



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Sing with All the Saints of Glory

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- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

- 3 Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of Lord,
- C** **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

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

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in his mercy has given his son to die for you and his sake forgives you all your sins. 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 be with 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 be with 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 be with 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).

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-23

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This

inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold ^(A), there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear ^(B) of him the guards trembled and became like dead ^(C) men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen ^(D), as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen ^(D) from the dead ^(C), and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear ^(B) and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold ^(A), Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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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!**

Homily

Stand

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sit

Presentation of the Offering

- P** Gracious Lord, what can we give to thank you for the gift of eternal life? You do not need our sacrifices, for as the scripture says, "Every animal of the forest is yours, and the cattle on a thousand hills." (*Psalms 50:10*) Yet we bring before you our offerings not only as tokens of gratitude but as signs that the treasures of a people bound by sin and death will not hold power over those who have been given new life. Accept these gifts, we pray, and use them to support the sharing of your good news that many more may rejoice in your resurrection.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Preface

- 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

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your peace.**

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Day of Resurrection

- 1 **The day of resurrection!**
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The passover of gladness,
 The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
 From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

- 2 **Let hearts be purged of evil**
 That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
 Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents,
 May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
 May raise the victor strain.

- 3 **Now let the heav'ns be joyful,**
 Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
 And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
 Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
 Our joy that has no end!

- 4 **All praise to God the Father,**
 All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
 Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
 Ascribe to God alone!

Make Songs of Joy

- 1 **Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;**
 we sing, Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead!
 We sing Alleluia!

- 2 Our life was purchased by his loss;
we sing, Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
We sing Alleluia!
- 3 O death, where is your deadly sting?
We sing, Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King!
We sing, Alleluia!
- 4 And where your victory, O grave,
we sing Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
We sing Alleluia!
- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
we sing, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
We sing, Alleluia!
- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
we sing, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
We sing, Alleluia!

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing

Then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only thee only thee.

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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Christ is Risen, Christ is Living

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- 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.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

April 16, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Kevin Zimmerman

Justin Miller

Reader:

Karine Platt

Usher:

Mike Voegle

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Gretchen Lynn 4/16, Karen Callies 4/16, Angie Hagel 4/18, Kaleb Miller 4/20, and Melinda Whipps 4/22.

Celebrating Baptism: Cindy Johnson 4/18, Deb Parson 4/18, Ryan Weinhold 4/18, Zach Weinhold 4/18, Sierra Carlson 4/18, Everett Zimmerman 4/19, and Ava Welle 4/21.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Special Voter's Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

Notes of Information:

Special Congregational Meeting: There will be a special voters meeting **TODAY** at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Activity Bags Available: There are activity bags for young children located at the back of the sanctuary. We would like to thank Beth Gerard and Diane Wienhold for refreshing the bags.

LWML NE Suburban Zone Prayer Service: On Saturday April 29, 2023, there will be a LWML NE Suburban Zone Prayer Service held at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Blaine. Registration starts at 8:30 am with Breakfast at 9:00

am. They are asking for ingathering donations of Diapers (Size 2-6), unscented baby wipes, baby wash, baby shampoo, fragrance free laundry detergent and dryer sheets. Everyone is welcome. There is a suggested donation of \$7.

Jesus Christ Superstar: St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights presents the musical “*Jesus Christ Superstar*”, April 20th to April 30th, Thursday through Saturdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by phone at 763-788-9427 or online. Visit their Facebook site for more information at [Facebook.com/St.Mathewcommunitytheater](https://www.facebook.com/St.Mathewcommunitytheater).

Spirit of Christ Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

April 24 - The Room by Emma Donoghue

May 22 - No title yet, it will be a book in a bag selection

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

April Book of the Month: *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning
Suitable for teens and adults

We believe in God’s grace but somehow, we can’t seem to apply it to our daily lives. We become acutely aware of our sin and wonder if God notices, too. Or circumstances allow doubt to seep in (why did this happen?) and we take our eyes off Jesus. Manning’s *The Ragamuffin Gospel* reminds us Jesus loves us as we are, not as we should be; that we are accepted, even though we are unacceptable. Manning uses scripture and personal experiences to help us turn our hearts back to God, and rest securely in his amazing grace and unending love for us.

But however, much sin increased, grace was always greater. (Romans 5:20)
Amen!

Trinity First Needs Volunteers: Please see posted in the narthex Trinity First Volunteer needs for May/June. In May they have a Spring Musical, Graduation & Recognition Service/Banquet, and classroom wrap-up. Then in June they have their "Summer Bridge to Success". They need classroom aids, field trip chaperones, donations of paper products and food for breakfast and lunch and servers, and classroom wrap up to prepare for floor cleaning/facility projects. Contact info is posted. Start thinking about how you or your group can serve.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is in dire need of new socks for all ages, personal hygiene, and diapers for both adults and children. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them into the Narthex and place them in the box.

LWML Mission Byte: Minnesota South District Student Aid Scholarship. The MN south District offers scholarships to LCML Students studying at one of the Concordia University System universities preparing for professional church work and for rostered workers advancing their education.

(www.mnsdistrict.org) Please pray for and support as you can. *Mission Mites*

will be collected next Sunday in the box in the Narthex.

Monthly 1% Mission Outreach: As God's Stewards, we are called to serve. A great way to do this is to apply for the Monthly 1% Mission Outreach offering. Simply fill out a request form, state your outreach ministry, and how the funds will be used. Then return your request to the Stewardship Board. Some past activities have included homeless kits, backpacks for World Relief, diaper kits, shopping for food shelf items, and holiday baskets for families. Be creative! Our Lord will use the talents and gifts He has given you to bless others.

Nursery: The nursery is open, and the sound is working. If you have a restless child, please feel free to use this space.

Sermons and bulletins posted online: Audio and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. Bulletins and past sermons can be found at www.spiritofchristhamlake.org

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

Average Monthly Offering	\$6475
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35**



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