

Christ Is the Life



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April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991
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Participants in Today's Service:

Pastor.....Rev. Tyler Gingrich
Musician.....Karen Isleifson Buechler
Liturgist.....Lexy Dorn
Reader.....Kim Dorn
Guest Reader.....Elsie Remple (Charleswood Mennonite)
Greeter.....Jerry Buffie
Ministers.....You, the People of God

worship leader; **congregation**

hymn "#" refers to the latter part of the red hymn-book; page numbers in the liturgy booklet during worship, please stand as you are able

GATHERING

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Gathering Hymn – *Beneath the Tree of Life* p. 2-3

Greeting p. 3

Kyrie p. 3-4

Response: *Beneath the Tree of Life* (refrain, p. 2)

Prayer of the Day

**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation – *Turn My Heart, O God* p. 7

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *Christ is the Life* ACS #927

Nicene Creed (on screen & ELW p. 104)

Prayers of Intercession
Sung Response: *Bring Peace* p. 8

The Peace

MEAL

Offertory Hymn – *Come Let Us Bring* p. 9

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p. 10
Holy, Acclamation 1, Christ Has Died, Simple Amen p. 10-12

The Lord’s Prayer p. 13

Distribution of Communion
(Note: white liquid is wine; red liquid is juice)

Lamb of God p. 13

My Lord of Life ELW #832

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW #802

In the Singing ELW #466

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song – *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* ELW #767

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After worship, please return *Tree of Life* liturgy booklets to the table beside the baptismal font.

The worship committee is calling for memorial donations for Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Please indicate on your offering envelope, or speak with Kim or Sandra.

Our final mid-day, mid-week Lenten Series with the RCCO is this Wednesday, at 12:15pm in our sanctuary.

Save the date! Our annual garage sale and yard cleanup is taking place on May 2-3. Please contact Ralph to get involved.

Will you read, lead prayer, or usher on Sundays? Contact the church office to join the rotation and help out!

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday.....April 17, 5:00pm

Good Friday.....April 18, 10:30am

Easter Breakfast.....April 20, 9:30am

Easter Worship.....April 20, 10:30am

*You are welcome here!
Thank you for joining with us, today!*

Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei's ministry with an offering!
Cash and cheque offerings may be placed in the plate by the entrance in the sanctuary; an offering given by e-transfer may be sent to gdeiwpq@gmail.com

