

**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
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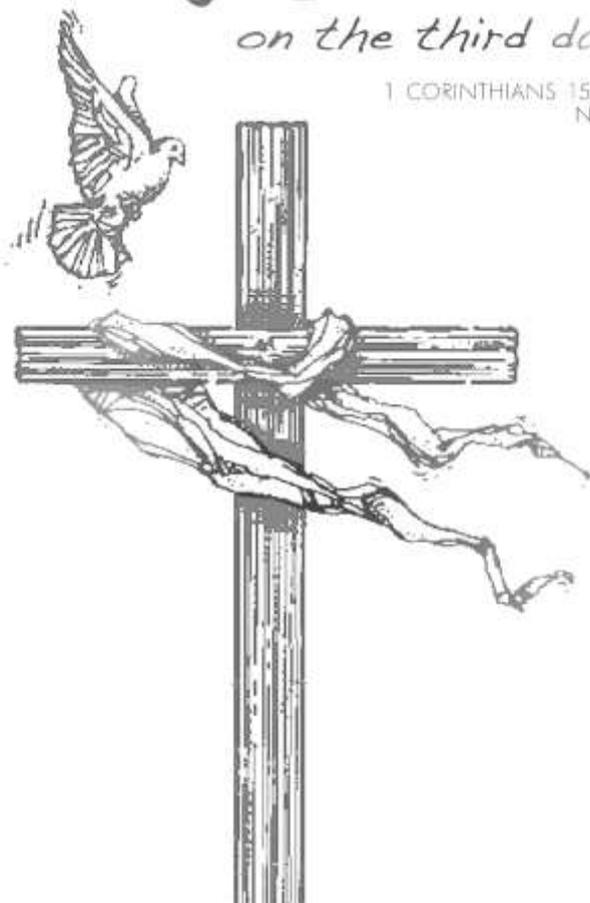
A Celebration of Easter

April 17, 2022

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SCRIPTURES, AND ... HE WAS

raised
on the third day.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4,
NRSV



Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at www.chrighthamilton.org. Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers.

Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Visit us on our website: chrighthamilton.org and check out our Facebook page.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. If you don't know your neighbor please welcome them. We welcome those of all ages, color, sexual orientation, political preference, and those vaccinated and non-vaccinated.

Today's service: *“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

PRELUDE

*Full Organ Fanfare
Toccata Austin*

*John G. Barr
C. Lovelace*

WELCOME

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Minister: We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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

All: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: Let us pray. . . . God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Reader: A reading from the 10th chapter of Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

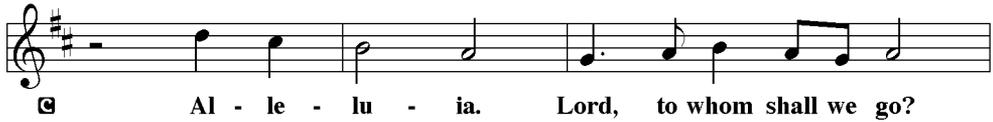
Reader: A reading from the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

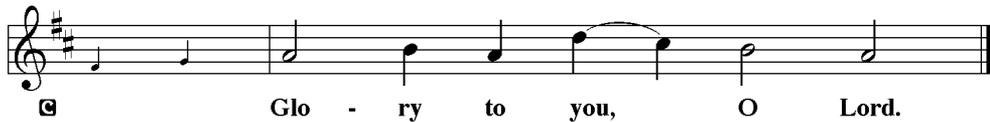
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

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

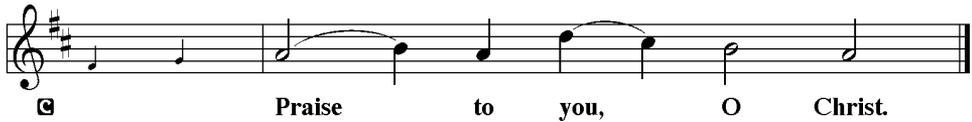


¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

NICENE CREED

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: 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

Assisting Minister: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. . .

