



9:00 a.m. Online Worship

Second Sunday of Easter Light

Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

April 11, 2021

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

It is customary to stand or kneel for confession and prayer. The change in posture acts as a physical sign of our invested participation in the action. If you remain seated, adopt a standing or kneeling attitude during confession.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

LESSON: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

A: A reading from 1 John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

After the reading:

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 133

Said responsively.

*The Assisting Minister (A) says the regular text;
the Congregation (C) says the **bold text.***

A: ¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

C: ²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

A: ³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Before the reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Henry J. Langknecht

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

Please stand as you are able when the music begins.

Please continue to the next page.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

If you are with friends or family members as you watch, please greet them.

If you are alone while watching on Facebook Live, please type

“Peace be with you!” in your comment line.

Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for all that God provides and for the present of Jesus Christ among US.

Normally we would share communion at this point in our Sunday worship. Our decision not to meet in person as the Body of Christ to receive the Body of Christ is an act of self-sacrifice for the sake of our neighbors. By not meeting, we are joined with our community and the nation in an attempt to interrupt the exponential growth of COVID-19. We look forward with all the People of God for the day of our reunion when we all will again feast together.

*During this time when we are not meeting in person, members of the community are invited to mail their offerings to the church (10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 22066); arrange for automatic transfer (call the church office or email bookkeeper@gflutheran.org for more information) or contribute via **PayPal** using the button below or on www.gflutheran.org. Please note: PayPal levies a 3% charge per transaction to Christ the King.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING RESPONSE: ELW 364 Christ Has Risen, Alleluia!

verse 2 only



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Five-word petitions will be offered here.

A: You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please continue to the next page.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 376 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In-person worship moves outdoors

Outdoor worship services will normally meet under the tent in front of the church, will last around 45 minutes, and will have a traditional tone. Our plan is to worship in-person outdoors throughout the summer, but the council will stay tuned in to Virginia and Fairfax County health guidelines and reassess the plan each month. There are a few picnic tables under the tent (6'-8' apart) but if you wish to control the distance between yourself and other worshipers, we encourage you to bring portable lawn chairs.

Drive up Communion for the Easter Season _____

Families and groups are welcome together in cars; however, only one person per car will interact with Pastor Hank.

- Pastor will greet you (wearing mask and gloves) and will provide you with a printed order of service.
- Only one person in the car will interact directly with the pastor, that person must wear a mask.
- When the time comes for receiving communion, the pastor will safely make the bread and wine available to you.
- If more than one person is in the car, one person in the car will distribute the elements to the others.
- After the elements have been received by all, the pastor will collect all service items and send you on your way with a blessing.

Choose from the dates below and select a time:

- [April 14](#)
- [April 26](#)
- [May 25](#)

Metro DC Synod Assembly _____

The Metro DC Synod will meet in Assembly (through Zoom this year) June 4 and 5, 2021. Christ the King is able to register three persons to be members of assembly. If you would like to participate, please make your interest known to either Mark Spoto or Pastor Langknecht.

Welcome Guests



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MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly news blasts, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.



CHRIST THE KING is a Stephen
Ministry congregation.

Voices from the Holy Land _____

Today, Sunday, April 11, 3-5 p.m.: In cooperation with **Voices from the Holy Land**, Christ the King is co-sponsoring the screening of *On the Side of the Road* ([watch trailer](#)), a compelling documentary probing the rise of Jewish settlements on Palestinian land, as well as a discussion of the film with the filmmaker and other experts on Palestinian-Israeli relations. **Pastor Hank** will represent CtK in the discussion.

NOTE: Watch the film (1 hr. 22 min.) on your own, BEFORE THE EVENT. Registrants will receive the link for viewing the film via the confirmation email you'll receive shortly after you register.

[Register to receive your own link to participate](#) in the discussion.

As you watch the film, send any questions you have to:

vfhlonlinefilmsalon@gmail.com.

Pastor Hank's sermons _____

Pastor Hank's [sermons are on our website](#). Visit and bookmark the page!

Morning Devotional and Almanac _____

Each morning, except Sunday, Pastor Langknecht broadcasts a brief morning devotional on the [CtK Facebook page](#).

Prayers of CtK _____

Bill Carbaugh asks for prayers for his friend Joel Pulliam who is battling metastatic cancer.

Pray for our military personnel _____

Capt. Ryan Anderson; Capt. Don Feeley; Col. David Dippold; Chaplain Capt. John Teitman; Lt. Chris Unger; Ensign Owen Shenk; Midshipman Lillian Baker; Cody Jones, USN.

Prayer requests

Do you have someone for whom you would like prayers? Confidential prayer requests may be submitted to Melanie Miller-Cvilikas at impresent@aol.com. Prayer requests for the bulletin should be mailed to the church office: karen.utter@gflutheran.org.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide one-to-one high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. If you are considering having a Stephen Minister, please contact Keith Pennebaker at mr.harrybeal@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR April 11—April 18

Sunday, April 11

9:00 a.m. – Facebook Live Worship

[CtK Facebook page](#)

10:15 a.m. – In-person Worship,

Outdoors, CtK

11:15 a.m. – Christian Education, CtK

11:15 a.m. – Adult Forum, Zoom

3:00 p.m. – Voices from the Holy Land

7:00 p.m. – AA

Monday, April 12

1:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:45 p.m. – KKP Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast,

<https://zoom.us/j/302984648>

Thursday, April 15

6:00 p.m. – Affirm Connect, Zoom

7:30 p.m. – Choir, Zoom

Saturday, April 17

7:00 p.m. – AA

Sunday, April 18

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See the full CtK calendar:
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