

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...
Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026



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.

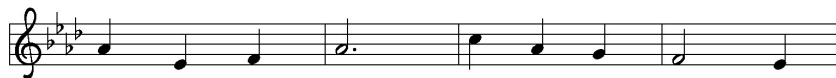
Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

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 - EARTH AND ALL STARS



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| 1 | Earth | and | all | stars! | Loud | rush - ing | plan - ets! |
| 2 | Trum - pet | and | pipes! | Loud | clash - ing | cym - bals! | |
| 3 | En - gines | and | steel! | Loud | pound - ing | ham - mers! | |
| 4 | Class-rooms | and | labs! | Loud | boil - ing | test tubes! | |
| 5 | Knowl-edge | and | truth! | Loud | sound - ing | wis - dom! | |



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| Sing | to | the | Lord | a | new | song! |
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING - Genesis 1:1-2:3

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon

the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - JOHN 1:1-14

The Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through

him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - 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*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - All Creatures Worship God Most High



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



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

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 - Oceans

*You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the myst'ry, in oceans deep my faith will
stand.*

*And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in your embrace for I am yours and you are mine.
(Interlude)*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now.
And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in your embrace for I am yours and you are mine,
Oh. (Interlude)*

*And I will call upon your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine (Interlude & Instrumental)
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,*

*let me walk upon the waters where ever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my savior.
(x2)*

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 - God of Wonders

*Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of all creation of water earth and sky
heavens are your tabernacle glory to the Lord on high
God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy
the universe declares your majesty you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth*

*Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
when I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night
hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (x3)*

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy
precious Lord, reveal your heart to me, Father holy, holy
the universe declares your majesty you are holy, holy holy, holy*

*Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (x5)
hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, April 19 was 55. 13 attended online.
This week's offerings to General Fund: \$xx Received online: \$xx

Did You Know?

CSLC participates in a program called Simply Giving® that allows members to set up recurring contributions directly from a savings or checking account with zero fees to the church. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions about the program, contact Mark at office@cslcvh.org.

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:

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| May 4 | Book Club - 10:30 AM |
| June 14 | Joint Worship at Lakeview Lutheran |
| June 24 | CSLC Night at the Twins |

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: 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)

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Friday, May 1

5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)

Saturday, May 2

8:30 AM - St. Paul AAPC Chapter
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, May 3 - Fifth 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 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, April 27

7:00 AM - AA

Sunday, May 3 - Fifth 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: Jayson & Matt Mehring
Reader: Peter Songster
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Jaime Souza & Family
Bread Pickup: Farm Family
Counters: Loretta Markham, Roger Gullickson

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, 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.)

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