



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us for worship, and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are new here, welcome! If you are newly returned to church, we rejoice with you! If you are a member, we celebrate your involvement in this faith community! You do not need to be a member to participate in our ministry and mission.

Mission Statement

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church invites all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we worship, learn, and serve.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is mounted on the right (north) side of the main hallway, just before the restrooms.

Prayer Requests may be phoned to the church office (303-469-4004), emailed to <u>churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org</u>, or put in the prayer box located in the Narthex. Our Prayer Team is made up of people who are dedicated to pray for others.

Children's Worship Space: We invite you and your children to use:

Carpeted area: Feel free to use items in this space or take them to a "pew seat."

Booster cushions: Please take a booster cushion to your seat and return it to the hooks in the narthex after worship.

Reusable Worship Bags: Pick yours up from the church office and Take & Keep Worship Bags: Activity bags are available in the narthex for visitors.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed Fridays.



Online Giving: Many of our members give online at <u>www.cross-of-christ.org</u> or by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera, however, you may also place your offering in the offering plates.

First Time Guests: We're glad you are here! Be sure to tell us about yourself by using this QR code. If you'd like to learn more about us, please visit our website at <u>www.cross-of-christ.org</u>.



Pastors and Staff	
Kathleen Armstrong	Lead Pastor
Aly Kohlmeyer	Associate Pastor
Amy Pallas	Director of Children's Ministry
Joseph Noelliste	Director of Music Ministry
Nikki Leverone	Financial Secretary
Lorie Couture	Office Administrator
Jessica Wanecek	Director of Communications
Scott Elvington/Shannon Hazler Audio & Visual Ministers	
Church Council	council@cross-of-christ.org
Amy Goodmanson	Preschool/Kindergarten Director

To contact the Church Staff, please email: churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org

Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour- Fellowship Hall Kids Connect- Music Room Youth Café - Youth Room New Member Orientation – Room 20

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion (Contemporary Service)

The Altar Flowers given this week by:

Diane Scott, in honor of son, Winston's Wedding and welcoming his wife, Jenny, to the family!

\oplus Gathering \oplus

The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print. Congregation responds with bold print.

PRELUDE

Brother

Joseph Noëlliste The Brilliance

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Behold this living water ! Here is our water of life ! Alleluia !

Immersed in the promise 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.

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.

Behold this living water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river, your beloved Son was baptized by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus,

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts and praise through the risen Christ,

our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

The trum - pets sound, the gels sing, an the feast 1 is Ta - bles are la den with good things; oh, 2 taste the The hun - gry heart he sat is - fies, of 3 fers the gates be - gin. The of heav'n are read - y to 0 --pen wide, peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you with love di - vine; up Now all heav'n and earth poor his par a - dise. hear ap-plaud Je sus and wel side. comes you in _ he'll your _ wine. turn wa ter \mathbf{in} to the a - maz ing good ness of the Lord. Refrain 3 3 Sing with thank - ful - ness de - light. songs of pure ÷ inCome and rev el heav en's love and light. 3 Take your place the ble of the King. at ta The feast is read be - gin; y to _ the be - gin. feast is read ---У to

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GREETING

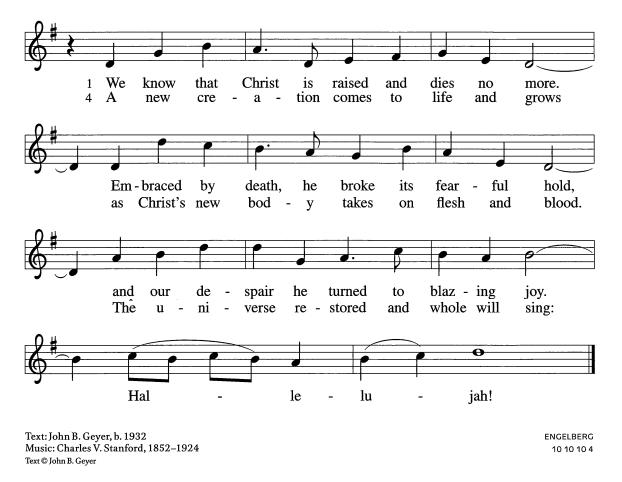
Alleluia ! Christ is risen ! Christ is risen indeed ! Alleluia !

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Know That Christ Has Raised



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\oplus Word \oplus

READING

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the book of Acts.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

The Lord is risen! The Word is Alive! God will meet us on our journey.

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Lovely are Thy Dwellings

Soprano Soloist, Tatum Specht Samuel Little

READING

A reading from the book of Psalms.

(In unison)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song Rise and Shine

> Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory. Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory, Children of the Lord.

