





## 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 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

### Welcome

#### *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

*LSB 475*

- 1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **The Lord of life is ris’n this day;  
Bring flow’rs of song to strew his way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 **Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
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, of the ✠ Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Most gracious God,

**C** we confess that we have wavered in our faith, desiring evidence that you have indeed conquered death and the grave. Open our ears, hearts, and minds to the joyful news of Easter. Forgive us as we forgive one another, trusting that you make all things new.

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

**P** When Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter evening he told them, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." (*John 20:23a*) 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** One 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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**

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 5:27-32*

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Revelation 1:4-8*

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia & Verse

*LSB 205*

**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 20:19-31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 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!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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!” <sup>27</sup> 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.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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*

## ***He's Risen, He's Risen***

*LSB 480*

- 1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.**

**The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;  
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.**

## **Homily**

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### **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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Prayers of the Church

### Presentation of the Offering

*Stand*

#### Preface

*LSB 208*

**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!

## The Words of Our Lord

### Lord's Prayer

#### Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**G** 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.

*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. 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.*

#### ***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!**

***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.

*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*

LSB 619

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed.

*ref* Lord, may thy body and thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in thee and thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*
- 5 My heart has now become thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

*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!**

*Stand*

### **Post Communion Collect**

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*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 pierced 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!

## **Announcements**

## **Sending**

# Serving in Worship

April 27, 2025

**Pastor**

Jason Neel

**Acolyte**

Camille Kutz

**Usher**

Art Hayden

**Elders**

Kevin Zimmerman

Carl Schwanbeck

**Reader**

Mike Voegle

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Randy Herschman 4/27, Beth Gerard 4/30, Jonelle Welle 4/30, Isaac Jauch 5/2, and Suzanne Geren 5/3.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Jan Berg 4/27 and Karen Callies 5/3.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** John and Linda Riebe 5/1 and Doug and Natalie Hofman 5/2.

## This Week at a Glance

|           |            |                     |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Today     | 8:00 a.m.  | Bible Study         |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship             |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Education Hour      |
|           | 11:30 a.m. | Rummage Sale Set up |
|           | 4:00 p.m.  | NYG Dinner          |
| Monday    | 6:00 p.m.  | Rummage Sale Set up |
| Monday    | 7:00 p.m.  | Book Club           |
| Tuesday   | 6:00 p.m.  | Rummage Sale Set up |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m.  | Confirmation        |
| Thursday  | 7:00 a.m.  | Men's Bible Study   |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir               |
| Friday    | 9:00 a.m.  | Youth Rummage Sale  |
| Saturday  | 8:00 a.m.  | Youth Rummage Sale  |
| Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Bible Study         |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship             |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Education Hour      |

## Notes of Information

**The Screwtape Letters Book Study:** Pastor will be facilitating another book study in the month of May. We will be digging into C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, which explores the psychology of temptation in letters from a senior devil to his nephew. You can attend the book study on either Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on May 12, and May 19<sup>th</sup>, or on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 pm on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Books will be available for purchase through the church office on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$5.00 per book. The book is also available on Kindle.

**Confirmation:** With confirmation just about a month away, there will be confirmation held for the next three Wednesdays (April 30, May 7 and May 14) from 6pm to 8:00 pm.

**LWML Zone Rally:** SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX for the Rescue and Freedom Possible event at Messiah Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Psalms 140:12 says, "I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." Let's learn how we can bring the saving love of Jesus to the victims of human trafficking. If you are moved to give to Destiny Rescue and can't attend, please contact Linda Schwanbeck. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**Salad Supper at Mt. Olive:** You're invited to a Salad Supper by our sisters in Christ from Mt. Olive in Anoka. Think of it as a Gals Night Out! Share in food, fellowship and fun as we participate in a hymn sing. Invite mothers, daughters, neighbors and friends. Come to Mt Olive on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Questions? Ask Linda Schwanbeck

**Annual Plant Sale with Twist:** The youth's annual plant sale will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be combining the plant sale with a rummage sale. If you have clean, working items to donate to our sale please bring them in. Items can be left in the youth room or Laura's office. We will not be accepting electronics or furniture. If you have any questions, please contact Larua Marquardt or Jeff Fey.

**Prayer Opportunity:** An Elder will be available weekly at the end of service at the Communion Rail for personal prayer support. If privacy is requested that it will be accommodated.

**Book Club:** Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

- April 28 – *The Last Letter* by Rebecca Yarros
- May 27 (Tuesday) – *Bluebird* by Sharon Cameron

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

**NACE:** North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter and beans of all types. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

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| Average Weekly Offering                                      | \$7350        |
| <i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i> | <i>\$7271</i> |

**Next Week's Readings**  
**Acts 9:1-20, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-14**







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