



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 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome

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 h 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***

Stand

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

1 John 1:5b–7

- P** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
- C** **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**
- P** If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
- C** **We lie and do not live by the truth.**
- P** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
- C** **We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**
- P** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar,
- C** **And his word has no place in our lives.**

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by**

what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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 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 Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470 v 1, 4-8

- 1** O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4** That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5** When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 6** "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 7** No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 8** How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

spoken

- 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

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.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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!**

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!

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602 (tune 856)

- 1** The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be his Church, his bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to his strong name.
- 2** The gifts flow from the font
Where he calls us his own;
New life he gives that makes
Us his and his alone.
Here he forgives our sins
With water and his Word;
The triune God himself
Gives pow'r to call him Lord.
- 3** The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.

**Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in his blest care.**

**4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.**

**5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave his presence in
His peace, renewed again.**

**6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts he loves to give;
All thanks and praise for his
Great love by which we live!**

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

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!

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Serving in worship today

April 7, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Organist

Karine Platt

Acolyte

Miriam Miller

Elders

Phil Hagel

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Phil Marquardt

Usher

Sue Anderson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Anora Kuntz 4/9 and Nathaniel Marquardt 4/10.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Morgan Bryan 4/9, Debbie Waldren 4/10, Jim Weinhold 4/10, Renee Chambard 4/12, Robin Green 4/12, and Coen Voegele 4/13.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Potluck and Movie
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elder Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Bible Study

Notes of Information:

New Sunday Night Bible Study: Next Sunday, April 14, 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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