



**Sunday, April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

Prelude: Offertory on "O Filii et Filiae" (ELW #386)

Jean-François Dandrieu

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements

### **SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*Create a focal point for worship in your home in the Easter season. Add an Alleluia, maybe your Easter bells, or fresh flowers. In addition to these items, a candle and bowl of water remind us of the new life we have received through our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection and our call to let our Christ light shine! Christ is with us wherever we gather, and by God's love and grace, we are one in Christ, across time and space. Throughout our worship, ring your bells each time you hear, speak, or sing the word "Alleluia!"*

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ,

**for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ,

**that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

**Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.**

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**Make us one, risen Christ.**

Cleanse our hearts.

**Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

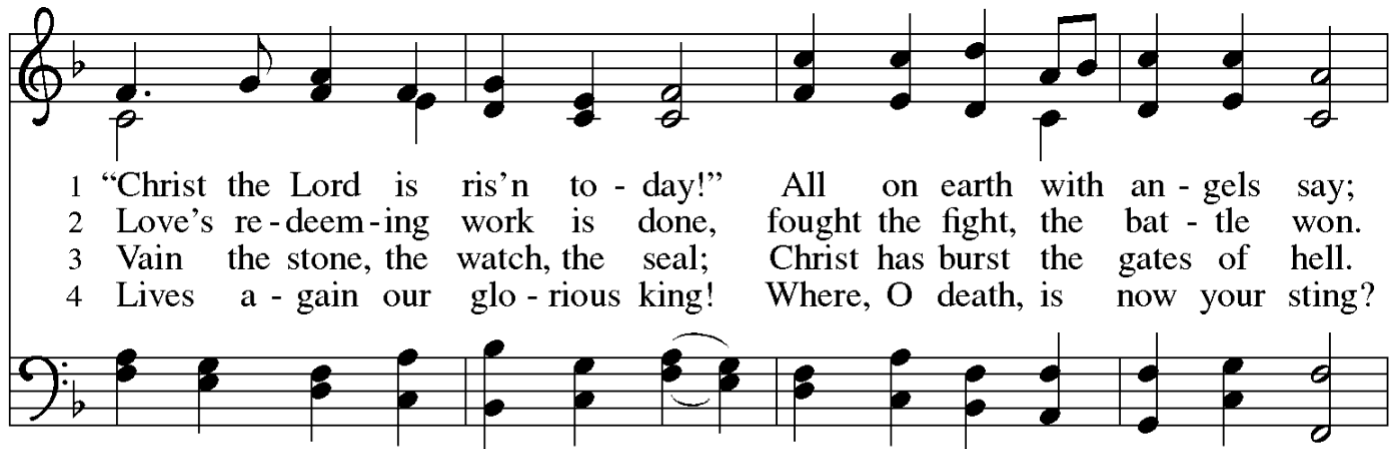
**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

