





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

*If you are worshipping inside, please choose chairs that work for the number of people in your family.*

*If you are worshipping outside, you're welcome to sit wherever you are comfortable inside or outside of your car. Tune your vehicle radio to 96.5 FM to hear the service.*

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April 24, 2022

Second Sunday after Easter

### Welcome

#### *He's Risen*

LSB 480

- 1 **He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
- 2 **The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 **But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;  
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**
- 4 **O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**
- △ 5 **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

- P** May the kindness of God's grace and peace overflow to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come.
- C** **To the one who constantly loves us and has loosed us from our sins by his own blood, and to the one who has made us to rule as a kingly priesthood to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and dominion throughout the eternity of eternities. Amen!** (*Revelation 1:4b, 5b-6*)
- P** In his Book of Revelation John writes that Jesus "appears within the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. And all the people of the earth will weep with sorrow because of him." (*Revelation 1:7*)

## Confession and Absolution

- P** In our fallen nature we all have reason to fear, but together with John we know that God declares us righteous for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to his throne of grace in all confidence.

*We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.*

- P** Most gracious God,
- C** **we confess that we have wavered in our faith, desiring evidence that you have indeed conquered death and the grave. Open our ears, hearts, and minds to the joyful news of Easter. Forgive us as we forgive one another, trusting that you make all things new.**
- P** When Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter evening he told them, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." (*John 20:23a*) As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

- P** One the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples gathered together. And because they were afraid of reprisals from the Jewish leaders, they had locked the doors to the place where they met. But suddenly Jesus appeared among them and said,
- C** **Peace to you.**
- P** Then he showed them the wounds of his hands and his side – they were overjoyed to see the Lord with their own eyes! Jesus repeated his greeting,
- C** **Peace to you.**
- P** Then eight days later, Thomas and all the others were in the house together. And even though all the doors were locked, Jesus suddenly stood before them and said,
- C** **Peace to you.**

**P** As Christ's body in this place, we share his peace with one another.

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## **Kyrie (Spoken)**

*LSB 168*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **This is the Feast**

*LSB 171*

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 5:27-32*

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Revelation 1:4-18*

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lamp stands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lamp stands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

*Christ is Risen, Christ is Living*

*LSB 479*

- 1 Christ is risen, Christ is living,  
Dry your tears, be unafraid!  
Death and darkness could not hold him,  
Nor the tomb in which he lay.  
Do not look among the dead for  
One who lives forevermore;  
Tell the world that Christ is risen,  
Make it known he goes before.
- 2 If the Lord had never risen,  
We'd have nothing to believe.  
But His promise can be trusted:  
"You will live, because I live."  
As we share the death of Adam,  
So in Christ we live again;  
Death has lost its sting and terror,  
Christ the Lord has come to reign.
- 3 Death has lost its old dominion,  
Let the world rejoice and shout!  
Christ, the firstborn of the living,  
Gives us life and leads us out.

Let us thank our God, who causes  
Hope to spring up from the ground;  
Christ is risen, Christ is giving  
Life eternal, life profound.

## Homily

*Stand*

## Prayers of the Church

*During the prayers space will be kept for individual prayers for the sick and grieving, as well as time for members to lift up other petitions. Following each petition:*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

## Presentation of the Offering

*Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshipping and receiving communion with us today.*

*Stand*

## Preface

*spoken*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## *He is Arisen! Glorious Word*

*LSB 488*

- 1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living.

The Words of Our Lord

*The Lamb*

LSB 547 v.5

5 He rose, he rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to him belong.

*ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!*

**Distribution**

*We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.*

*Alleluia! An Easter Celebration*

*Bell Choir*

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

LSB 470 st. 1,4-8

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

LSB 469

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted head.  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, thou!

*At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his piercèd side.  
Alleluia!

2 Praise we him, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

## Dismissal

*Stand*

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** (sung) *Amen, amen, amen.*

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing***

*LSB 475*

- 1** Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Sit*

**Announcements**

**Sending**

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## Serving in Worship This Morning

April 17, 2022

### Pastor:

Jason Neel

### Elder:

Jeff Williams

### Reader:

Peggy Peterson

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Elijah Neel 4/26, Randy Herschman 4/27, Jeanette Garwood 4/29, Beth Gerard 4/30, and Justin Prescott 4/30.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Brenna Johnson 4/27, and Jan Berg 4/27.

**Celebration Anniversaries:** Justin and Amanda Zimmerman 4/25 and Mark and Julie Endorf 4/26.

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	New Member Class
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
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### Notes of Information:

**NACE :** The March fund raising campaign is over. Hopefully with the matching funds, NACE will be able to buy more of the needed food and supplies. The individual food items are always in demand. Many weekend packs go out to the kids, so they have food on the weekend. During February 46,054 pounds of food were given out and in March 58,154 pounds given out.

Clothing closet needs jeans for all ages, and sizes, especially men's jeans. Now is the time to start going through your closets and getting spring things out. The winter clothing season is now giving way to spring clothing.

If you have any questions, call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

**Movie Night:** Join us in Fellowship Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for another Movie Night. We will be watching and discussing Max Lucado's Resurrection. Movie starts at 7 pm.

**Women's Ministry-** Have you made plans yet to join our "Celebrating Moms" Brunch on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> ? Tickets are available in the Narthex after church through May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will join us!

**Plant Sale-** SoC Youth Annual Plant Sale will be May 14<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot from 9 am to 1pm. Come and get all your flower, herb and vegetable garden needs met and support the youth at the same time.

**Bell Choir:** Bell Choir will resume on this Wednesday following Lenten Services.

**SoC Youth Outdoor Market:** The youth will be hosting their craft and vendor fair on May 21, 2022, from 9 am to 1pm. If you would like to participate in selling your crafts, wares, or stuff, please contact Laura Marquardt. Price for a spot is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for nonmembers. Please help us get the word out to the community.

**Book Club:** The book for March will be Tending Roses by Lisa Windgate. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend our book review. Call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652 if you have any questions.

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org). Check them out if you are not able to make it to drive in worship or would like to avoid a paper bulletin! Bulletins and past sermons can be found at [www.spiritofchristhamlake.org](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)

**Main Street Living:** Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The broadcast has two parts. Remastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries "This is the Life" program was originally aired from the 1950's to the 1980's. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format. The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. 9+ Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

**Offerings via Give+:** Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

<b>April 17, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$6037
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:  
Acts 9:1-20, Revelation 5:11-14. John 21:1-14**



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