



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 31, 2024

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Welcome

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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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 blessed 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!**

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.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance¹: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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**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!**

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

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They 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.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸ Mary 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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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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*

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** Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks that you have snatched us from the snares of the evil one. We give thanks that in you; all God's promises have their "yes". We give thanks that in you, we shall not die but live, and declare the glory of the Lord: alleluia! Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Bless those who suffer for your name's sake. Give them help and protection. Purge the leaven of evil from their tormentors. Hasten the day when they kneel together before you in adoration. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Crown this congregation with unfading joy, unfailing kindness, undaunted hope, and unceasing praise. Let others see your goodness, revealed in our words and deeds. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Graciously bless the guests and visitors among us this day. Kindle the hearts of those who don't yet believe that you have conquered sin and death. Give them faith to receive

your health and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Grant peace among the nations. Give wisdom and righteousness to our leaders, and justice and mercy to all people. Restore a right relationship with you and each other forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We plead on behalf of all who suffer in any way, and who crave your mercy, including those we name before you now... Bring them healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Savior, thank you for redeeming all who have fallen asleep in your arms. Wipe away the tears of all whose grief runs deep. Feed us with a foretaste of your Kingdom feast. Take away the shroud of sin, suffering and sorrow that troubles this broken world. Give us faith to serve one another in gratitude for your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Grant whatever is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you live in majesty with your Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 (*sung*)

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. Refrain**

*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.

All Glory Laud and Honor

Bell Choir (7 a.m.)

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!

The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478

- 1 **The day of resurrection!**
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
- 2 **Let hearts be purged of evil**
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.
- 3 **Now let the heav'ns be joyful,**
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!
- 4 **All praise to God the Father,**
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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*

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!

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!

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 31, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Organist

Renee Chambard

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman (7 a.m.)

Chuck Johnson (7 a.m.)

Phil Marquardt (10 a.m.)

Wayne Chambard (10 a.m.)

Reader

Lois Spadgenske (7 a.m.)

Gretchen Lynn (10 a.m.)

Acolyte

Camille Kuntz (7a.m.)

Eddie Kothrade (10 a.m.)

Usher

Sue Anderson (7 a.m.)

Randy Herschman (10 a.m.)

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Renee Roessler 4/1, Abby Schoenbauer 4/2, Jason Neel 4/2, Jennifer Williams 4/3, Dyllon Degler 4/4, and Miriam Miller 4/6.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Oliver Welle 4/1, Elaine Hayden 4/6, and Spencer Anderson 4/6.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Josh and Bridget Smith 4/5

This Week at a Glance

Today	7:00 a.m.	Easter Service
	8:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Service
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
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.	Fellowship Potluck and Movie

Notes of Information:

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

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**.

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Average Weekly Offering	\$6262
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973



**Thanks to everyone that purchased flowers to
beautify our Easter service today.**

Ralph and Jan Fuerst	In memory of Shannon and her grandparents
Jerry and Marilyn Coleman	
Dave and Arlene Marti	In honor of Gramma Lily
Nancy Tepley	
Phil and Angie Hagel	In Memory of our parents
Wes and Lois Spadgenske	He is Risen!
Gary and Raelene Burmeister	
Phil and Laura Marquardt	
Monica Lux	
Jeff and Amy Fey	
Jerry and Bonnie Garland	
Rick and Jonelle Welle	
Les and Suzanne Geren	
Chuck and Jan Johnson	He is Risen!
Terry and Sandy Elhardt	He is Risen!
Daniel Stockwell	Happy Easter! In honor of Geraldine Barreto, Maria Barreto
Carl and Linda Schwanbeck	



Fellowship Potluck and Movie Matinee

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a potluck and Movie **NEXT Sunday** following Education Hour. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a screening of the movie *Risen*. If you would like to help serve and are willing to help in the kitchen, please contact Laura or Renee.

Risen is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.



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