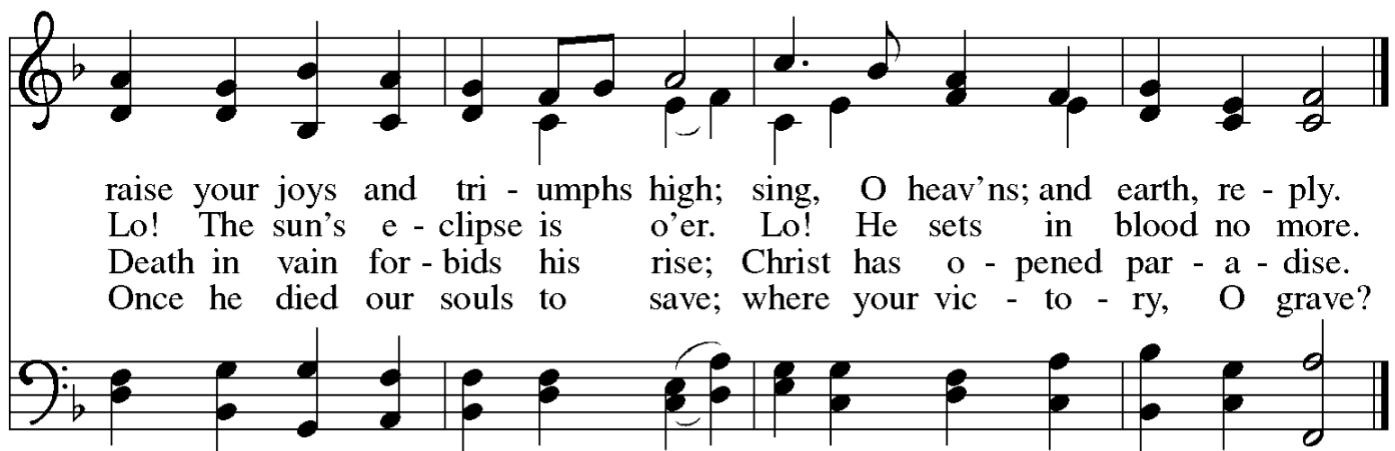
**And also with you.**

*Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.*

Gathering Hymn :	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!</i>	#373
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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

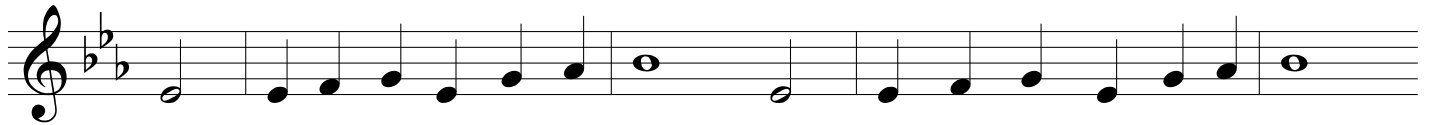
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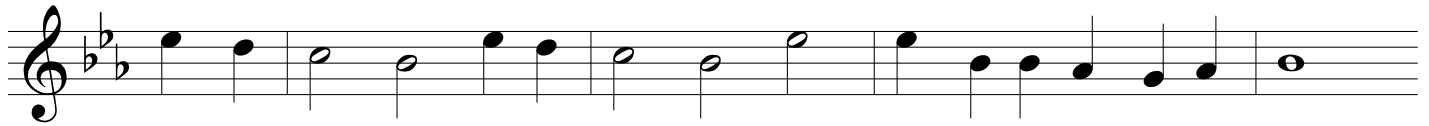
Greeting:

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

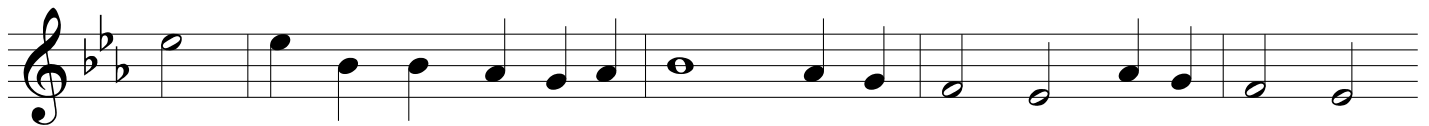
**And also with you.**



Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that still a-bounds:  
A - dor-ing prais-es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly blessed sing:



"Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and clear!  
"Christ has tri-umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa-ther, and our Lord,



Re - peat their song of glo-ry here: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
to Spir - it blest, most ho-ly God, all the glo - ry, nev-er end - ing!



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

### Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### Children's Moment

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### **Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we

are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



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*ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -*  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



*rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya*  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



*mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.*  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth

Spanish text and tune © Anders Ruuth, admin. Augsburg Fortress. English text © Lutheran World Federation.