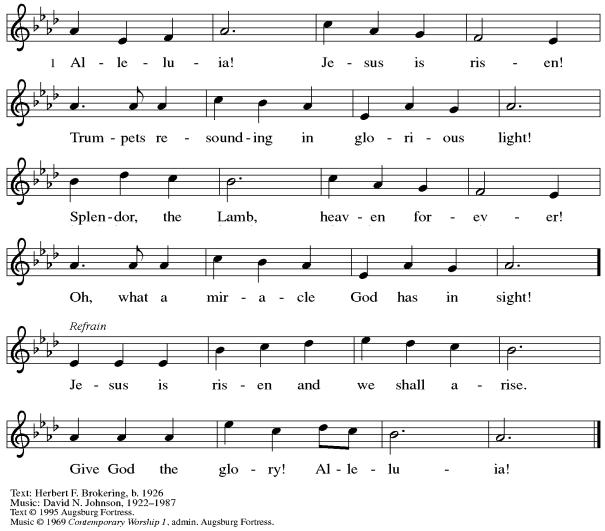
Children's Message

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

Children's Church Children may follow the children's church leader to the Fellowship Hall. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (verses 1)



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GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

SERMON

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: Irish tune ST. COLUMBA 8787

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members into our Cross of Christ family:



Michael and Julie Kuhn



Meg Mack, David and Ollie Price



Brett Woodiel



Danyielle, Brad and Eva Andrews

APOSTLES' CREED

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 holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Refrain: Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The sign of Peace is not the same as saying "hello" to our neighbors. Rather, the Peace of Christ is a sign of forgiveness and love we receive in Holy Communion and our hope to be able to share that with each other in this community.

The peace of Christ be with you always, **And also with you.**

\oplus Meal \oplus

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Children are invited to come forward with their offering and place it in the basket in front of the altar while the offering plates are being passed.

OFFERING MUSIC

Day by Day

Soli Dei Choir Martin How

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen**.

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

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 to 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 in remembrance of me."

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin.

Please form two lines in the aisle as you come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of communion glasses for those who desire it; and gluten-free wafers are available from those serving. If you need communion brought to you, please tell an usher. Children and adults who would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION WORSHIP SONG It Is Well

Verse 1

Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus 1

And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You And through it all, through it all It is well And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You And it is well, with me

Verse 2

Far be it from me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Chorus 2 And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You And through it all, through it all

It is well And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You And it is well, it is well

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Dawn Miller Bethel

Bridge 1

So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name

Bridge 2

So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name The waves and wind still know His name

Hymn Refrain x2 It is well with my soul It is well with my soul It is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

Tag It is well, it is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus 1

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from the banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



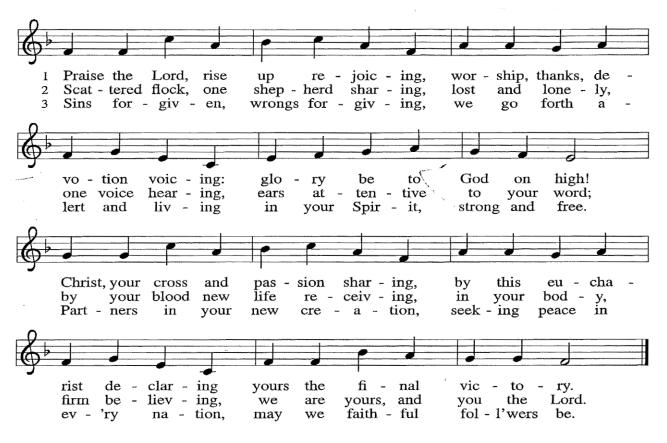
BENEDICTION

Alleluia ! Christ is risen ! Christ is risen indeed ! Alleluia !

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing



Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt. Music: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt. Text © Oxford University Press ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN 887 D SENDING Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (Reprise)

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9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader

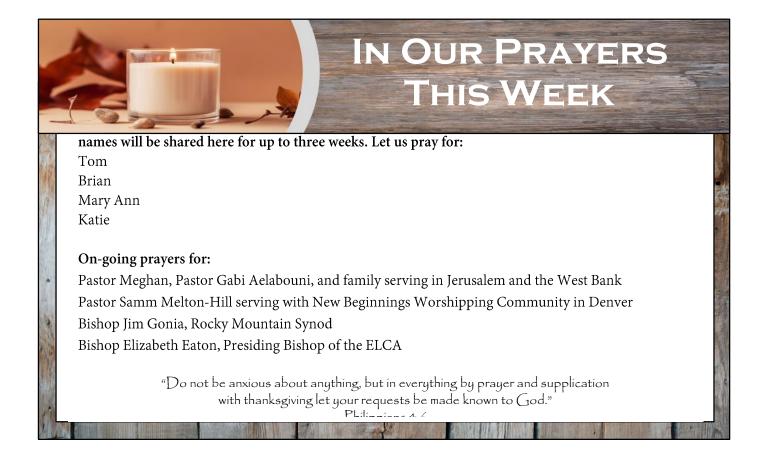
Communion Assistants

Laurie Fobes

Jim and Karen Garrett, Barb Morey, Julie Nunns Brett Woodiel

Ushers

Sharon McDaniel



Soli Dei Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details about all the upcoming evenis, pieuse muke sure to read the Cross of Christ weekly newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the church office.

