



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 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 **The King of love my shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
 And he is mine forever.**

- 2 **Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.**

- 3 **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.**

- 4 **In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.**

- 5 **Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!**

- 6 **And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house forever!**

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

Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- P** He leads me beside still waters and restores my soul
- C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
- C** For you are with me; your rod and your staff--- they comfort me.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- C** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life,
- C** And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Confession and Absolution

- P** God of life,
- C** Though you provide all that we need, we often want more. You lead us to what is good, but we often choose our own paths. Though your strong hands hold us, we often suspect you have deserted us. You set a heavenly banquet for us, but we often refuse your invitation. Forgive the hardness of our hearts and lead us to trust you as our loving shepherd.

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

- P** People of God, hear the words of Jesus: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. I lay down my life for my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." These promises are for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. The good shepherd has rescued you, and you are his own.
- C** Amen. Thanks be to God!

This is the Feast

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- 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.

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 O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the

Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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- 1 **Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**
- 2 **Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 **We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**
- 4 **When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.**
- 5 **From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

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

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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.

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord**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**Agnus Dei**

LSB 180

- C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.

*Sit***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.

I Am Blessed
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

John Peterson
LSB 631

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- 4 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
Another arm but thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.

- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to you.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
 Early let us do your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
 With your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of his teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us
 To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
 To God ever-living,
 The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring,
 Embracing his children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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.

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

- 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!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
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!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

April 30, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Justin Miller

Phil Hagel

Reader:

Wayne Chambard

Usher:

Sue Anderson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Beth Gerard 4/30, Jonelle Welle 4/30, Isaac Jauch 5/2, Suzanne Geren 5/3, Tom Trapp 5/4, Jerry Garland 5/5, and McKenzie Williams 5/5.

Celebrating Baptism: Karen Callies 5/3 and Nathaniel Marquardt 5/6.

Celebrating Anniversaries: John and Linda Riebe 5/1, Doug and Natalie Hofman 5/2, and Steve and Tine Brynteson 5/6.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Planning Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

Notes of Information:

Women's Bible Study and Planning: ALL women of Spirit of Christ are invited to attend the Women's Bible Study on May 2 at 10:30. Immediately following the study we will continue our planning discussion regarding how a

women's ministry group will best serve at Spirit of Christ. You are welcome to come to both or either of these as your schedule allows. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

New Members/Christian Faith Class: There will be a Christian Faith Class starting the second Sunday of June during Education hour. If you are interested in becoming a member or in taking the faith class along side our new members, please contact Pastor Jason or Laura in the church office.

Lawn Mowing help needed: If you are interested in serving this summer by keeping our grounds looking their best, there is an opportunity to serve by mowing the grass this summer. Training on the shiny new tractor is included. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Kuntz.

Fundraiser Bake Sale: In July, eleven people from Spirit of Christ will be conducting a VBS in Seward, Alaska. To raise funds, there will be a Bake Sale on Sunday May 7th. after worship. We need mission minded bakers! If you are interested, willing and able, write your name on the signup sheet located to the right of the narthex doors. Your participation will be great appreciated, as we get ready to proclaim and share the love of Christ to the VBS children, their families, and the community. Questions may be directed to Peggy Peterson. Thank you.

Annual Youth Plant Sale: Mark your calendars for the annual Youth Plant Sale which will be held on Saturday May 13th. We will have beautiful hanging baskets for your Mother's Day needs and we will have a variety of plants for your gardening needs.

VBS Volunteers: VBS planning is beginning! If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please contact Leslie Kuntz at 763-592-9206. There are many opportunities to help from building the sets and decorations to organizing the rosters and sign up. VBS will be held the Sunday, July 23 to Thursday July 27.

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.

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

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. Leslie Kuntz at 763-592-9206

LWML Mission Byte: Timothy Scholarship- Mayer Lutheran High School. The goal of this scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to non-Lutheran families. The program will be able to expand to help more families enroll their children in a Christ-centered School with the mission of preparing for the next generation of Christian Leaders.

(www.mayerlutheran.org)

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	\$6998
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

Readings for next week:
Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-20, John 14:1-14



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