The Apostles' Creed:

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

*Though we meet virtually, the ministry of God's people at BLC continues. Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. This time of uncertainty and reduced physical contact gives us ever more opportunities to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you are able, please continue your financial commitment to BLC.*

*If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450.*



*Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.*

Offering of Music:

Then Came the Morning

William J. Gaither & Chris Christian  
(Phyllis Stock & Susan DePasquale on Keyboard;  
Mary Jane Burke & Bob Stock Vocal Quartet)

How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es

gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God of love,

**you call us beloved children and welcome us always. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People:

*In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those whose needs are known to us listed below. You may also lift up the name of someone in need of prayer in the comments of our worship livestream.*

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

### *Brief silence*

Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

On this third Sunday of Easter, we lift up the signs of new life granted through the miracle of Christ's resurrection and pray that all people around the world, particularly the hungry, poor and sick, come to know the power of your love in movements that promote justice, peace and reconciliation. Hear us O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

We pray for the congregation of Bethlehem and for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. We ask particularly for your abiding presence as our pastors and council intentionally and prayerfully plan for our return to worship and in-person fellowship. Today we ask for your blessings on these members and friends of Bethlehem: Diane, Mark & Sandy, Craig & Jenny, Wayne & GerryAnn, Kurt, Brendan & Lisa (Meghan & Elizabeth) David & Jennifer, Christina (Annika), Griffin, Maribeth, Desiree, and Marjorie. Hear us O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you know our needs better than we ourselves. Be with those who are suffering this day and bring them hope. Comfort the caregivers, restore their strength. and grant patience to all who are exhausted by the constraints of the pandemic. Hear us O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Hear also these prayers we raise to you in our own voice. Hear us O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

*We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:*

- Gary Almeter (who was the husband of Marilyn Almeter, a coworker of Mike Koncilja) who died on 4/8



*We pray for those in need of healing, especially:*

- Skip Patton, friend of the Purvis families, who suffered a stroke last week
- Waverly, friend of Phyllis Stock as she seeks a kidney donor
- Those impacted by fires, hurricanes and other disasters
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

Benediction:

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

Sending Hymn:	<i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	#389
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Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

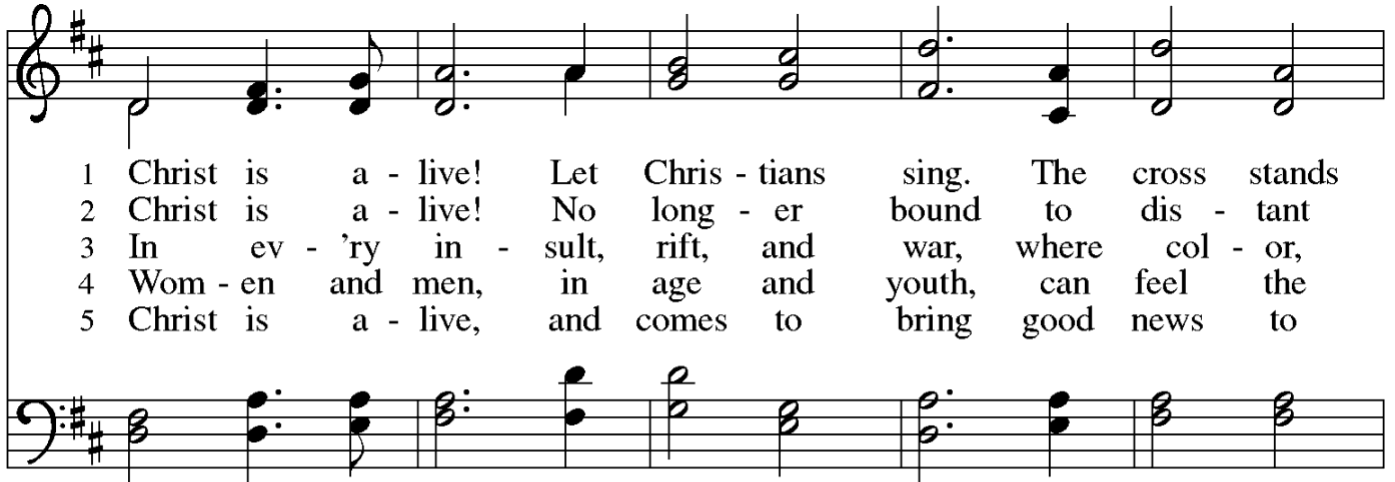
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