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we battle the coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick. Give comfort to those who have lost loved ones. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and purpose. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let this time apart help us to reconnect with your wonderful creation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence we especially remember those who are sick. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; and we share especially today in the power of the resurrection of your Son. To you we entrust all of these things along in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Let the Vineyards

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Blessed are you,

All: Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

**and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that
you have made,**

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Minister: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O
Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious
resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who
gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has
destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the
witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their
creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and
seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

Minister: 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.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

Please come forward by way of the right hand side and receive the bread from the pastor and the wine from the assistant.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.



☐ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



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

PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you; the holy
angels accompany you;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

All: Amen

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with our holy week and Easter services this year. We can't express how grateful we are to all our members who have given of their time and talents throughout the year...we are very blessed!

First Communion will be held on Saturday April 30th from 9am to Noon in the Lighthouse serving area. If you are interested in having your child receive communion please contact the church office. Please note children must be in 4th grade or older to receive communion.

Mother's Day Tea will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 2pm to 4pm in the Lighthouse. We will be serving cookies, tea sandwiches, scones, clotted cream and lemon curd and tea breads. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest hat! Tickets will be on sale next Sunday (4/24) and the following (5/1). If you would like to donate supplies or food or volunteer to help please see the sign up sheet at coffee hour. For more info see Paula Hallock.

New Member Class will be held after service on May 15th with Pastor Steve. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office.

Save-the-Date

What: 50th Ordination Celebration/Pot-Luck for Pastor Ritterpusch

When: Sunday, June 26th during the 9am service and after

Where: Christ Hamilton Church and Lighthouse

Who: Everyone is invited to celebrate with us!

If you sponsored an Easter flower Please feel free to take one at the end of the service.

Easter Flowers

John & Kathleen Field—In memory of Robert & Thelma Field

Jim & Kathleen Hinton—

In memory of parents, Mary & Robert Werkeiser,

Wilma & Leroy Hinton

In honor of our grandchildren Alyssa, Megan, Savannah,
Nathan, Matthew, Maddux, Graham & Amelia

Jane & Richard Person— In memory of Rick & Tim Berger

Kathy Conville—In memory of Bob Conville

Brian Powers—In honor of Family

John & Denise DeVivo—In memory of parents & siblings

Lori & Blaine Borger—

In memory of Ray Borger & Marie Frable

In honor of parents, John & Doris Pepe

In honor of grandchildren, Ella & Theo

Chad & Angie Rupprecht—In honor of David Ebel

Alma Weber—

In memory of husband Robert W. Weber

In memory of daughter Kimberly Sue Weber

Joan Eilenberger—In memory of Bob Eilenberger

Bud & Rhonda Bonser—In memory of parents & friends

Alice Possinger—In memory of Russell Possinger, Family & Friends

Pastor Steve & Bonnie—In memory of loved ones

Nancy Veety—In memory of loved ones

Beverly Streck—In memory of Don Streck & Richard Seier

Debbie Kolb—

In memory of son, Matthew

In memory of husband, Bob

In honor of grandchildren, Luke & Mary Phillips &
Liam Robert Kolb

Shirley Frable—In memory of loved ones

Angela Trauger—In memory of husband, Steven

Pat Bixler—In memory of parents, Allen & Cathering Hayden

John Meyer—In memory of wife, Audrey Meyer

Doug Young—

In memory of loving George & Margaret Young

In honor of Laura, David and Allison

In honor of Cameron, Claire and Olivia

Deb & Tom Huber—In memory of Edith & Norman Pirie

Phyllis Kirschner—

In memory of Myers, Kirschner and Fellencer loved ones

In memory of Peter O. Kirschner

In honor of my children, grandchildren and
great-grandchild, Logan Ezra Kirschner

Randy & Teresa Peechatka—In memory of Aaron Peechatka

Gloria Shupp—In memory of “6” James Sargent

John Marvin—In memory of Ellen Marvin

Karen, Craig, Anson & Elise Cassidy—In memory of Leroy Cassidy

Donald and Crystal Paynter—In memory of Ruth Ann Paynter

Bonnie & Roger Wrazien—In memory of loved ones