

Christ
IS
Risen
INDEED
Alleluia!



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 9, 2023

The Resurrection of Our Lord

This morning (at the 10:00 service) we welcome Lucas John Prince as our brother in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Lucas is the son of Jeremy and Paige Prince. Sponsors for Lucas are Tyra Anderson and Erin Kvam.

Welcome

Please rise and face the cross as it is processed into the sanctuary.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!
C **The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**
P Death, be not proud! Death, you shall die!
C **For Christ is risen!**
P He has destroyed the shroud that enfolds all people.
C **He has swallowed up the sheet that covers all nations.**
P He wipes away the tears from our faces.
C **He removes the disgrace of his people.**
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Sisters and brothers in Christ: on this holy morning we have gathered to greet the rising Son. It was for you that he died; for a broken and sinful creation. In his resurrection he has given you the gifts of forgiveness and new life. In Holy Baptism, we were joined together with him in his death and united with him in his resurrection. Today we celebrate because we share in his victory over death.

With this promise in mind, we can be honest about who we are and how we have lived. Because he gives us new life, we can reflect on our sinful nature and the selfish and self-serving patterns of our lives. We know that our sin no longer has power; as the apostle Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” As we confess the truth of our sinfulness before God and one another, we do so without fear; the first Easter morning speaks the promise of God to each of us. We dismiss the devil, our old nature, sin, death, and evil. Christ the Lord has conquered all these, and we speak of them without fear because they no longer have power over us.

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

- P** Gracious God,
C **I confess that I am a sinner. I have been disobedient to you in thought, word, and action. I have injured others intentionally and unintentionally. Forgive me, O Lord, for what I have failed to do and for what I have failed to become. For the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord, work in me your new creation. Let Jesus live in me, and love your children in the world through me.**

P Rejoice and celebrate, children of God! In Christ Jesus, God has removed your sin, opened your tomb, and silenced death. God is faithful, and grants forgiveness and new life to those who live in death. It is my joy to announce the grace of God to all of you, and by the command of Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God; you are truly God's own child, sharing in the resurrection of Christ. He has promised to make all things new, and he will renew your life.

C Amen! Alleluia!

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," 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 Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Baptism

(10:00 a.m. only)

I Men **II** Women

P Holy Baptism is God's gift to us. In this Sacrament we become a part of the family of God as we are welcomed into the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Small Catechism says "Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's word and by God's command." God's living Word of promise works powerfully with the water. Baptism is the death of the old sinner and a rebirth into new life in Christ. Let us read the words of Jesus together:

I *"I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."* (John 3:5; Mark 16:16a)

II *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:18b-20)

P How is this child named?

Parents: Lucas John Prince.

P Lucas, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Today, Jeremy and Paige, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Lucas in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you, parents: will you faithfully bring this child to worship, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds and the Commandments, place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith? If so, say "We will, by God's grace."

Parents: We will, by God's grace.

On behalf of Lucas, do you as his parents reject the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Parents: We do.

P Sponsors, will you pray for Lucas, support his parents in his ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love him in a way that gives an example of Christ's love? If so, answer "We will, with God's help."

Sponsors: We will, with God's help.

P Saints of God, will you support this child and this family in their life in Christ? If so, answer, "We will, in the power of the Spirit of Christ."

C We will, in the power of the Spirit of Christ.

P I ask the parents, sponsors, and the entire community, on behalf of Lucas, to give witness to our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C We do.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son...living and the dead?


C We do.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church... life everlasting?

C We do.

P Let us join hands and pray as a family the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

C Our Father who art in heaven...forever and ever. Amen.

P Please present Lucas for baptism...Lucas Prince, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Receive this light to show that you have received Christ who is the light of the world. Live in his light and let it shine forth in your life.

Let us pray: God, you make light to shine in the darkness. You bring new life from death. We are thankful that you have accepted Lucas as your own. May he grow in faith and love and know always that he is part of your family and that you are his loving God. May we each know the abundant life you give in Jesus and remember how you joined water to Word to claim us forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Thanks be to God!

