

Then they prayed  
and said,

**“LORD,  
YOU KNOW  
EVERYONE'S  
HEART.”**

**ACTS 1:24, NRSV**



## 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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May 12, 2024

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

### Welcome

#### *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*LSB 720*

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
But we believe him near.
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
But in his promise we rejoice  
And cry “My Lord and God!”
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found.
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.

*Stand*

## Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Jesus said, “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.
- C** **I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**
- P** My command is this:
- C** **Love each other as I have loved you.”**

## Confession & Absolution

- P** “And this is the testimony:
- C** **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**
- P** Whoever has the Son has life;
- C** **Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”** (1 John 5:11-12)
- P** The Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, give witness to this truth: “Life” is a trust relationship with God. “This is eternal Life,” Jesus says: “that they know God and Christ Jesus whom he has sent.” In that trust relationship we are empowered to love and care for the creation we were created from. Yet, we acknowledge together our failures both in this relationship with God and our ministry to the world.

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

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **We have often not trusted in your care. We have often not recognized Jesus in our midst. We have often silenced the Spirit’s call to love and serve as we have been loved and served. For all of these things, O God, forgive us. Reshape us in eternal life.**
- P** The promise of Easter is because Christ is risen, death does not win. Our bodies will not be held by the grave. This is also true of our whole being — eternal death has been conquered by eternal life in the death and resurrection of Jesus. 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. Celebrate the Easter victory, Saints of God. You have the Son; therefore you have life.

**C Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## 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).*

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find joy in 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

*Nursery care for small children is offered from this point in the service through Holy Communion. Children may meet their caregivers in the back of the sanctuary.*

*Sit*

### **First Reading**

*Acts 1:15-26*

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“May his place be deserted;

let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

“May another take his place of leadership.’”

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 John 5:9-13*

<sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## 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

*John 17:6-19*

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

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

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for

they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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

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

*Sit*

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

*LSB 729*

- 1 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only thee;  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.**
- 2 I am trusting thee for pardon;  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.**
- 3 I am trusting thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting thee to make me holy  
By thy blood.**

- 4 I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting thee forever  
And for all.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Prayers of the Church

### Presentation of the Offering

*Stand*

### Preface

*LSB 177*

**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 178*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

# Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

### *Agnus Dei*

LSB 180

**☩** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us 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.*

### ***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 pierced 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!

*If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*

*LSB 486  
(Tune 846)*

**1** If Christ had not been raised from death  
Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath,

Our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;  
He rules in earth and heav'n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need—  
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb  
Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom  
With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up,  
So when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—  
In Christ the saints arise!
- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised  
His Church would live a lie;  
His name should nevermore be praised,  
His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives;  
Through him we are restored;  
His Word endures, his Church revives  
In Christ, our risen Lord.

### *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!

## Dismissal

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 180*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

### 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, Christ is Living*

LSB 479

- 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.**

**Announcements**

**Sending**

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

# Serving in worship today

May 12, 2024

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Acolyte

Camille Kuntz

## Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Chuck Johnson

## Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

## Usher

Jan Fuerst

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** David O’Keeffe 5/13, Andrew Weinhold 5/14, Rick Dangers 5/14, and Raelene Burmeister 5/18.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Lois Spadgenske 5/13 and Owen Smith 5/16.

## 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
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Board Meeting
Wednesday	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:

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

**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

**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

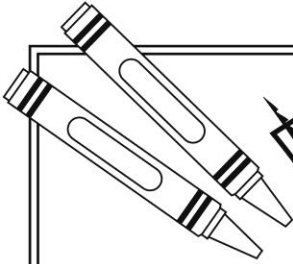
June 24: The Keepsake Sisters by Lori Wilde

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](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)**.

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Average Weekly Offering	\$7069
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973



# PUZZLE

## LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

**Directions:** Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. strange<br>same<br>odd      | 2. Lazarus<br>Jesus<br>Martha | 3. who<br>then<br>there  | 4. pear<br>been<br>apple      | 5. taken<br>cat<br>dog     |
| 6. sky<br>from<br>earth        | 7. you<br>work<br>toil        | 8. desk<br>chair<br>into | 9. house<br>hallway<br>heaven | 10. can't<br>will<br>won't |
| 11. breakfast<br>come<br>lunch | 12. nose<br>back<br>mouth     | 13. see<br>the<br>hear   | 14. oval<br>round<br>same     | 15. way<br>girl<br>boy     |
| 16. his<br>her<br>you          | 17. white<br>have<br>black    | 18. one<br>seen<br>two   | 19. go<br>low<br>high         | 20. sea<br>heaven<br>ocean |

"This \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 , \_\_\_\_\_ 3 has \_\_\_\_\_ 4

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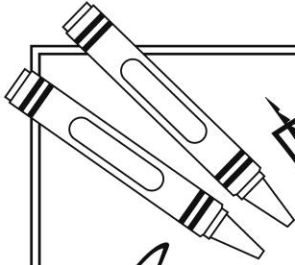
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\_\_\_\_\_ 18 him \_\_\_\_\_ 19 into \_\_\_\_\_ 20 ."

Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV



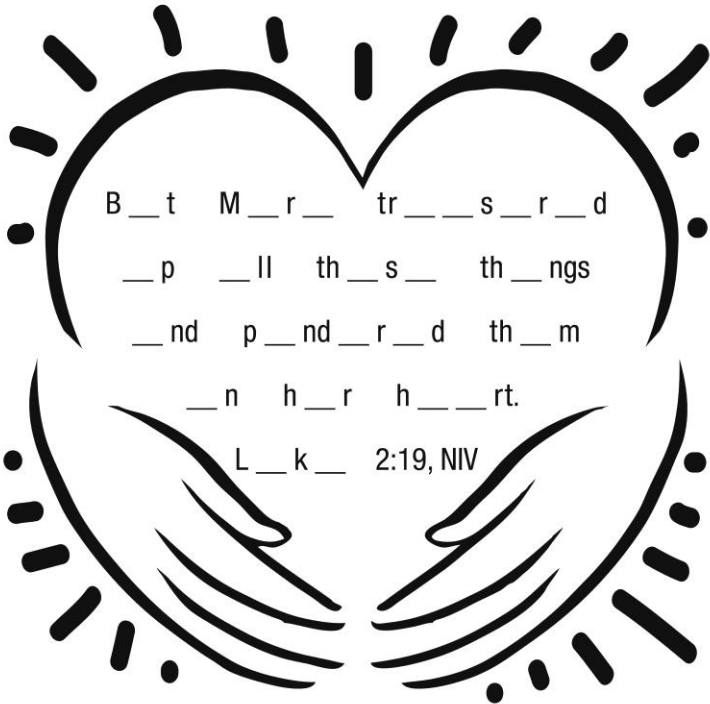
# PUZZLE

## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV





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