



# Community In Christ Lutheran Church

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*2nd Sunday in Easter*

**April 27, 2025**

**11 AM**

*Welcome to worship at CIC! We are glad you are here today!  
Please fill out the black Friendship Pad and pass it down the row.  
If you are visiting with us, please let us know if there is anything you would like to  
learn about our family of faith.*

## 2nd Sunday in Easter April 27, 2025

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Temple Talk

Michael Mitchum, Camp Agape

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

### \*Opening Song

*"The Easter Day with Joy was Bright"*

ELW 384

### \*Greeting

### \*Kyrie

ELW pg. 147

### \*Canticle of Praise

ELW pg. 149

### \*Prayer of the Day

### Reading: Acts 5:27-32

27 When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 150

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

**2 Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

3 Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

**4 Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

**6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

### Children's Message

### \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151

### \*Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**                    *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*                    ELW 369

**\*Nicene Creed**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

**\*Peace**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Hymn**                    *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*                    ELW 184

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Communion Distribution Instructions:**

- All the baptized are welcome to receive this gift of grace.
- Communion is distributed at the head of the aisle. The two center sections will come forward by the center aisle. The two side sections will come forward by the far side aisles. Ushers will direct you.
- Gluten-free wafers are available.
- You will take your own cup from the communion tray while hearing God’s words for you from the communion assistant. The grape juice cups are located in the center circle of the tray.
- Non-communing children will be given a sticker in the shape of the cross hearing the promises of God’s love while an assistant or pastor makes the sign of the cross on their forehead.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)**                    ELW p. 153

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord’s Prayer (spoken)**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**Lamb of God**                    ELW pg. 154

**Communion Hymns**                    *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*                    ELW 359

*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*                    ELW 379

**\*Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**                    *“Christ is Alive”*                    ELW 389

**\*Dismissal**

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## Announcements

*We welcome Michael Mitchum, the Program Director at Agape Kure Beach Ministries. Michael will share about AKBM's ministries during worship!*

**Have you joined CIC's new online photo directory yet?** The directory is through a program called Church Center, which is also an app. Follow the QR code to get started.



**Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study:** Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

**Youth Bibles:** Thanks to proceeds from last year's Golf Event, all CIC youth will be gifted with a new Bible! We encourage every new-born through Middle School youth to please check out the table in the narthex with the selection of Bibles available. The youth (and parents) can review those options and then choose the version that works the best for them at this stage of their lives. The Bibles will be presented to each youth during worship on June 1st. Any SR High student who did not receive a Bible after confirmation may also receive a new Bible, just let Pastor Lisa or Pastor Michael know.

**Wanting to join CIC or interested in learning more about our family of faith?** We are beginning the process of setting up a New Members Class. Please e-mail Pastor Michael with questions or desire to join: [pastormichael@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastormichael@communityinchrist.net).

**Altar Guild:** Volunteers are needed for both services. Please contact Pat Wood if you are interested. 304-676-3126 or [swood0818@gmail.com](mailto:swood0818@gmail.com).

**April Grocery Cart:** In April we will once again partner with CIC's preschool to collect items for the Bags of Hope program. During April we will be collecting **Granola Bars**. When you're doing your shopping this month please consider picking up a few of these items and adding them to the grocery cart at CIC. Thank you for your continued support to our grocery cart collections.

**Happy Times Seniors:** We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants for food and fellowship. Keep watch in the Take Two Tuesday emails, Newsletter and upcoming bulletins for our next luncheon opportunity. Please join us! For more information contact Ron Major at or [hunterron35@hotmail.com](mailto:hunterron35@hotmail.com).

**All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s.** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:11, we are a women's group that "encourages one another and builds one another up, just as you are doing." We meet monthly between services to discuss ways we can continue to encourage and build each other up and support our church. Check the bulletin and newsletter for meeting dates. Contact Jill Brooks ([jlkbrosks@gmail.com](mailto:jlkbrosks@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** We meet in the CIC Parlor Room on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! Questions? Contact Kathy Dutton at [mamabissy@gmail.com](mailto:mamabissy@gmail.com). Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC.

**Card Ministry:** We will meet Tuesday, April 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom #1. All are welcome and no experience is needed! Please enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. If you would like information contact: Kathy Shugarman at [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com) or 940-300-2290.

**Quilting Ministry:** We will meet on Thursday, April 24th, at 10 a.m. in Classroom #1. Visitors are welcome. We welcome anyone who can iron, cut or help to tie quilts. Come check us out. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Barbara Eaker at 704-483-2060.

**CIC Softball: Softball Game Schedule:** April 27th at 2 p.m. North Mecklenburg Park, Field #2, on Old Statesville Road.

**Are you a Thrivent Financial member?** You may be eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profits that you care about – including our church! Feel free contact your Thrivent agent to check your eligibility! We appreciate your support of CIC's ministry through Choice Dollars!

