





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

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April 3, 2022

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

### Welcome

#### *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

*LSB 560*

- 1 **Drawn to the cross, which thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 2 **Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 3 **Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 4 **And then for work to do for thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

### Invocation

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

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

## Confession & Absolution

- P** St. Paul speaks of his “bona fides,” or the things on his résumé that one might imagine would impress God. He says:
- C** **“If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more.”**
- P** We sometimes try to play the law game with God, confident that on the balance we have done enough that he should be happy.
- C** **We cling to our worship attendance, our faithfulness in prayer, our offerings, our service to others, our keeping of the commandments, and more. We believe God should be weighing the balance sheet in our favor.**
- P** But St. Paul speaks the truth about his own balance sheet – it is self-righteous garbage, and God is not interested in our résumé. God is interested in who we are with, not what we have done.
- C** **“I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him.”**
- P** God means for us to find his approval only through our trust in Jesus. So we confess together that we have clung to an empty résumé and ask God to forgive us, putting us to death and raising us to live with Jesus. Heavenly Father,
- C** **Let us only be found in Jesus. Amen.**

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

- P** God has promised that Christ Jesus has taken hold of you, and that you are righteous before God because of your trust in Jesus. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit of Christ will continue to make you like Jesus, and you have your Father’s eternal approval. Worship God in peace.
- C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

<sup>4</sup>Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:1-11*

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

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>“Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.” <sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about the poor

but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup>“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.” <sup>9</sup>Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup>for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

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

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

### *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

*LSB 697*

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn his love, its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit’s unity,  
The very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
Who died that he might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive  
As God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

### Homily

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

- C** 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **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.

### **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 worshiping  
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

## Sanctus

LSB 208

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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.*

## Choir

Choir

## Abide with Me

LSB 878

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

- 3    Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4    Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5    I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me!
- 6    Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

*LSB 571*

- 1    God loved the world so that he gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2    Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3    God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4    Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5    If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

- 6 **Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!**  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

LSB 642

- 1 **O living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest;  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.**
- 2 **My Lord, you here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me  
The treasures of your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.**
- 3 **You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.**
- 4 **Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.**

**Benediction**

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*For Me to Live Is Jesus*

LSB 742

- 1 For me to live is Jesus,  
    To die is gain for me;  
So when my Savior pleases,  
    I meet death willingly.
  
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,  
    I leave this world so dim  
And gladly seek another,  
    Where I shall be with him.
  
- 3 My woes are nearly over,  
    Though long and dark the road;  
My sin his merits cover,  
    And I have peace with God.
  
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,  
    My breath comes heavily,  
And words are unavailing,  
    O hear my sighs to thee.
  
- 5 In my last hour, O grant me  
    A slumber soft and still,  
No doubts to vex or haunt me,  
    Safe anchored in thy will;
  
- 6 And so to thee still cleaving  
    When death shall come to me,  
I fall asleep believing  
    And wake in heav'n with thee!

**Announcements**

**Sending**

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

## Serving in Worship This Morning

April 3, 2022

### Pastor:

Jason Neel

### Elder:

Jeff Williams

### Reader:

Peggy Peterson

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jennifer Williams 4/3, Dyllon Degler 4/4, Miriam Miller 4/6, and Anora Kuntz 4/9.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Elaine Hayden 4/6, Spencer Anderson 4/6, and Morgan Bryan 4/9

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Meeting
Wednesday	7:45 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>

### Notes of Information:

**Palm Sunday Processional:** Next Sunday we will gather in the Narthex prior to worship service for the processional of the palms.

**Women's Bible Study:** Mark your calendars- The April Women's Ministry Bible study will be Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. We will explore a Bible Study entitled- "From Empty to Full." We will look at the women who went to

the tomb that first Easter Morning and we will consider their faithfulness, their follow-through, their revelation and their response. Come and bring a friend!

**LWML Zone Rally:** Blossom of Kindness- Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 11 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Come hear God's word and then decorate pots and plating seedlings for shut-ins. LWML will also be collecting baking ingredients and condiments for NACE and ACBC food shelves. For more information please see Renee Chambard or Lois Spadgenski.

**Note of Thanks:** Members of Spirit of Christ, In addition to our March newsletter, I want to send my thanks and appreciation for your support as an Adopt-A-Student sponsor. I also wanted to make sure you know how thankful my wife and I were to receive your gifts at Christmas. We were not expecting it at all, and we were, and still are, grateful for your generosity towards us! We will continue to pray for you all. In Christ, Jonathan Chapa.

