
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2012

Welcome in the Name of Jesus!

Blessings in Jesus to you and your family! We are glad you are here today as we continue the Lenten season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Today we will hear our Savior speak of his death for our forgiveness and salvation. May the good news of Christ fill us with joy and peace.



Guests and Visitors

We are glad you came to hear the message of God's grace and promise of eternal life and we are very glad to have the opportunity to share it with you and your family. **We invite you** to follow our service as printed/outlined in this service folder. We pray this time of worship will strengthen your faith in Jesus as your Savior. **Please join us** for coffee, refreshments and conversation after the service.

Please sign fill out a Connection Card and worship with us again soon.

Restrooms are located in the hallway just outside the meeting hall. Drinking water is available in the office (Suite 1B).

If you have any **questions** about our church, please speak to our pastor or our members after the service. You are invited to contact Pastor Kant by his mobile phone, 707-246-2233, or email eternallifeconcord@gmail.com.



Our Mission

We, the members of Eternal Life Lutheran Church, desire to serve our Lord using His Word to strengthen the faith of those who worship with us, and by reaching out to the unchurched in Concord and the surrounding communities, that all may come to know the way of salvation through faith in Christ, and receive God's gracious gift of eternal life.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Theme

Jesus' road to glory was the road to the cross. Jesus shows his glory as a saving glory but a glory that is hidden under a blanket of suffering and a veil of humiliation.



Prepare for Worship

✚ **Prayers for Worship**, hymnal, p. 10, 134

✚ **Prayer before Worship**

Dear Lord,
Bless me as I worship today.
Help me listen, learn and pray.
Keep me in your loving care,
here at church and everywhere. Amen.

~ Today ~	
Service	in bulletin
Hymns	106, 387, 111

✚ **Order of Service** The service will follow *Morning Praise*, printed out below.

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OPENING

Hymn # 106 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

Please stand for the final verse

Minister (M/L): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen.

Confession and Absolution

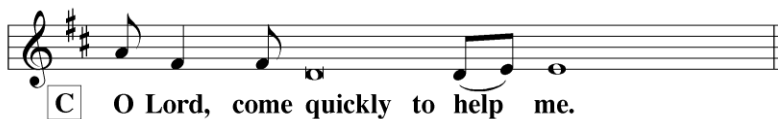
M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord *Venite*

The congregation sings the refrains and verses

Refrain

1
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
2
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
3
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,
to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Be seated

LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *God gave Israel and Judah everything, and that by grace alone. They threw it all away. So what did God do? He establishes a new covenant by forgiving wickedness and remembering all the rest of their sins no more! What grace!*

³¹ “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” [NIV]

John 12:20-33 *Jesus makes these astonishing declarations: He sees his glory as beginning with his ultimate humiliation. He has come to suffer. He has come to die. As horrible as that will be, and as deeply as he will feel it all, he looks ahead to the fruit of his Passion. And what is the fruit of his Passion? It is that by his cross he may draw us to himself! That is his glory!*

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. [NIV]

Seasonal Response

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day # 387 *Drawn to the Cross*

Sermon *Hebrews 5:7-10*

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. [NIV]

JESUS . . .

Sweating the small stuff,
and the big stuff

. . . FOR US and FOR OUR SALVATION

You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum Laudamus*

The congregation sings all refrains and verses

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
 You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
 You have ris - en to free us;

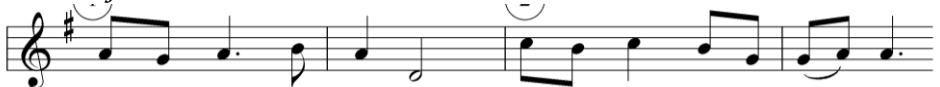


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyr - s and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, **We sing in end - less praise!**
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

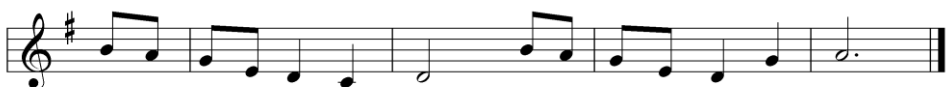
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



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Offering

Rite of Confirmation *Charles Philbrook*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated 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.**

