

As you enter the worship space, feel free to go to the altar and light a candle representing your life and the light you are to the world. May you shine brightly throughout the week.

Third Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

Prelude

Steve Wysocki

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, **you are welcome here!**

Welcome & Announcements



Temple Talk:

Free to Be

Lauren Applegate

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence.

Chime

Silence

Prayer

Opening Songs: *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

Lord, I Need You

Time for All Ages

Josh Gulotta

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Responsively)

Ursula Merriman

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Acclamation: *Tell the World*

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other,

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *Build My Life* Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, Barrett
Nora Feather, soloist

Offertory Response: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Prayers of the Church

Brad Wagner

After each petition: We are FREE, able to **BE your light in our world.**

Kris Richard, Kathryn Achey, Elaine Rogers, Matthew Martin, Deanna Benner,
Ferd Piccuiro, Monica & Brad Wagner, Mel Jones, Bill Bold, Lorita & Herb,
Colonel Martin O'Donnell, Joe Meier, Michael Colavita, Tiffany Weddle,
Bill Bergstresser, Sheila, Chris Kline, Leona, Richard, Ashley Viegas,
Mary Ann Kolumber, George Suarez, Meghan, Bill Tone, Kyle

*When a name is placed on the Prayer List, it will remain there for one month unless you notify us.
If you would like a call, a visit, or communion from Pastor Phil, please call the church office.*

Finally, and together: **Receive our prayers, O God,
through Jesus,
whom we love and follow.
Amen.**

The 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.**

Closing Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Benediction: *God's Peace*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following worship this morning for brunch.

At Christ Lutheran, we believe that God's love knows no bounds
— and neither does our Welcome.

No matter who you are, where you are from, or what your story is, we are here to love you,
value you, and invite you to join us on this journey of faith together.

We warmly welcome all people, regardless of race, culture,
sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

We are committed to racial equality and strive to create a community where
every person is treated with dignity, compassion, and respect.

Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, just starting to explore faith, coming back after a
break, or simply curious about what it means to follow Jesus, there is a place for you here.

Feel free to come as you are, and let us all grow together, serve others,
and celebrate God's grace.

Free to Be is a community of small groups, made of families and individuals, that come together for mutual support, truth speaking, story sharing, and connection building. Through these experiences together, **Free to Be** Small Group participants are able to find their freedom to be their full selves, as they support others in finding the same.

Pastor **Lauren Applegate** (she/her) is the founding Mission Developer of **Free to Be**. She is passionate about weaving together her lived experiences of finding freedom in recovery from substance use and family trauma, to show up for opportunities of reformation within the body of Christ.

Free to Be is NEPA Synod's first Synod Authorized Outreach Ministry, aimed at Building community among people and communities that are easily overlooked.

Free to Be's ministry is made possible by financial support from people and congregations like you and yours.

Learn more at www.godslove.org/freetobe.

