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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* **Greeting**

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

* This is the Feast

(Setting 3 – Page 140)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



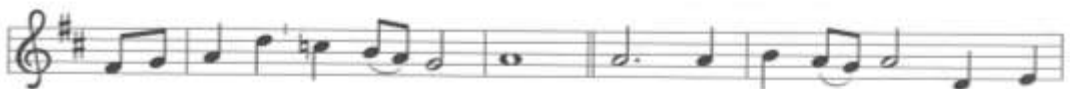
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



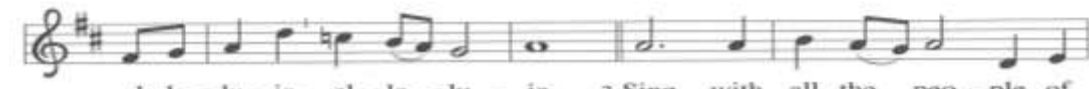
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* Prayer of the Day

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.

First Lesson: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah, who bore you,
 for he was but one when I called him,
 but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalm 116:1-4. 12-19*

¹ I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me
whenever ¹ I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

¹² How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me | from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of | the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: *1 Peter 1:17-23*

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the

precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 3 – Page 142)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then 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?”¹⁹ He 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,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But 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.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and 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.²⁴ Some 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!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But 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.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They 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?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 374

“Day of Arising”

* 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**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord
Anthem

Organ Voluntary
Chancel Choir

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn 393

“Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Offertory Prayer

L: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

(Setting 3 – Page 144)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

* The Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, 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 for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* The 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.

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 3 – Page 146)

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

* Blessings for Charlotte & Dale Luy

* Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and
peace, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn 548**

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, April 19 – Devon Swanson

This Wednesday, April 22 – Jeff Smith

Next Sunday, April 26 – Anne DeVaughn

Next Wednesday, April 29 – Paul Chiarenza

Ushers – Ed & Lita Havens

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

A/V – Kathy, Dave, Joyce

The Bulletins and Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter, Colby's 18th Birthday by Shirley & Jim Smith.

The Newsletter Sponsorship has been given to the glory of God in memory of my wife, Karen and brother, Frank by Bill Bingman.

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

This week –

This Sunday – April 19, Worship– 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen
“The Armorial Ensemble” – 4:00pm

Monday – Strategic Planning – 6:30pm

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Chancel Choir – 7:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study in Pastor office – 10:30am

Next Sunday, April 26, Worship – 10:00, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen

A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

Please come to the Brazilian Armorial Ensemble this afternoon, April 19th here at **Christ Lutheran at 4:00pm.** This is a free; but donations are appreciated.

Annual Noisy Change offering” for our Synod Assembly on June 5-6! All funds will go to food pantries and ministries in the DE-MD Synod. **We will be holding our Noisy Offering on May 17th.**

We will honor our graduates on **May 17th** following our 10:00am services. We congratulate **Zachariah Ahern, Jordyn Sneathen and Sebastian Stewart.** If you know of anyone that we have missed, please notify the church office.

Also on May 17th we will have a Blessing of our Garden during the service and you can visit the garden following service. This is a busy Sunday!

On Sunday, May 24th the Mission & Generosity will have another Listening Circle following our service. They will focus on our Memorial garden: Labyrinth for reflecting, bench for resting, marble memorial stone for remembering, trees and flowers for enjoying, meadow for meandering, notebook for sharing.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. We need stuff!!!! Start gathering. We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – April 12, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 39	Adult SCS = 6
	Zoom 10:00am = 6	
Wed. April 15	In Person 6:30pm = 14	
	Zoom = 3	

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received = \$4,404.73
 Needed weekly = 4,265.56
 \$ 139.37

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-MAR 2026

Actual Income = \$48,950.15
 Actual Expenses = (57,392.23)
 (\$ 8,442.08)



In partnership with the Embassy of Brazil



The Armorial Ensemble

The Armorial Ensemble invites the audience into rural Brazil to a time when simplicity reigns and values were shared orally from one generation to the next. The Ensemble is composed of **Marcello Linhos** on the viola caipira and vocals, **Nelson Latif** on 7-string guitar, and **Marcelo Lima** on mandolin. The group will playfully engage the audience with the traditional instruments and songs of Brazil. Their goal is to reconnect our hearts to the rural and Inland Feeling that resides in us, simple yet elaborate at the same time. The artists have taken their music across the world. The music is for all ages.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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FREE! Donations are appreciated.



For information: wae@comcast.net, www.worldartists.org or FACEBOOK

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL 19, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Pam Mulligan
Sharon Diehl
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Elwood Glass
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Jack Zealand
Beverly Lang
Anna Bruck
Jane Miller
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mary Lou Rowles

PRAYER RECIPIENT

<u>PRAYER RECIPIENT</u>	<i>Requested by</i>
Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtoom	Gail Dawson
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Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
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Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
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Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Susie Spiker, Joan Beal	Shirley & Jim Smith
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Marie Turnbull, Steven Suzindlak,	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Phil Fisher	Sherry T
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
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Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
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Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell

Please keep us updated

- the family of Raymond Garthwait
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,

Luke Smith



“Did not our **hearts**
burn within us ...
while **he opened** to us
the **Scriptures?**”

Luke 24:32, ESV

Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026