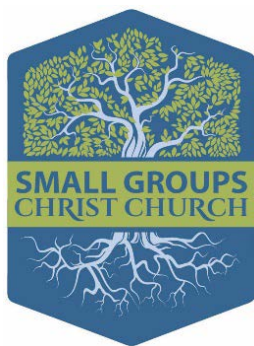


## CHRIST CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

Easter Day – The Week beginning April 20, 2025



### Read Luke 24:1-12:

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**Background:** Easter is the most important feast day in the Church’s calendar. “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” The resurrection is the source of Christian hope: through the resurrection death is conquered and we are invited to share in the eternal life with God.

### Talking Points:

- Jesus is risen from the dead. How are our lives changed by Jesus’ resurrection?
- In Luke’s account, the first people to the empty tomb were women. When they told the apostles, they were not believed. Why was that? How would you tell the story of Jesus’ resurrection to another?
- In church every Sunday, our celebration of the Eucharist is the celebration of the resurrection. Discuss why this is necessary for Christians to attend.
- With Jesus’ resurrection we are freed from the finality of death. In the light of resurrection, how do we prepare for our mortal death?

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.