



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 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

He’s Risen, He’s Risen

LSB 480

- 1 He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**
- △5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.**

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.
- C** **But we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.** (1 John 3:2-3)
- P** We know that we are sinners and lawbreakers, and that our lives are not pure.
- C** **But we know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.** (1 John 3:5)
- P** This is the promise that we cling to as we come before our heavenly Father – that through trust in our brother Jesus, we are made pure. Let us confess our sin before God together, confident that this promise to us is true.

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

- P** As your heavenly Father looks upon you, his baptized and redeemed child, he sees only the purity of Jesus the Messiah, because you are being remade in his image. 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. Worship today in the confidence that you are purified in your hope in Christ, and that because of him your lives are pleasing to God.
- C** Amen! Alleluia!

Sharing of the Peace

- P** On 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 Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the

name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Luke 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

1 This joyful Eastertide

Away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*

*ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!*

2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

Homily

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

Presentation of the Offering

Preface

P (Jesus) said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

C And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

P As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly,

C “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”

P So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other,

C “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

P They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

C Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. (*Luke 24:25-35*)

Sanctus

LSB 208

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

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

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

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

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.

Bell Choir

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490 (tune 490)

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

- 2 Jesus lives! To him the throne**
High above all things is given.
I shall go where he is gone,
Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! For me he died,**
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well**
Nothing me from him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell

**Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Christ is Risen, Christ is Living

LSB 479 (tune 686)

- 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.**

Dismissal

Benediction

LSB 183

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

C Amen

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828

**1 We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets
In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!**

- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with him side by side,
Heard his teaching, felt his power,
Saw the way he lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures
Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior
Honor him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.
- 5 To each coming generation
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended,
Till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united
Under Christ's eternal reign!

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

April 14, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Organist

Karine Platt

Acolyte

Sophia Lease

Elders

Phil Hagel

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Gretchen Lynn

Usher

Sue Anderson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kathy Trapp 4/15, Gretchen Lynn 4/16, Karen Callies 4/16, Angie Hagel 4/18, and Kaleb Miller 4/20

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Amelia Anderson 4/18, Cindy Johnson 4/18, Deb Parson 4/18, Ryan Weinhold 4/18, Zack Weinhold 4/18, Sierra Carlson 4/19, and Everett Zimmerman 4/19.

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	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
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
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study

Notes of Information:

New Sunday Night Bible Study: Tonight we will begin a seven-week study of the book of Revelation. Each class will begin at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Annual Spring Clean-up Day: Everyone is invited to our Annual spring cleanup day. It will be May 4th starting at 9:00 am. We hope to deep clean the church building inside, the barn and work on the yard/gardens. If you are able to help for even a short time come join us, all ages welcome. Bring outside tools if you would like to do yard work and cleaning supplies for inside. This is a rain or shine event. Any questions contact Rick Welle or Beth Gerard.

Youth Plant Sale: Please mark your calendar for May 11 for the Annual Youth Plant Sale. We will have hanging baskets and other flowers for your Mother's Day needs. The plant sale will be from 9 am to 1 pm with plants available on Sunday as well.

Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee: will meet on April 17th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies we are going to "Finger Paint". It is easy, anyone can do it and it will be so FUN! Come prepared to get your hands dirty. Questions contact Beth Gerard 763-228-2077

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:

- April 22: The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
- May 20: The Unsinkable Molly Brown by Caroline Bancroft
- June 24: The Keepsake Sisters by Lori Wilde

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

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