



No Greater
Love



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!

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

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***

Stand

Invocation

P We begin our worship in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We confess our sins in song.

Baptismal Waters Cover Me *LSB 616 v 1,2 (tune 664)*

- 1 Baptismal waters cover me
As I approach on bended knee;
My Father’s mercy here I plead,
For grievous sins of thought and deed.**
- 2 I look to Christ upon the tree,
His body broken there for me;
I lay before him all my sin,
My darkest secrets from within.**

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

Baptismal Waters Cover Me *LSB 616 v 3,4 (tune 664)*

- 3 Lord, may your wounded hand impart
Your healing to my broken heart;**

**Your love alone can form in me
A heart that serves you joyfully.**

- 4 From your own mouth comes forth a word;
Your shepherd speaks, but you are heard;
Through him your hand now stretches out,
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.**

Absolution

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

Baptismal Waters Cover Me *LSB 616 v 5(tune 664)*

- 5 Baptismal waters cover me;
Christ's wounded hand has set me free.
Held in my Father's strong embrace,
With joy I praise him for his grace.**

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).

This Is the Feast

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how

we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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 15:9-17

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

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

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee LSB 573 (tune 848)

- 1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose thee;
That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse thee
Had thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me
Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me,
That I ever live to thee.
- 2 It was grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above thee;
For thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love thee,
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- 3 Praise the God of all creation;
Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
To the great Jehovah give.

Homily

Stand

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

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.

The Shelter of Salvation

Choir

Did You Know that You are Chosen

Praise Band

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 578

**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*

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*

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

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! ELW 383 (tune LSB 477)

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!**
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
A taste of love unknown.
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from
the caverns of despair.**
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.
- 3 Christ is Risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the
same.**
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic, chorus:
“ Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the first and last is with us. Alleluia, alleluia
Sing hosanna, ev-ry one.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

May 5, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Eli Neel

Elders

Phil Hagel

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Monica Lux

Usher

Sue Anderson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jerry Garland 5/5, McKenzie Williams 5/5, and Wayne Chambard 5/11.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Nathaniel Marquardt 5/6, Gretchen Lynn 5/7, Jennifer Williams 5/7, Jason Neel 5/9, and Kati Schoenbauer 5/11.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Steve and Tina Brynteson

This Week at a Glance

Today	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
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Youth Plant Sale
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:

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.

Hope 4 Youth: 1,257 bottles of water were collected in ONE week! Thank you!

Salad Supper: TUESDAY, MAY 7TH AT 6:30 PM

All women of Spirit of Christ are invited to an evening of fellowship, fun and laughs with our Sisters in Christ at Mt. Olive Lutheran, 700 Western Street, Anoka- 763-421-3223. They are having a salad supper at 6:30 PM followed by storyteller Pati Kachel unveiling of her Patchwork Quilt of heartwarming stories. Please bring a gift from the heart for the Orphan Grain Train. (gently used or new shoes or socks) Please call ahead if attending.

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

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.

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:

May 20: The Unsinkable Molly Brown by
Caroline Bancroft

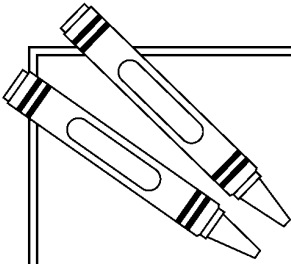
June 24: The Keepsake Sisters by Lori Wilde

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.

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



Just for

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A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

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2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

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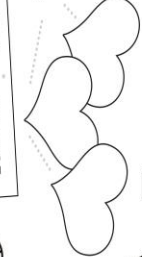
"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

Answers:

JESUS LOVES HOME

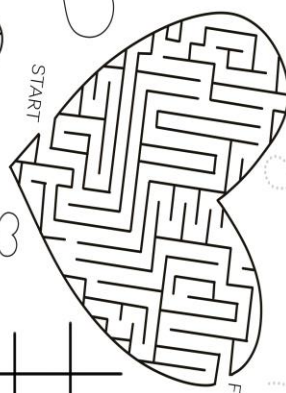


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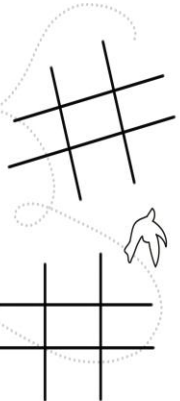
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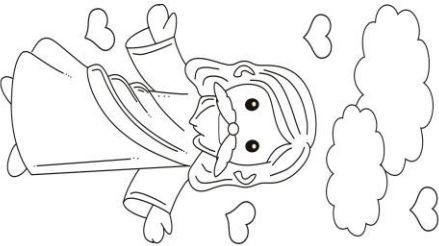
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LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV



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