**Agape Day Camp** is returning to CIC this summer the week of June 16th for Rising 1st through Rising 8th graders in the summer of 2025! Monday through Thursday 9am-3pm. Friday 9am-noon. Cost: \$100 for one child, \$190 total for two children in same family, \$275 total for three children in same family. Maximum of 32 campers. See full details at the QR Code!



## Weekly Calendar:

- Pastor Michael will be out of the office Monday, April 28th, through Monday, May 5th.
- Pastor Lisa will be out of the office through May 3rd on the Greece tour. She will be out of the office May 4th through May 11th and will return to the office on May 12th.

**Sunday, April 27**—9 a.m. Worship (Contemporary & Livestreamed), 10 a.m. Sunday School (begins in Sanctuary), Coffee Cart (Narthex), 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional), 2 p.m. Softball Game (N. Meck Park Field #2), 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, April 29**—10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Narthex), 6:30 p.m. Card Ministry (Classroom #1)

**Wednesday, April 30**— 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor Room)

**Thursday, May 1**—7 p.m. Carillon Handbells (Spirit Center)

**Sunday, May 4**—9 a.m. Worship (Contemporary & Livestreamed), 10 a.m. Sunday School (Begins in Sanctuary), Coffee Cart (Narthex), 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional)



### Sunday, May 4th

We welcome Reverend Sara Cutter as our worship leader on Sunday, May 4th, while the pastors are away! The Reverend Sara Cutter lives in Hickory, North Carolina and serves as the Senior Director for Operational Effectiveness in the Christian Community and Leadership Home Area of the ELCA's churchwide organization. In this role, she manages the operations of a variety of ministries engaged with supporting and nurturing ELCA communities and their leaders. Prior to serving in this role, she led three different parishes of varying sizes and locations. In Pastor Sara's earlier professional days she worked as an engineer and during that time earned an MBA.



**Greece Trip:** The Greece trip is in full swing! Please hold our travelers in prayer – Tom, Lynn, Chris, Pam, Carol, Mary Lou, Jean, Liann, and Pastor Lisa – as they continue this journey following some of the steps of the Apostle Paul. The travelers return on May 3rd and will lead worship on June 8th to share their experience.



**Preschool Registration is open for 2025/2026:** Child must be classroom age by August 31st, 2025, or December 31st, 2025, for TK

**Tuitions for 2025/2026:** \$320.00 for 2-year-old classes, \$300 for 3-year-old classes, \$350.00 for 4-year-old & PK class and \$360 for TK class. Tuition is due on the 1st of the month, with September's tuition along with the supply fee of \$55, and is due on May 1st, 2025.

- CIC Preschool is not equipped to teach children with special needs.
- All 3-, 4- & 5-year-old children must be toilet trained by the first day of class.
- Scholarships are available for eligible families. Please see the director for details.
- We offer a 10% discount on tuition for families with multiple preschool children.



**Summer Camp:** Registration for summer camp is now open. Each camp session is \$170 with a \$85 non-refundable registration fee that will hold your child's spot in the camp. This fee will be applied to the total camp cost and the balance of \$85 for each camp is due 2 weeks prior to that camp.

**Camp dates & themes are:** **June 2-5**—Beach Blast, **June 23-26**—Little Explorers, **July 14-17**—Tiny Picassos and **August 4-7**—Disney Adventures. All camps run from 9:05 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call or email Sharon Fuller ([sfuller9546@gmail.com](mailto:sfuller9546@gmail.com)) for more details, refer to our website ([communityinchrist.org](http://communityinchrist.org)) for an online registration form or follow the QR code.

***\*\*\*There are openings in all ages for the remainder of this school year\*\*\*\****



## **TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ON THE OPEN ROAD VBS**

**July 27 – July 31**

We need YOU to join us  
“On the Go with God”

Please prayerfully consider volunteering and  
Joining us as we explore Trusting God to always be with us!

### **Roles Available:**

**Station Assistants:** Lend a helping hand to the Station Leader  
(Great opportunity for our Middle and High School Volunteers)

**Drivers:** Greet and Shepherd your group of Travelers safely  
between stations while building a strong bond with them.

**Camp Road Trip Volunteers:** Help out in any way you can...even from home.

**Decoration Volunteers:** Lend helping hands to the Decoration Leader  
(Workday is usually the day before event begins)

To sign up for opportunities to serve, lead,  
and most of all, HAVE FUN at

ROAD TRIP VBS 2025...CONTACT:

Suzi Hinrichs: [suzihinrichs@gmail.com](mailto:suzihinrichs@gmail.com) OR

Kathy Shugarman: [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com)

*Registration will open on May 1, 2025 with more information in the May Newsletter.*

