





## 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!

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April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

### Welcome

#### *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.  
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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.

## Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and 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 & Absolution

- P** God of life,
- C** You provide all that we need yet we want more. You lead us to what is good but we choose our own paths. Your strong hand holds us though we think you have deserted us. You set a heavenly banquet while we refuse your

**invitation. Forgive the hardness of our hearts and lead us to trust you as our loving shepherd.**

**P** People of God, hear the words of Jesus, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. I lay down my life for the 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.” 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.

**C** Amen.

## 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** O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be

satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 4:5-12*

<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family.

<sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.”

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 3:16-24*

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have

confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*Praise Band*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
The Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11-18*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Sit*

***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!**

**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*

*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.**

# 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.**

### **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.*

### ***Thine is the Kingdom (The Lord's Prayer)***

*Choir*

### ***My Shepherd, You Supply My Need***

*ELW 782*

**1 My Shepherd you supply my need  
Most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed,  
Beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back  
When I forsake your ways,  
And lead me, for your mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.**

2 When I walk through the shades of death,  
Your presence is my stay;  
One word of your supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Your hand in sight of all my foes,  
Does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God,  
Attend me all my days;  
Oh, may your house be my abode  
And all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger or a guest,  
But a like a child at home.

*The Lord Is My Salvation*

*Praise Band*

*His Mercy is More*

*Praise Band*

**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.

**G** Amen

*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***

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God

# Serving in worship today

April 14, 2024

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Acolyte**

Ryan Weinhold

## **Elders**

Phil Marquardt  
Carl Schwanbeck

## **Reader**

Karine Platt

## **Usher**

Mike Voegele

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Gerry Anderson 4/23, Karen Olson 4/25, Eli Neel 4/26, and Randy Herschman 4/27.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Ava Welle 4/21.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Mark and Julie Endorf 4/26.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Wednesday	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
	11:30 a.m.	Combined Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study

## **Notes of Information:**

**Youth Group:** Next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a combined youth group for Middle and Senior High youth. We will begin following Education Hour and will end at around 3 p.m. Please bring money for lunch.

**Hope 4 Youth:** Hope 4 Youth, a shelter that serves teens and young adults needs water bottles. If you would like to donate a pack or water bottles please leave them in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Beth Gerard.

**NACE:** North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of items for “weekend pack” that are sent home with children from area schools. They need things like dried fruit, fruit cups, oatmeal packs, easy mac, shelf stable milk and other small snack items. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

**Easter Flowers:** If you purchased an Easter lily to adorn the altar at Easter, feel free to take it home. They are in the kitchen.

**Our Sponsored Seminary Student:** Our Seminary student, Jonathan Chapa, is well into his vicarage at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead. He has also had opportunities to preach at St. Andrew and Grace, which are two LCMS churches across the river in Fargo. In addition to teaching confirmation, he also facilitates a college ministry. He has a good core group of students and a growing fellowship. He recently packed meals for those in need, in connection with a Mercy Meals event at Redeemer. He and his wife, Stephanie, are relieved to have escaped an "authentic" North Dakota winter. Jonathan will return to St. Louis in the fall, for his last year at the Seminary. Their newsletter, with a photo, is posted on the Missions Bulletin Board in the narthex.

**Trinity First School:** Trinity First is an inner-city school in Minneapolis, serving Pre-K through 8th. grade. We lovingly designate 2% of our monthly Mission Offerings to their ministry.

Your generosity is multiplied as students and their families experience growth and hope in Jesus. Because of you: Two 7th graders will be Baptized soon. Two 8th graders are nearing the end of their confirmation journey and are ready to confirm their belief in Jesus. Over 30% of their students receive one-on-one services. 37 students meet regularly with the school counselor to equip them with confidence and hope for success in school and life. 6 Spanish speaking families have received Bibles with extended teaching notes, so that their faith in Jesus may flourish by His Spirit. See their newsletter posted on the Missions Bulletin Board in the narthex.

