

CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter Worship: 10:00am April 28, 2024

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WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Music

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Song:.....“All Are Welcome”.....# 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



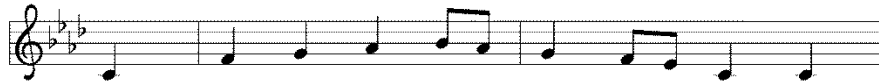
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Greeting

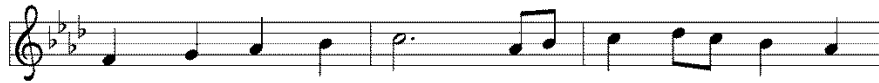
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

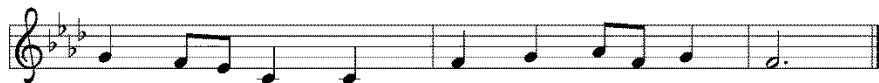
Song of Praise.....“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”.....# 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: ...you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”

³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea..

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^l fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat ^l and be satisfied, Let those who seek
 the LORD give praise! May your hearts ^l live forever!**
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD,
 who rules o- ^l ver the nations. R**
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-
^l fore the LORD.
³⁰**Their descendants shall ^l serve the LORD,
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- ^l tions to come.**
³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn,
 saying to them, “The ^l LORD has acted!” **R**

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Acclamation:.....“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.....# 172

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.

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John in the 15th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

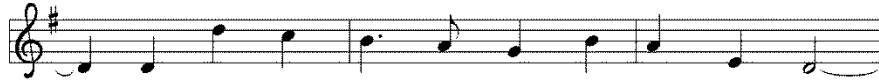


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

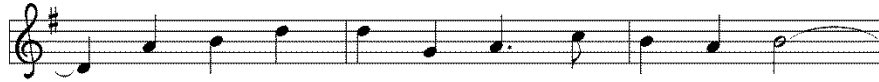
Hymn of the Day....."We Know That Christ Is Raised".....# 449
(Please pass prayer request to center isle for ushers to collect)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 7

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

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

C: And also with you.

We Offer Our Gifts

Presentation Song....."Create in Me a Clean Heart".....# 186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Merciful God...

C: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we many know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE SHARE CHRIST'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord!

Communion Prayers and the story of our Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

L: 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.

Distribution of Our Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

195

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.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

471

1 Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees.

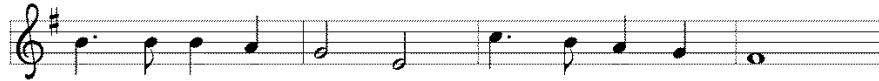
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

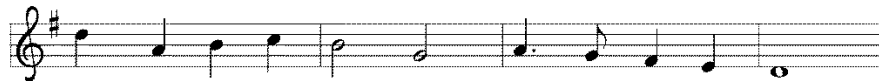
Prayers

Blessing

Sending Song.....“On Our Way Rejoicing”..... # 537



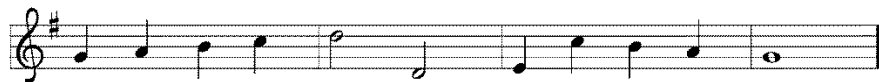
1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

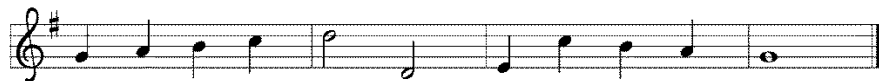


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

WE ENTER INTO MISSION!

SUNDAY: 04/28/2024

- 9:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School/Youth Group
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 1:00pm New Vision Church

MONDAY: 04/29/2024

TUESDAY: 04/30/2024

- 5:30pm-7:30pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY: 05/1/2024

THURSDAY: 05/2/2024

- 7:00pm NVC Prayer Service

FRIDAY: 05/3/2024

- 7:00pm NVC Music Practice

SATURDAY: 05/4/2024

SUNDAY: 05/5/2024

- 9:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School/Youth Group
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 1:00pm New Vision Church
- 2:00pm Fellowship Fun!

Announcements:

- **Pastor Sarah Toney's new email**

address: pastorsarah@clcewen.org

- **April 28th ~ 2pm ~ Fellowship Fun! ~ Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery**

1 Vineyard Way, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Come enjoy fellowship, laughter and the unique wineries in the valley. Invite a friend!

- **Holden Village Retreat! ~ July 22-26th ~ All are Invited! Celebration members, families, youth! Reserve by April 15th!** Join Pastor Sarah and others at Holden Village for 4 days focusing on the Love of Creation. For more details ask Pastor Sarah or call the church office.

Month	Budgeted Income	Income Received
January	\$20,000	\$12,230
February	\$20,000	\$16,696
March	\$20,000	\$15,182
April	20,000	\$10,191