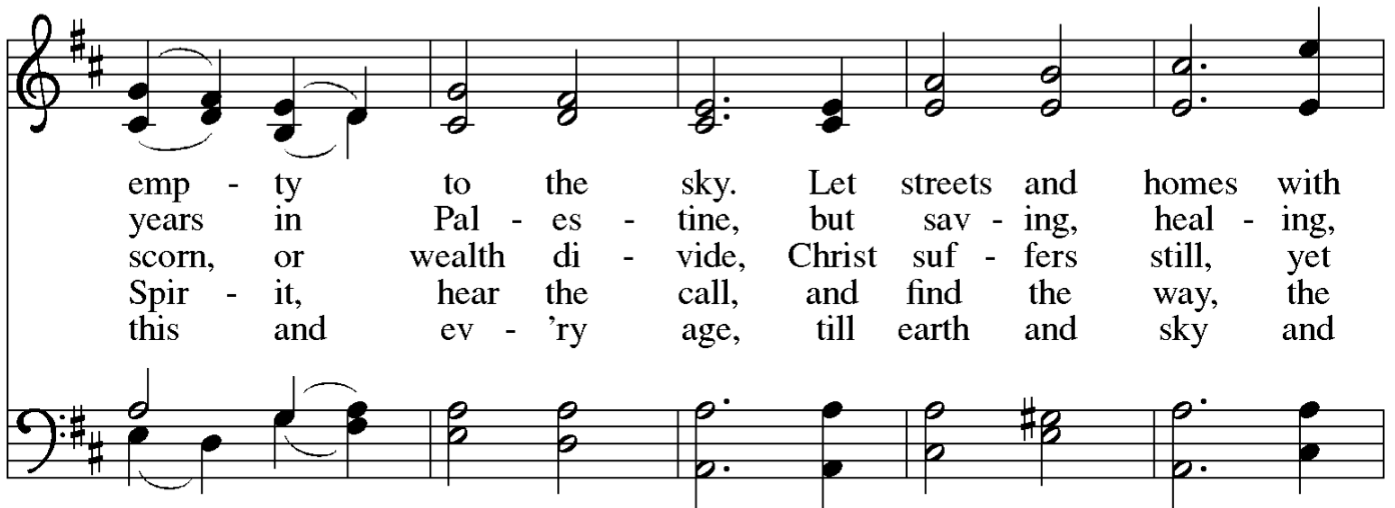
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Postlude on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