Prayer of the Church *Confirmation*

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted *these brothers and sisters* in Baptism and anointed *them* with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen *them* by that same Spirit so that *they* may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Move *them* to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that *they* may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Give *them* the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Clothe *them* with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that *they* may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Protect *them* from the powers of evil, and give *them* the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Keep *them* faithful and holy so that *they* may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Stand

PRAYERS

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a 'L' in a box. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a 'C' in a box. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Grace

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Musical notation for the first two sections. The first line is for the 'Prayer of the Day' response, and the second line is for the 'Prayer for Grace' response. Both are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: [L] Let us praise the Lord. [C] Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Musical notation for the Blessing. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is for the 'L' response, and the second line is for the 'C' response. The lyrics are: [L] The Lord bless and keep you. [C] A - men. The third line is for the 'L' response, and the fourth line is for the 'C' response. The lyrics are: [L] The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you. [C] A - men.



Closing Hymn # 111 *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*



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Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY is PALM SUNDAY Lent began with an almost equal focus on the sinner and the Savior. But increasingly and now in Holy Week the focus is on Christ. The readings for next Sunday want us to understand once and for all who it really is who has come to save us, so that with all confidence we may follow him from Holy Week to Easter, from earth to heaven. The Readings will be: Mark 11:1-10; Zechariah 9:9, 10; Philippians 2:5-11; and Psalm 24.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose. The main speaker will be Pastor Geoff Cortright from Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. All are invited. A sign-up sheet is posted.

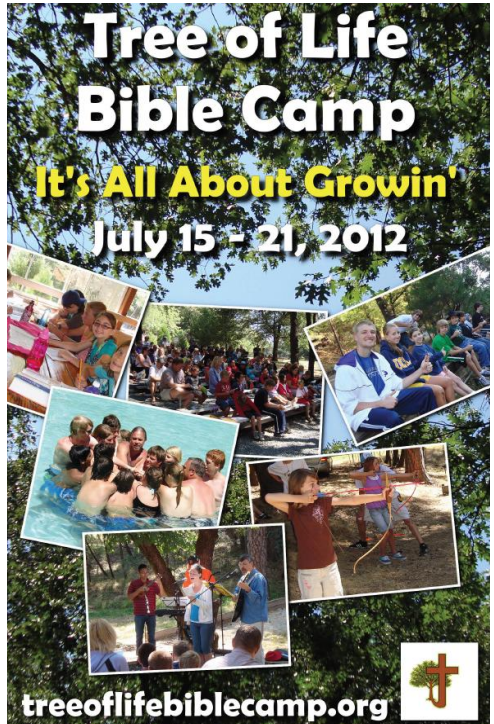


STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS from John 12:20-33 We are to produce many seeds, not isolate ourselves, as we glory in receiving the grace of God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As stewards, we are commanded to share the Good News with others and continue planting seeds, with the Lord always by our side. We are to care for those seeds, plant, cultivate, feed, nurture, and harvest them, and then plant again. We are managers of all of God's gifts, including the spiritual ones. The guidelines for caretaking are in the Word.

PLAN NOW for BIBLE CAMP

The date for this year's summer Bible Camp is July 15 – 21. At Bible Camp the children enjoy good fellowship with other Christians, studying God's Word, crafts, and lots of games and activities in God's great outdoors. This year "It's All About Growin'" and it's an experience that they will never forget. Registration forms for this year's camp will soon be available.

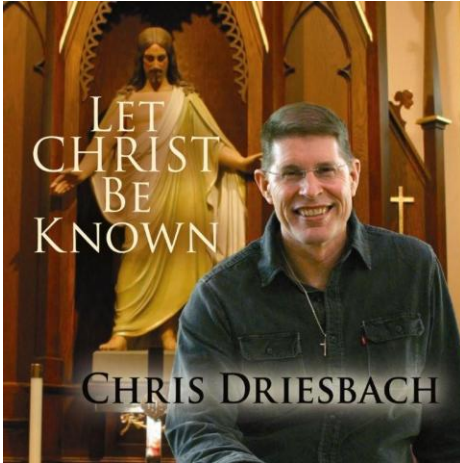
Would you like to help send a child to our church's Bible Camp this summer? The cost is about \$400 for the week. Eternal Life, through the Education Fund, is accepting donations to help defer the cost for the children of our congregation. Donations can be made anytime to the Education Fund, just mark an envelope with "Education Fund" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you to those that have already contributed generously.