**Generous Giving-Note from Stewardship Board:** Generous giving involves more than giving financially. We desire to give all glory to God for the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. Acts of service are not about being acknowledged as the giver, but rather that our giving and service will overflow with much thanksgiving to God. Our acts of giving reflect in a small way the greatest gift we ever received through the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. Even though understanding the price He paid for us is nearly impossible, loving sacrificially in return is possible. Give and serve generously through Him. Love sacrificially for Him.

**Monthly 1% Mission Outreach:** As God's Stewards, we are called to serve. Keeping mission activities as a priority, is a great way to do this. You can apply for the 1% discretionary monthly mission outreach offering by picking up a request form from the church office. Simply state your outreach project, how many participants you would like, and how the funds will be used. Examples of past activities are homeless kits, shoeboxes for kids, backpacks for World Relief, diaper kits, and supplying food shelves. Requests will be reviewed and approved by the Stewardship Board. God has blessed us with many different talents, gifts, and resources. He will use what He has given us for His purposes.

**NACE:** March Campaign - Now is the time to make a cash donation to NACE. The current campaign runs through April 10. The MN Food Share campaign will grant a percentage match for the money collected. Funds can be mailed to PO Box 2, Cedar MN 55011

Clothing Closet - in need of jeans for all ages, sizes, especially men's jeans.  
Needs list - bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, toilet paper, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, single serve meals, such as mac n cheese, granola bars, fruit cups, popcorn. If you have any questions, please call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652. Joan will deliver any of your items/funds to NACE.

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

**Soup Supper:** Soup Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays before Lenten Service. If you are interested in providing a pot of soup, please contact Jonelle Welle at 612-508-4710

**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.

**Easter breakfast:** The youth will be preparing and serving Easter breakfast between the services on Easter morning. We need a few flat top griddles, if you have one that we can borrow for that day, please let Laura Marquardt know at 763-273-7015.

**Church Database:** The church office needs your help; we are auditing our database and would like everyone who is a member to fill out the Information Sheet for Church records which are in the Narthex. It is especially helpful to have dates of baptism and place of baptism in the database. If you have filled one out in the past few weeks, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Adult Catechism:** Please read chapters 26-28 for tonight's class. For the past 17 years, confirmands at Spirit of Christ have read *Free to Be*, an exploration of Luther's Small Catechism intended for younger audiences. Join us to think through the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys in the context of St. Paul's picture of the "Old You" and the "New You." Pick up a copy of the book in the office for \$13, and plan to join us on Sunday evenings as we explore the Christian faith!

**Book Club:** The book for March will be *Barefoot* by Elin Hildebrant. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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>March 20, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$5339
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6335</i>

**Readings for next week:**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:15-23 and Luke 23:1-29**

**Special Voter’s Meeting Results:** On Sunday, March 20 over 50 voters attended the meeting voting on the following motions. Both passed. Updates will be communicated as they become available.

**Motion 1 - Pine Tree Removal**

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby approve allowing Anoka County to come on Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church property to remove trees along Bunker Lake Blvd. extending into church property by approximately 30 feet (right of way) at no cost to Spirit of Christ.

**Motion 2 - Removal of Hill**

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby approve changes to the landscaping to enhance the appearance of the front yard area and improve the sight line and visibility from Bunker Lake Blvd. to the front of the church building. Alterations and improvements will include:

1. Removal of the trees and the dirt hill to the east side of the entrance drive to provide a finished elevation that is level with the driveway elevation.
2. Removing and tapering an approximate 10-to-15-foot area of dirt on the west side of the entrance.
3. Providing topsoil and reseeding of excavated areas; and
4. Providing an irrigation system.

This motion is subject to, and conditioned upon, the understanding that the excavated soil will be sold and that the sale proceeds will be sufficient to cover restoration of grass and plantings to the excavated area.

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby grant authority to the President of the congregation with approval from the Church Council to enter a contract for the sale of soil as set forth in Part #1 of this motion provided that the proceeds from the sale of the soil meet or exceed the cost of restoring the excavated areas. If the sale proceeds do not meet the cost of the restoration of excavated areas, the President may still approve the sale of the restoration costs with approval from the Church Council if the estimated costs do not exceed \$5,000.

# Holy Week Worship Schedule



## Holy Week:

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022, at 9 am

Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022, at 6:45 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022, at 6:45 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 16, 2022, at 6:45 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

at 7am and 10 am

Please join us for Easter Breakfast from 8:30 am -9:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall (after first service and before second service).

Pancakes, Eggs, and Fruit will be served.

Proceeds from the free will offering will go towards youth mission trips and the National Youth Gathering.

Thank you to Thrivent for Action Team Funds to support the youth.



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Lutheran Church

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