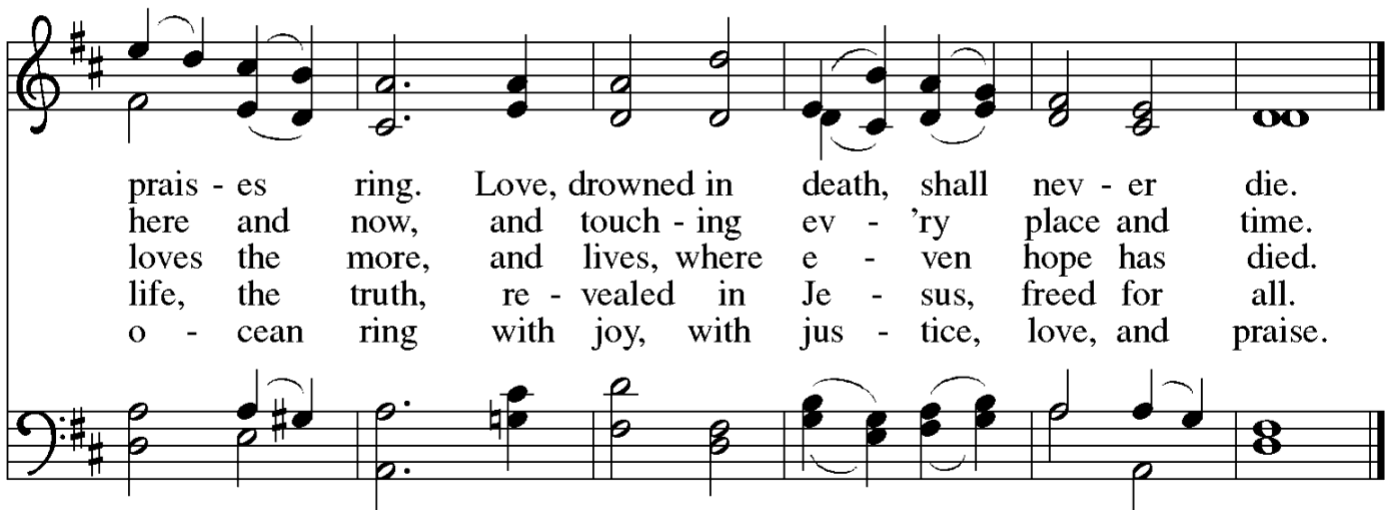
John Leavitt



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## Calendar for week of April 18 – April 25

(Last updated on 4/14/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### Sunday, April 18

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream Worship  
10:00 am Listening Session at  
Egypt Park (registration  
required)\*\*  
7:30 pm Zoom\* LYO  
([Join](#) or use ID 818 2417 6546)

### Monday, April 19

6:00 pm Virtual Youth Choir  
([Join](#) or use ID 816 9461 2911)  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 208  
7:00 pm Zoom\* GFL  
Confirmation  
([Join](#) or use ID 859 4816 8778)

### Tuesday, April 20

6:00 pm Listening Session at  
Egypt Park (registration  
required)\*\*  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019

### Wednesday, April 21

9:30 am Zoom\* Bible Study  
([Join](#) or use ID 943 3691 2942)  
1:00 pm Zoom\* Men's Lunch  
([Join](#) or use ID 874 8853 3240)  
3:00 pm Listening Session via  
Zoom  
([Join](#) or use ID 861 4925 1844)  
6:30 pm Chancel Bells  
7:30 pm Zoom\* Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal  
([Join](#) or use ID 869 2314 9200)

### Thursday, April 22

6:30 pm Church Council  
([Join](#) or use ID 856 5035 0877)

### Friday, April 23

#### **Pastor's Sabbath**

10:00 am Folk Group Rehearsal  
3:00 pm Dulcimer Group  
Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 24

### Sunday, April 25

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream Worship  
10:00 am Listening Session at  
Egypt Park (registration  
required)\*\*  
4:00 pm Confirmation/LYO  
Listening Session at Egypt Park  
(registration required)\*\*  
*No LYO today*

**\*\*April Listening Sessions:** Help us plan for a return to in-person congregational life at Bethlehem. Your presence and voice at these listening sessions matters! Remaining dates include 4/18, 4/20, 4/21 (via Zoom) & 4/25. Sign up early for the greatest option of dates and times! Register at <https://blcfairport.org/listening-sessions/>

**For additional details** about any of the meetings, events and activities listed above contact the church office!

**Church Office Hours:** We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Pastor Amy remains available by phone and email at other times.

**\*To join any of our BLC Zoom meetings, use the ID provided or contact the church office and/or group organizer.**

**\*Zoom Options:** For recurring meetings, the info will remain the same each time. Participants can join with the link provided (above where applicable, or via email), or by using the Meeting ID and manually enter the password (the 10-digit BLC phone number with area code, no spaces or hyphens). **Please contact the group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details! If you have trouble accessing a Zoom meeting in real-time, you can call or text (585) 364-2129 for assistance.**

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## Faith-Sustaining Patterns in a World of Stockpiles

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and fear are like hunger to the disciples.

Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears. Everyone's faith needs sustenance. Those who listen to the preacher and gather at the table today are looking for the God of truth and love to settle their doubts.

Even though Jesus' disciples had been speaking about his appearance to two of them on the road to Emmaus just verses earlier, Jesus does not become agitated at the fact that the disciples are afraid of him. Jesus expects the fears and the doubts about his presence in the room. He knows that one post-resurrection appearance to them will never be enough. There will need to be more appearances to sustain the faith of generations of disciples!

The appearances become a pattern, with Jesus entering into the lives of his disciples, eating with them and teaching them. Finally, Jesus sends the disciples out as witnesses. Today the witnesses come back into the pattern of Jesus' appearance to remember what was witnessed—so that their own testimony of a Savior who sets their fears at ease will also ease the doubts and fears of other hearers.

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