



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!

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

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.

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.

Confession and Absolution

P Our God was once known in the covenant he made with his people at Sinai. With this covenant he promised to be faithful to them as they were faithful to him. When God spoke through Jeremiah, he accused his people regarding this covenant, saying:

C **“They broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.”**

P In these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son, communicating to a sinful and unclean people that they know the father through Jesus’ self-sacrificial love:

C **“They will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”**

P St. Paul tells us that God wills all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. He accomplishes this in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Trusting in him we can name our sin and brokenness, confident that he makes all things new.

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

P In the blood of the new covenant in Christ, God has made you a promise: God is your God, and you are his people. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has brought the grace and truth of God into your life through his death and resurrection, and you now know the God who has reconciled himself to humanity once and for all.

C **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Kyrie

Spoken

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the 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 O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Nursery care for small children is offered from this point in the service through Holy Communion. Children may meet their caregivers in the back of the sanctuary.

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.
“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of
becoming a high priest. But God said to him,
“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and
petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him

from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse

LSB 157

P Return to the Lord your God,

C for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the

earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691 (tune 753)

- 1** Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.

- 2** Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- 3** Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- 4** Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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

Presentation of the Offering

Stand

Preface

LSB 160

- 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, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

- 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

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.**

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 Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

**1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

Refrain:

***I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.***

- 2 I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
- 3 I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
- 4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

ref Father welcomes all his children

To his fam'ly through his Son.

Father giving his salvation,

Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me,
For my kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*
- 2 In the water, in the Word,
In his promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

We Belong to God

ELW 639

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we are dying, it is in the lord.
Both in our living in in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.
- 2 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 Across this wide world, we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind;
And we help them, or when we feed them,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;

Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 17, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Reader

Karine Platt

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Phil Hagel

Acolyte

Ryan Weinhold

Usher

Randy Herschman

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jake Kothrade 3/17, Sierra Carlson 3/17, and Amelia Anderson 3/19.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Lincoln Bryan 3/17, Natalie Hofman 3/19, Josephine Voegele 3/20, Bridget Smith 3/21, Marlys Lindeman 3/21, Anna Brynteson 3/22, and Ryan O’Keeffe 3/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Coffee Group
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Bunco Game Night
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Women's Coffee Group: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee will be meeting on March 20th to celebrate "Everyone's Birthday!" We will have birthday cake, cakes, and prizes. If you would like to participate in a "White elephant Gift Exchange" clean out that junk drawer, wrap up the prize you find and bring it with you. We meet from 10:00 am- Noon in the Youth Room. Any questions contact Beth Gerard at 762-228-2077

Fellowship Bunco Night: Join us on March 22 at 6:30 PM for a fun night of Bunco. Please bring a snack to share.

Women's Ministry: Women's Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide treats, serve and clean up on the 4th Sunday of each month. 10% of funds raised are earmarked for missions while the remainder supports a variety of women's events at SOC, such as luncheons. Please see the sign-up sheets next to the mailboxes in the Narthex and find a time that works for you.

LWML Mite Boxes: An LWML mite box is set up in the Narthex on the fourth Sunday of each month and all funds gathered are sent directly to LWML MN South District to be used towards their mite ministries. In 2023 there was a 38% increase in the amount of mites SOC donated. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. For more information on how the funds are used on the district level please visit: www.mnslwml.org/mission_grants.

LWML Mite Byte: Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide-Concordia Seminary, St Louis, Missouri, \$100,000. Concordia Seminary is committed to addressing the concern of education international student from countries that are unable to handle the significant financial obligation. This education will help ensure that those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn the message of salvation through Christ. An LWML Mission Grant will provide scholarship aid for international students. To learn more, look up this mission grant at www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-8.

First Communion Class: Pastor Jason would like to schedule a first Communion class, if you are interested, please let him know.

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

March 25 The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

April 22 The Unsinkable Molly Brown

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

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs new socks in all sizes. You can leave nonperishable food and other donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

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 Weekly Offering	\$6471
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

Readings for next week:
Zechariah 9:1-12, Mark 11:1-10, Mark 14:1-15:47



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Minnesota Branch

“To the Jew First...” Romans 1:16

Trevor's Topics:

- * Messiah in the Passover
- * The Feasts of Israel
- * Gospel Salvation message
- * Who are the Jewish People?
- * The importance of reaching the Jewish people with the Gospel.
- * The biblical significance of the modern state of Israel

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Trevor Rubenstein was born in Virginia, Minnesota where he was raised in a nominal Conservative Jewish home. His family moved to Littleton, Colorado when he was a boy. He received his Bar Mitzvah at thirteen but later embraced atheism. He struggled with depression and consistent thoughts of suicide which led to drinking and drug abuse. He was eventually expelled from high school. Later, when attending a local community college he unknowingly entered a Bible study put together by a cult. He read the words of Jesus for the first time and became overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. By the grace of God He never joined the cult but soon after did give his life to Jesus (Yeshua). Immediately after his salvation, the depression was gone and he never returned to the substance abuse.

Trevor developed a broken heart for the lost and those he could relate to - the depressed, the addict, those involved in cults, but especially the Jewish people. The Lord changed his focus, and he spent much of the next twenty years ministering to hurting people, studying the Bible, and studying the

history and teachings of other religions particularly modern rabbinical Judaism. He has been blessed to be able to study under some of the greatest modern Christian apologists.

Trevor has worked and volunteered for many ministries and churches including Samaritan's Purse, The Denver Rescue Mission, and Christian Apologetics Research Ministry. He has spent many years traveling the country, teaching at churches, and sharing the message of a saving faith in the Messiah with anyone who will listen. Trevor was also the director of the oldest evangelical outreach to the Jewish people in America. Currently, Trevor is still active in evangelism and discipleship, leading evangelism groups in Minneapolis. He is also embarking on receiving his M.Div. in Messianic Jewish Studies from The Talbot School of Theology through the Charles L. Feinberg Center.

Trevor is married to Kelssee and has two step-children.

Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize and disciple Jewish people everywhere and to help others do the same. Chosen People Ministries serves in 16 countries around the world with headquarters in New York City.





Holy Week Schedule

**Passover Seder Dinner
Tuesday March 26th at 6 PM**

**Maundy Thursday
March 28th at 6:45 PM**

**Good Friday
March 29th at 6:45 PM**

**Easter Vigil
Saturday March 30th at 6:45 PM**

**Easter Service
Sunday March 31st at 7 AM and 10AM**

**Breakfast will be served between the services
from 8:15 AM to 9:45 AM by the Youth.**



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