

Welcome!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Baccalaureate Sunday**

May 12, 2019 ++ 9:30 am

***Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota***

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ.
It is the promise of Jesus.*

It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2018)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Piano Prelude

Shailey Marczak

Call to Worship

Easter Announcement

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presider gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and ponds praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Crown Him with Many Crowns ----- [855]

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

page 184 in front of hymnal

Calli Newton will sing the stanzas. The congregation will sing the refrains.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

A: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

A: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Testament Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir,

“A Blessing,” sung by Brenda Olson

Kallman

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of God’s Peace

L: The peace of our risen Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.

Offering

Piano Solo

“New Life”

Shailey Marczak

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love, through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of God’s People

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with “hear our prayer.”

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

L: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – “We Are Called” ----- [720]

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to choose an instrument to play during the hymn.

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go now in peace, confident that God’s love is always chasing you down. Share the good news! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God!

Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (LEAF)

A LEAF financial award of \$250 per year for four years will be given to Calli Newton. Calli will be attending Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha Nebraska. The LEAF Committee and all of Christ Lutheran Church members wish God’s blessings to all the graduating seniors as they look forward to their future plans.

The interest earned from six memorials that were established years ago is the source of our funding for giving these awards to our graduates attending Lutheran or other Christian colleges. Please consider memorial gifts or other monetary gifts to the LEAF fund to help our young people with their education costs.

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, May 12, 2019 —

Ushers: Dean Berg, Sandy Boehne, Allie Enga, Claire Erickson, Kathie Erickson,
Kris Holm, Jon Myrvik, Sid Olson, Sarah Yotter

Musician: Gwen Arneson **Acolyte:** Elly Ramert **Video Camera:** Pat Hinz

Lector/Assisting Minister: Elijah Sterner **PA:** Shawn Myers, Chad Gregoire

Altar Care: Kris Holm, Anne Isaackson **Counters:** Corey Moseng, Tracy Sterner

Invitation to High School Graduation Receptions

Fri., May 17: Elijah Sterner, following commencement, at Christ Lutheran

Sat., May 18: Calli Newton, from 11 am to 3 pm, at her home, 1332 580th St., Echo

Sat., May 18: Taylor St. Pierre, from 1 to 4 pm, at his home, 58 Lake St., Cottonwood

Sat., May 25: Shailey Marczak, from 4 to 7 pm, at her home, 2586 Co. Rd. 24, Cottonwood



We are invited to the annual **Ascension Day Brunch** at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota on **Thursday, May 30th** - see **flyer on our front entry news board**. To aid in meal planning, Hope Lutheran requests RSVP by May 20th to: [hopelutheran87@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheran87@gmail.com) — OR 507 872 6446

— This Week: May 12, 2019 —

Today, Sunday, May 12

9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 Baccalaureate Worship a

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Monday, May 13

4:30 pm Worship on Cable 180

7 pm Christian Ed. Committee

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 pm Council Meeting

Friday, May 17

Following Evening Commencement:
Large Fellowship Room reserved for
Elijah Sterner Graduation Open
House

Next Sunday, May 19

9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Shi Aamodt	Craig Ahmann	Darleen Cole	Ralph Dovre
Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza	Irene Evers	Norm Evers
LaVonne Fischer	Gordy Geistfeld	Marge Gigstad	Janet Gniffke
Gail Gregoire	Sue Gropel	Jon Hakes	Bruce Hoffman
Alton Huso	Virginia Isaackson	Julie Jaeger	Marietta Jarcho
Lisa Jones	Bob Kaeter	Cole Louwagie	Betty Lovsness
Kathy Martin	Lila Mauland	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison
Donna Neuharth	Robert Nolin	Gretchen Noon	Bobby Olson
Rodney Olson	Alnora Pederson	Milton Rebers	Ruth Stensrud
Harvey Suer	Gary Timmerman	Louis Wood	

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Families of our Congregation.

Kari, Paul, Michael, Katie Louwagie Jackson Lovsness Josie Lovsness

Deaths: Sindie Holmberg
 Luann Pugsley Armitage, mother of Bethany Schafer

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Pray for Children and Staff of Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica.

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