A Christian Concert

*In Concert at Eternal Life
Wednesday, March 28 @ 7pm*

Crown of Life Lutheran New Orleans Musician:



*Original Christian Music on
guitar and keyboards*

Chris will be performing his new Christian songs. He loves to sing about Jesus and about his church in New Orleans.

CDs will be available.

ChrisDriesbach.com

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

April 5th Maundy Thursday

Worship and Choir Concert
with Communion, 7pm
at Good Shepherd, Vallejo
with choirs from Good Shepherd
& St. John, Vacaville

April 6th Good Friday

Service of Darkness, 7pm

April 8th Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast at **9:00am**
Festival Service at **10:30am**

Note the earlier Sunday service time!

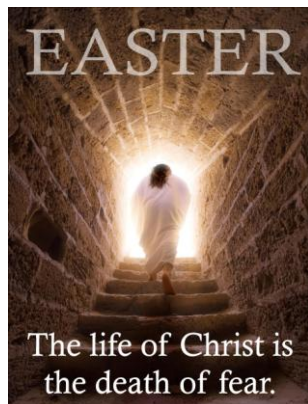
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INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US THIS EASTER

Dear friends in Christ, you know full well that our world needs to hear about the forgiveness which Christ won by his death and resurrection. Easter provides us a great opportunity to do that. Easter is a time when people who might not otherwise go to church consider doing so.

We would like to ask you to think about people in your life who need to hear about Jesus. It might be an unbelieving family member, or an unchurched neighbor or co-worker. Could you invite them to join us this Easter Sunday?

We are providing you with invitations for Easter Sunday. You can pick them up in the entryway at church. You can take as many as you think you could distribute. Here is what you would then do.



1. Pray. Pray that the Lord would help you identify people in your life who don't know the good news of our living Lord or who don't have a Christian church home. Pray that God would bless our Easter outreach efforts. Pray for courage as you speak to these people. You could make this prayer before you leave church today.
2. Write down a list of names that you come up with. You could start doing that today too.
3. This week, mail those people the invitation. (Or you could hand deliver it if that's convenient.)
4. Sometime next weekend, call those people you invited and tell them how much you would like them to join you for Easter. Offer to pick them up before church on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for being part of our Easter efforts to share a living Lord with a dying world!

Thought of the Day:

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Jeremiah 31:34

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TODAY:	Bible Study & Sunday School, 10am; Worship, 11:15am Bible Camp Board meeting, Vallejo, 2:30pm
TUES:	Choir Rehearsal, Vallejo, 6:30pm
WED:	Service and Driesbach Concert, 7pm
THUR:	Playtime & Devotion, at Vallejo, 1:30pm
FRI:	Driesbach concert at Vallejo, 7pm
NEXT SUN:	Bible study/Sunday School, 10am; Worship with Communion, 11:15am

SERVING the LORD

<u>Today</u>		<u>Next Week</u>
Stephen Ylvisaker	Set Up	Vorpahls
Marion Keibel		
Weilers	Take Down	Vorpahls
Milla Schill	Flowers	Milla Schill
M. Schill	Refreshments	St. Clairs
S. Ylvisaker	Music	S. Ylvisaker
S. Ylvisaker	Bible Study	S. Ylvisaker

NEW MEMBER Welcome to Chuck Philbrook. He will be received into membership today by the Rite of Confirmation. May the Lord bless and keep him as he worships, communes and serves among us.

SIGN UP for SERVING The signup sheet for set-up, take-down, flowers and refreshments are now combined on one chart. Please sign up for as many or few weeks as you are able and for the different areas of serving that you are able.

REFRESHMENTS Refreshments are needed for the fellowship time after the concert this Wednesday. Please offer your help to Susan Weiler

COMBINED CHOIR A combined choir of members from St. John, Vacaville; Good Shepherd, Vallejo; and Eternal Life that will sing at the combined Maundy Thursday Service & Concert on April 5th, will meet for rehearsals in Vallejo on March 27 & April 3 at 6:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP of WORD and POSSESSIONS

Mar. 18: Worship – 34; Bible Studies – 17; Offerings – Gen. \$1155
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