Sit

First Reading

John 1:35-39

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where

Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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!

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while

it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So

she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus

loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do

not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple,

and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466

**1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain**

*ref Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

**2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest his might did show. Refrain**

**3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.**

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” *Refrain*

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen; he sets us free;
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

Homily

Stand

Creedal Statement

P We confess together our faith in the resurrected Lord.

C I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord. He has redeemed me from death that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the Church

P In joyful confidence, let us pray by the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father of our risen Lord Jesus, on behalf of the world, the Church, and one another. Thank you, dear Father, for the forgiveness, peace, and salvation won for us by your beloved Son. Tune our hearts to sing his praise. Purify our spirits so we may behold his beauty forever. Strengthen our minds to learn the depths of his love. Open our mouths to proclaim his victory over death, our ancient enemy. Fill our lives with your Spirit, so that in all things, we bear witness to Jesus’ triumph over sin, death, and the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Adorn your Church with faith, hope, and love. Look kindly upon our worship of your risen Son. Give your church peace within this congregation, and peace within the world. Make it radiant in faith, lovely in holiness, and beautiful in charity. By its words and deeds, bring many to know and adore Jesus as Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Fill our persecuted sisters and brothers with faith, courage, and joy. Let their faces shine with confidence in the victory of Jesus over everything that torments them. Let that light shine on their enemies, so they see the

truth of Jesus' lordship, and turn to him in repentant faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Feed the people of this congregation with the milk and honey of sincerity and truth. Grant with your mercy, forgiveness, and goodness. Use us to draw many who are distant into your welcoming embrace, so together we sing: "Christ is risen! Alleluia!" Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We ask your blessing upon visitors in our midst. Some may be discouraged or distracted, puzzled or doubtful, bitter, or disbelieving. You love them all for the sake of your dear Son. Give us fitting words and loving hearts, so we share the hope that is in us on account of Jesus' resurrection. Give them new, or renewed, faith in Christ, for he is their hope and heart's desire. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Bestow your peace upon this weary and war-sick world. Teach all who wield authority and power, in any field or enterprise, to use those gifts wisely and humbly. And give to all – especially those who are poor, forgotten, grieving, or despairing – a foretaste of the joys you have prepared for all who love you. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Even in this season of gladness, some people must risk their lives to protect others and stand against chaos and hatred. Shield, strengthen and direct them, dear Lord. Let their words and deeds accomplish your will. Keep them safe; support their loved ones; and speed the day when war shall be no more. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Grant that Jesus' triumph over sin and death may bless all who are suffering in any way. Especially we lift before you the needs of (*congregation names those suffering in mind, body and spirit.*) Turn their mourning into singing and exchange their sackcloth of sorrow for the mantle of praise and the garment of joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P O most kind and loving Father, your crucified and risen Son has promised to lead your chosen people through the bitter portals of death itself. We thank you for the lives and the faithful witness of those who have already gone to be with Jesus. Let your Son accompany us along our pilgrimage, to lighten our load and illuminate our path. Let your Holy Spirit fill us with confidence and compassion. And let us, with all the redeemed of every time and place; every race, nation, and tongue, stand before your throne and sing your praise in strains of triumphant gladness for ever and ever and to the ages of ages. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We praise and magnify you, holy Father; we entrust our prayers and petitions to you in the name and for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

tune of LSB 475

P The Lord be with you.

C And with you.

P We lift our hearts.

C In praises true.

P It is both good and right to do.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right and proper everywhere and always to give thanks to you, loving Father, holy and almighty Lord, eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, but the central and chief reason we have to praise you is the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Passover lamb, given for us, who has taken away the world's sin. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, the saints in heaven and those on earth, we glorify your name, praising you and singing:

Sanctus

tune of LSB 475

C Holy, most holy, holy Lord,
Mighty and pow'rful, by all adored
Heaven and earth, your glory outpoured,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is he, now coming near,
In the Lord's name, among us here.
Highest Hosanna, Love most dear;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed...
When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.
- C** **Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

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.

