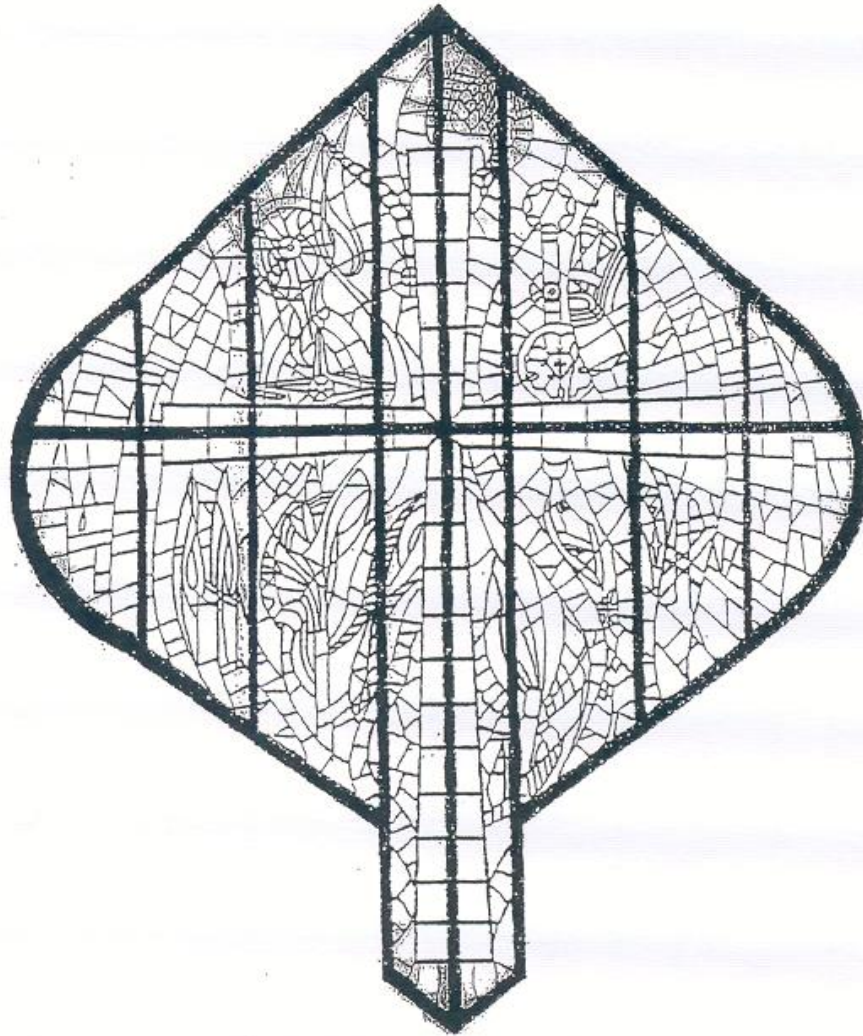


"The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ"



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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Here at Christ Lutheran Church we believe, teach and confess that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin, and that He alone is the way to eternal life.

We believe, teach, and confess that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is received along with the elements of bread and wine, and that the reception of this gift in faith is a means through which God Himself forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith, and unites us as His children.

If your own personal beliefs are in complete harmony with these Biblical truths, if you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in these Lutheran confessions, if you recognize the reality of sin in your life and desire to receive God's forgiveness, and if you acknowledge that receiving Holy Communion at our table expresses an implied unity with us in the body of Christ you are welcome to join us at the table of our Lord.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

- Inspirational worship
- Loving service
- Caring fellowship
- Relevant education

so that they may know, and grow in, his love.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

H.I.S. Band

WELCOME

HYMN

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

H.I.S. Band

Chorus:

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

One day every tongue will confess He is God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest joys remain for those

In faith who choose Him now

One day every tongue will confess He is God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest joys remain for those
In faith who choose Him now

(Chorus)

Chorus:

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come**

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees we bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose Him now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees we bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose Him now

(Chorus)

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(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

Pastor: Jesus said: "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

People: **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

People: **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.
People: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
People: **And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness. We begin our time of Confession and Absolution with a time of silent reflection and repentance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
People: **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"There's Something About that Name"* H.I.S. Band

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
There's just something about that name
Master, Savior, Jesus
Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Let all heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

But there's something about that name.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
There's just something about that name
Teacher, helper, Jesus
Through the years He's always the same.
Always, ever, Jesus
Forevermore we'll praise His name;
Songs of praises to Him all belong,
For there's something about that name.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1–12

Lector

(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

PSALM *Psalms 23*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*Men: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
Women: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

People: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Men: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Women: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

People: 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.

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

Pastor

(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN

“There is No Name to Bring Us Life”

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld

Text: Acts 4:8-12

Tune: Dundee

H.I.S. Band

There is no name to bring us life,
Save for the one God gave,
For only Jesus conquered death
When he rose from the grave.

Tis by the name of Jesus Christ
That we have been forgiv'n,
And by this name of God's own son
That we shall enter heav'n.

And though it was because we sin
That Christ was crucified,
Twas also us that he forgave
When on the cross he died.

Thus may we e'er proclaim Christ's name
To ev'ryone we meet,
That all before his throne may bow,
And worship at his feet.

SERMON

“No One Else”

Text: Acts 4:12

Pastor John

OFFERING

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in humble care and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To

You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS INSTITUTION OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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 the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI

"The Lamb"

H.I.S. Band

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain:

**Worthy is the Lamb, whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

(Refrain)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"In Christ Alone"

H.I.S. Band

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;

'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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"No Other Name"

H.I.S. Band

Upon the cross you paid the price You were God's perfect sacrifice
No other offering would do
So death has lost its hold on me For Christ you left it on that tree.
Jesus my Lord it's only you
That's why your name alone I'll praise, and I will sing it all my days
No other name, no other son, no other one.

Chorus:

**No other name, no other one, no other child but God's own son;
No other man could set us free, no other place but Calvary.**

No other friend was e'er so true God's holy love came down thru you
God's voice, through you, the people heard.
Each time you stopped to share a smile You eased their pain for just a while.
You gave them hope from God's own word
So Lord I'll praise your name on high, and I will sing until I die,
No other name, no other son, no other one.

Chorus

No other name, no other son, no other man, no other one.

"No Other Name" lyrics by Rev John Stennfield
Music by Fred Frieling

DISMISSAL BLESSING

(Please be seated)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

People: Let us pray.
Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB #537
H.I.S. Band

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

“Beautiful Savior”

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POSTLUDE

H.I.S. Band

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: Rev. John C. Stennfeld

LECTOR: Alan Werchan

FLOWERS: Kevin & Barbara Craig
In memory of Dorothy & Tommie Craig

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THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Voters Meeting	10:45 A.M.
	Children's Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship Class	10:45 A.M.
	Children's Discipleship	10:45 A.M.

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