

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

**Saul's
Conversion**



Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of
creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for
the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on
our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for
making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving
you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - Here I Am to Worship

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with You*

So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came

*To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor
So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (X3)*

*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me (X2)*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING - Acts 9:1-19a

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am,

Lord.”¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem,¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 6:19-21, 24

The Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - 10,000 Reasons

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

*Worship your holy name Lord I'll worship your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - How Great is Our God

*The splendor of a King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice*

*He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God*

*Age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End*

*The Godhead, Three in One Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb Lion and the Lamb*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God*

*Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God (x2)*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God*

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - The Table

*I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table (x2)*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord*

*There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table*

*There is healing at the table of the L -- o -- rd
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord*

*I know He has a place for me Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around The mercy seat of God*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord*

*I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - Same Power

*I can see waters raging at my feet
I can feel the breath of Those surrounding me
I can hear the sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome
I can walk down this Dark and painful road
I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown
I can hear all God's children singing out
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome*

*The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that Commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves Mountains when He speaks
The same power that can Calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us
We have hope that His promises are true
In His strength there is nothing we can't do*

*Yes, we Know there are Greater things in store
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome
The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that Commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves Mountains when He speaks
The same power that can Calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us
Greater is He that is living in me He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness No weapon prevails
We stand here in victory
Greater is He that is living in me He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness No weapon prevails
We stand here in victory Oh, in victory*

*The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that Commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves Mountains when He speaks
The same power that can Calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, April 12 was 51. 11 attended online.
This week's offerings to General Fund: \$1,139 Received online:
\$430

Rummage Sale Drop-off Begins April 20

Doing some Spring cleaning? Bring your donations to church beginning Monday, April 20 for the spring rummage sale. NOT accepted are: furniture, electronics, appliances, or large wall hangings. If you can help with the sale (sorting donations, helping to run the sale, etc.) sign up in the Narthex.

Donation times: **Monday - Noon-3:00 PM**

Tuesday-Thursday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

First Monday Book Club

The First Monday Book Club will meet on Monday, May 4 at 10:30 AM to discuss the current read - *Theo of Golden*. All are welcome to join! Contact Mary Barlau for details.

Coordinator needed for 2026 Pumpkin Patch

Want to help your church family in a big way? We are searching for a new coordinator (or share the responsibility?) for this year's Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October. See Sue Woehrle with questions about this opportunity.

Communion Assistants Needed

Just as Jesus served his disciples at the last supper on Maundy Thursday, you too have the opportunity to serve. Consider serving as a communion assistant one Sunday a month. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

UPCOMING DATES:

April 24	Rummage Sale - 4:00-7:00 PM
April 25	Rummage Sale - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
May 4	Book Club - 10:30 AM
June 14	Joint Worship at Lakeview Lutheran
June 24	CSLC Night at the Twins

Scan the QR code below to make a secure online donation.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Care of Creation Team
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

Monday, April 20

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Friday, April 24

4:00 PM - Rummage Sale
5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)

Saturday, April 25

9:00 AM - Rummage Sale
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

Today: Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

Monday, April 20

7:00 AM - AA

Thursday, April 23

7-8:30 PM - Girl Scouts

Sunday, April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!


Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Gary Splittstoesser
Reader: Pam Irgens
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: Pam Irgens
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers:
Bread Pickup: Mike Woehrle
Counters: Linda Wigdahl, Sue Woehrle

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
Peter S. and family as they mourn the loss of his brother, Sarah K., Michelle & Ken K., Bill H., Carol W., Tony L., Mark (brother of Sarah K.) Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Eileen S., Emily B., Mary-Kay L., Laiden S., Karen R., Sharon G., Brian I, Katie W., Steve, Paul S., Brian, Tony L., Roger K., Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

Thank you for giving to support the ministries at Christ the Servant. You may give on our website: www.cslcvh.org/giving. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

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