At the Lamb's High Feast

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!

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Bell Choir (7:00 a.m.)

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

*ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried:
Now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior

Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

P Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed!**

P Thanks be to God!

C **Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

P Go out now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him.

Set your minds on the things of God and do not be afraid, for your life is safe with Christ in God.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you.

May † Christ Jesus be your life.

And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

C **Amen!**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! he is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,

Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! he is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife.

Christ has triumphed! he is living!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

Set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through your triumph;

Grant grace sufficient for life's day

That by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! he is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 4 Adoring praises now we bring

And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father and our Lord,

**To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

April 9, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Jeff Williams

Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Betsy Will (7:00 am)

Robert Pajak (10:00 am)

Usher:

Art Hayden (7:00 am)

Randy Herschman (10:00 am)

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Anora Kuntz 4/9, Nathaniel Marquardt 4/10, and Kathy Trapp 4/15.

Celebrating Baptism: Morgan Bryan 4/9, Deb Walden 4/10, Jim Weinhold 4/10, Renee Chambard 4/12, and Robin Green 4/12.

This Week at a Glance

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

Notes of Information:

Special Congregational Meeting: There will be a special voter's meeting on April 16, 2023, at 10:15 am in the Narthex. Please see insert for details.

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.Matthewcommunitytheater](https://www.facebook.com/St.Matthewcommunitytheater).

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. Our 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.

Hope 4 Youth: THANK YOU for donating 1398 bottles of water!

Portals of Prayer: New Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex.

Concordia University Concerts:

Christus Chorus & Band/Orchestra Concerts

Concordia University, St. Paul invites you to attend these two amazing concerts featuring the God-given talents of our students and conductors: 1) The Christus Chorus Home Concert, Friday, April 30, 7:30. p.m., Graebner Memorial Chapel; 2) The Concert Band & String Ensemble Spring Concert, Sunday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., Buetow Music Auditorium. Both are free and open to the public.

LWML Mission Byte: General Operating Support- Transitional Housing and Supportive Services to Abused Women and Their Children. The Dwelling Place respectfully requests support for their high quality and desperately needed transitional housing, wrap-around supportive services, faith-based programming, and mentoring for Women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

(www.thedwellingplaceshelter.org) *Please pray for and support as you can.*

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 socl.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, 22-32, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Matthew 28:1-1

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 16, 2023

10:30 AM

The Building Improvement and Finance Committees have now gathered enough information to present to the congregation. It is the belief of the Committees that we are now ready to vote on the next steps. It is our hope that you will attend this very important meeting to have your voice be heard, and to be a part of the discussions on how God wants us to use our resources for His glory.

At this meeting the overall financial picture will be presented which will include bids on:

- Roofing and siding
- Church entrance logo
- Sidewalk repair - concrete work
- Parking lot patch and overlay
- Road sign - update

Please take a look in the Narthex for a sneak peek of the architect's rendition. It is important that as many members as possible be present for this significant meeting. Everyone's opinion matters and is valued.

There may be members that will not be able to attend this important meeting but would like their thoughts and vote to be included. We can offer to Zoom this meeting, but you must let the office know of your intent before April 13th by calling 763-755-7234.

Prayer Service

Sponsored by LWML NE Suburban Zone
Led by Rev. Jason Neel



Saturday, April 29

Registration:	8:30 AM
Donation:	\$7.00
Breakfast:	9:00 AM
Prayer Service:	9:30 AM

King of Glory Lutheran Church
10103 University Avenue NE
Blaine, Minnesota

*Ingathering: Diapers (size 2-6), Unscented Baby Wipes,
Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Fragrance Free Laundry
Detergent, Fragrance Free Dryer Sheets*

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!



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