

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, Colorado 80210

303-722-1424 / email:marcella@christlutherandenver.org

www.christlutherandenver.org

www.christlutheranecc.org



MISSION STATEMENT:
*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

Volume 78

May 22, 2022

No. 21

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, “in that day,” that is, after Jesus’ victory and the Spirit’s gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John’s vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father’s hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia’s heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” by Theodore Beck

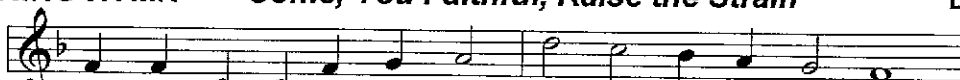
WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

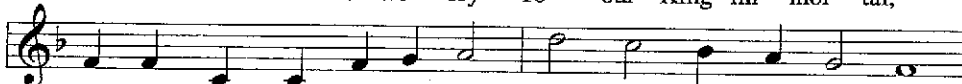
♪OPENING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.

(continued)



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33

- P** *This is the day that the LORD has made.*
C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P *On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.*

[Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.]

- P** *Almighty God,*
C **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P *Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.*
C **Amen! And may peace also be with you.**

KYRIE

P *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." For peace in the Body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." For the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Jesus said, "Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." For peace for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalms 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

P *Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;*

C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

P *My heart is in anguish within me;*

C **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

P *But I call to God,*

C **and the LORD will save me.**

P *Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,*

C **and he hears my voice.**

P *He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,*

C **for many are arrayed against me.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

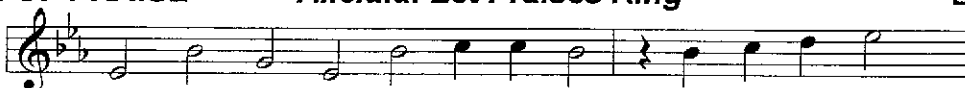
P *Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;*

C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!

(continued)



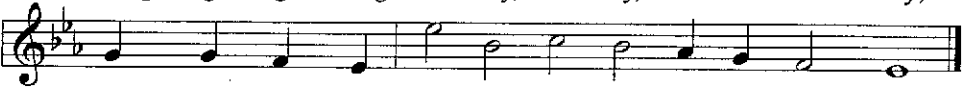
To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
 Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; Text and tune: Public domain

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C *And also with you.*

P *Let us pray.*

All: Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts. Grant that we may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear our every prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

♩ ALLELUIA VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

Ⓟ *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.*

Ⓢ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Ⓟ *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

Ⓢ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

♩ HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
6 The Son o-beyed His Fa-ther's will, Was born of vir-gin



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
moth-er; And God's good plea-sure to ful-fill, He came to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
be my broth-er. His roy-al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
ser-vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev-il cap-tive.

7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

9. "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–57, att.
Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg; Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

"EASTER SIGNS"

Acts 16:9-15

- I. It's easy, five weeks after Easter, to think that the effects of Easter are long gone.
- II. But, as we see with Lydia, the signs of Easter remain with us wherever God is at work in Word and Sacrament.

APOSTLE'S CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

OFFERTORY

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007; Tune: Carolyn Jennings, 1936
Text: © 1997 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000664
Tune: © 1996 Carolyn Jennings. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000664

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 67:3

- P** "In that day," Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father. We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord's overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

- P** We pray for people who call out to God for daily bread, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body: those who are sick; in need of adequate food, clothing, or shelter; in conflict with family or neighbors; oppressed unjustly; dealing with calamity by fire or water; going into harm's way for the good of others; and those near and dear to us, [especially

. . .]. Grant that they place their hope in Jesus' overcoming the world, realize God's protection and care, and find peace in God's answers to their prayers. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We pray for people who do not know the complete forgiveness for their trespasses that Christ has won for them and those who have strayed away from His protection into false belief and despair. Grant that God surround them with people bringing them His forgiveness in word and deed so that they might overcome the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature to win the victory. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You! Amen; yes, yes, it shall be so.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ~~+~~ give you His peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

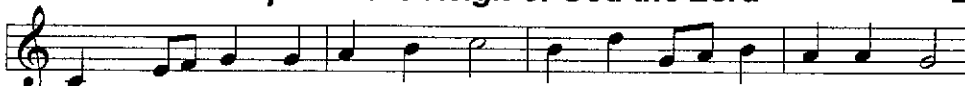
P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

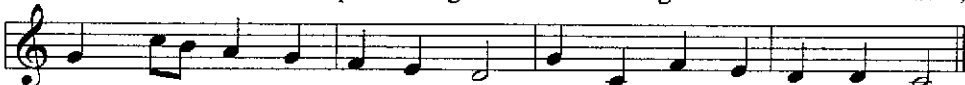
CLOSING HYMN

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5. Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6. Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. composite
Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.; Text and tune: Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Sing to the Great Jehovah’s Praise”

by Lani Smith

From *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*, Series C, Quarter 2.
Copyright © 2021 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

~~~~~

Roger C. Wohietz, Pastor .....720-283-8128 / email: [pastorroger@christlutherandenver.org](mailto:pastorroger@christlutherandenver.org)  
Renee Ortado, ECC Director / Preschool Teacher .....303-828-6735 / email: [renee@christlutherandenver.org](mailto:renee@christlutherandenver.org)  
Beth Buss, Music Director.....970-778-5696 / email: [bethbuss4@gmail.com](mailto:bethbuss4@gmail.com)  
Rob Hatton, Congregation Chairman..... 303-906-9395 / email: [roberthatton1@gmail.com](mailto:roberthatton1@gmail.com)

~~~~~

WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte Steve Rolan
Altar GuildMarilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah
Counters..... Marisa Showalter & Rob Hatton
Elder on Duty Tony Williams
Greeter Linda Monasmith
Lay Reader..... Warren Kettner
Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
Special Music: Christ Choristers; Beth Buss, Director
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming Stuart Ruwet
Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Cameron Hatton

~~~~~