**LWML Byte:** There is a need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to people struggling with mental illnesses and disorders. However, it is challenging for pastors, church workers, and lay leaders because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care. LCMS Life Ministry received an LWML Mission Grant of \$96,000 to help meet the cost of developing materials for training church workers as they minister to those suffering from mental illness.

**LWML Mite Box Sunday:** Next Sunday, April 28, 2024, is the fourth Sunday of the month and therefore Mite Box Sunday. Please bring your Mite offerings and place them in the large box in the Narthex.

**LWML Zone Rally:** On Saturday, April 27, 2024, the NE Suburban Zone of LWML will be holding their Spring Zone Rally at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Spring Lake Park. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and the program to follow. The speaker at this rally is Alfrida Baldwin, founder of Laurel Community School-Micro School.

**LWML basket for MN South LWML Convention in June:** Angie Hagel is putting together a "Made in MN" basket for auction at the MN LWML Convention June 20-22. She is looking for items that are made in MN. If you have a handmade item that you'd like to contribute, please get it to her before June 10th. The auction money is used to support LWML missions. So far, we

have Salted Nut Rolls, Local honey and syrup, popcorn from Candyland and wild rice. Thanks for your support!

**New Sunday Night Bible Study:** Tonight, we continue our 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 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am. We hope to deep clean the church building inside, the barn and work on the yard/gardens. If you can 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. If you have 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.

**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.

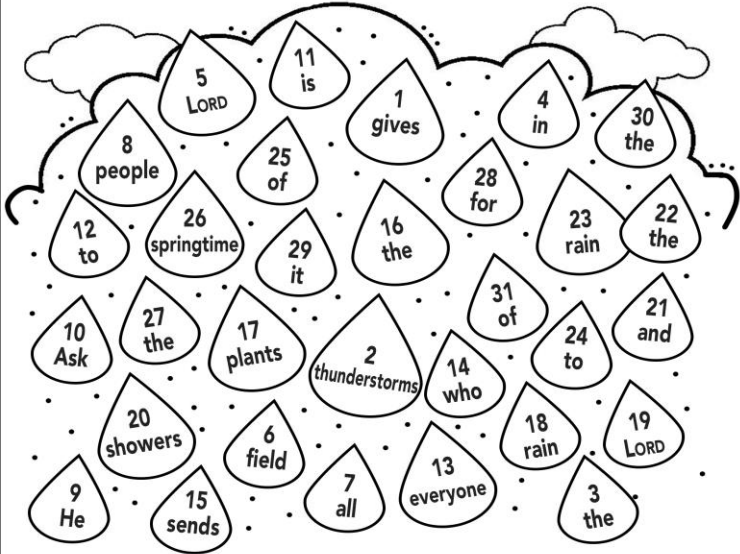
**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. Bulletins and past sermons can be found at **[www.spiritofchristhamlake.org](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)**.

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

Average Weekly Offering	\$6936
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6973</i>

# Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



\_\_\_\_\_ 10      \_\_\_\_\_ 16      \_\_\_\_\_ 5      \_\_\_\_\_ 28      \_\_\_\_\_ 18

\_\_\_\_\_ 4      \_\_\_\_\_ 22      \_\_\_\_\_ 26      \_\_\_\_\_ ;

\_\_\_\_\_ 29      \_\_\_\_\_ 11      \_\_\_\_\_ 3      \_\_\_\_\_ 19      \_\_\_\_\_ 14      \_\_\_\_\_ 15

\_\_\_\_\_ 27      \_\_\_\_\_ 2      \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ 9      \_\_\_\_\_ 1      \_\_\_\_\_ 20      \_\_\_\_\_ 31      \_\_\_\_\_ 23

\_\_\_\_\_ 12      \_\_\_\_\_ 7      \_\_\_\_\_ 8      \_\_\_\_\_ /      \_\_\_\_\_ 21      \_\_\_\_\_ 17      \_\_\_\_\_ 25

\_\_\_\_\_ 30      \_\_\_\_\_ 6      \_\_\_\_\_ 24      \_\_\_\_\_ 13      \_\_\_\_\_ .

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV





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