

# Christ Lutheran Community Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

**GATHERING HYMN: ACS 1052** “When Our World Is Rent by Violence”

### When Our World Is Rent by Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are  
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must  
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es; and our hopes fade  
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance  
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten  
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing  
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our  
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our  
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our  
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.  
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!  
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!  
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.**

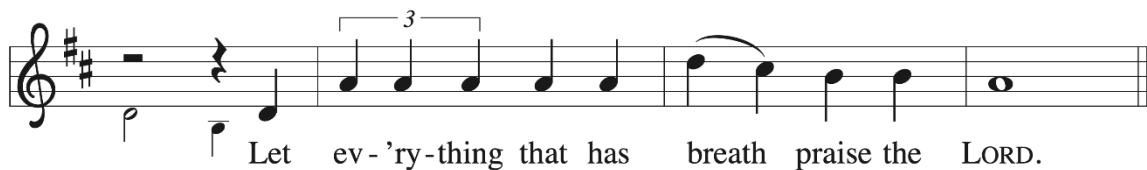
## FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

## PSALM: Psalm 150



Psalm 150:6

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- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;  
praise God in the | mighty firmament.
- <sup>2</sup> **Praise God for | mighty acts;**  
**praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness. R**
- <sup>3</sup> Praise God with | trumpet sound;  
praise God with | lyre and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> **Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;**  
**praise God with | strings and pipe.**
- <sup>5</sup> Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup> **Let everything | that has breath**  
**praise the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 939**

**“Touch That Soothes and Heals”**

# Touch That Soothes and Heals

## *See My Hands and Feet*



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.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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**OFFERING HYMN: ELW 204 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”**

**Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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**COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 532 “Gather Us In”**

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 659 Will you let me be your servant

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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**DEDICATIONS**

**Sanctuary Lamp & Votive Candle**

To the Glory of God

**SERVING THIS WORSHIP**

Ushers: Valerie Hayward Victoria Foster Lee

Reader: Rebecca Wilharm

Prayer Leader: Valerie Hayward

Zoom Host: Rya Savitz

A/V: Jacob Fobay

Hospitality: Penny Allen & Nancy Moore

Altar Guild: Penny Algeo & Carolyn Phipps

## CLCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHOIR TO SING on May 18th - Join us for the following rehearsals:

- Rehearsal – Sunday 4/27 @ 12:00 PM
- Rehearsal – Sunday, 5/4 @ 12 PM
- Rehearsal – Sunday, 5/18 @9:45 am (before the 10:30 service)

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL, May 13: Calling lawmakers to join in the work of reconciliation, restoration, justice on behalf of our neighbors. – see Bulletin Board

### LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

May 17<sup>th</sup> is Lutheran Night at the Phillies. The Phillies host the Pittsburgh Pirates

AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY - July 24-27, Phoenix AZ. Early Registration until May 15.

### PRAYER LIST:

We pray for all in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Daryl, Penny, Marian, Darlene, Gracie, Toni, Claude, Charles, Haily, Ron, Pat, Ben, Kenaé, Sherrell and her family, Jennifer, Carlos, Barbara, Anna Marie, Marie Josie, Carolyn, Mary, LaVena, Jay, Quince, Clifford, Maria, Nisha, Sal, Miles, Colleen, Peggy, and Dianne.

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Gallagher is celebrating a birthday this week.

### FINANCE UPDATE

<b>February 2025</b>		<b>2025 Year to Date</b>	
Income \$14,247.18	Expenses \$17,997.91	Income \$34,909.67	Expenses \$39,566.14
NET -\$3,750.73		NET -\$4,656.47	

### FOOD MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

**Senior Boxes:** Wed, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-12AM

**Fresh For All:** Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent

**CLCC Food Closet:** Thurs, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-6PM

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