

**Community Lutheran Church
Frankford, Delaware**



**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021**

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CLC Worship Service

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

P: Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

‡ GATHERING ‡

We gather together to praise God and receive his love.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ‡ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(Silence for reflection.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We remember God's love and forgiveness in Christ.

P: God of grace and glory,

C: **You have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ‡ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: **Amen.**

AM: He is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

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GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

EASTER SEASON LITANY

P: When the day is quiet and the world still sleeps and the morning is crisp and love breathes again,

C: We praise you, O God of resurrection.

P: When the time is now and the moment is on us and the place is here and the grave clothes are folded,

C: We praise you, O God of renewal.

P: When the day is new and the sun is fresh and the light is clean and the stone has rolled,

C: We praise you, O God of empty tombs.

P: Now we see the world differently. What we thought was the way of things yesterday is no longer the way of things today. Death was yesterday, new life is today; tombs were sealed, now they are open; love was dead, now is alive again; death has been given a makeover; endings have a new perspective, things work differently now.

When the shouting has stopped and the suffering ended and the betrayal complete and the darkness stolen,

C: Now we praise you, O God of life!

(Please be seated.)

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⊕ WORD ⊕

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of his people.

AM: First Reading: Acts 3:12-19 (with introduction)

AM: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

AM: Responsive Reading: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

AM: Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 (with introduction)

AM: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: Gospel Acclamation

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: **Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us profess our faith:

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need.....

(A brief silence. Other intercessions may be offered.)

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(You are invited to greet one another in the name of Christ from your seat.)

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

C: And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

The risen Christ invites us to his table.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: God of love,

C: You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living 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 bought 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.

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

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

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Together let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Holy Communion at Your Seat.

(At the end of the meal, please stand as you are able.)

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

C: Amen.

Prayer After the Meal

AM: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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✠ SENDING ✠

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts,
and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out,
strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

BLESSING

- P:** Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.
- C:** **The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**
- P:** Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.
- C:** **The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**
- P:** May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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