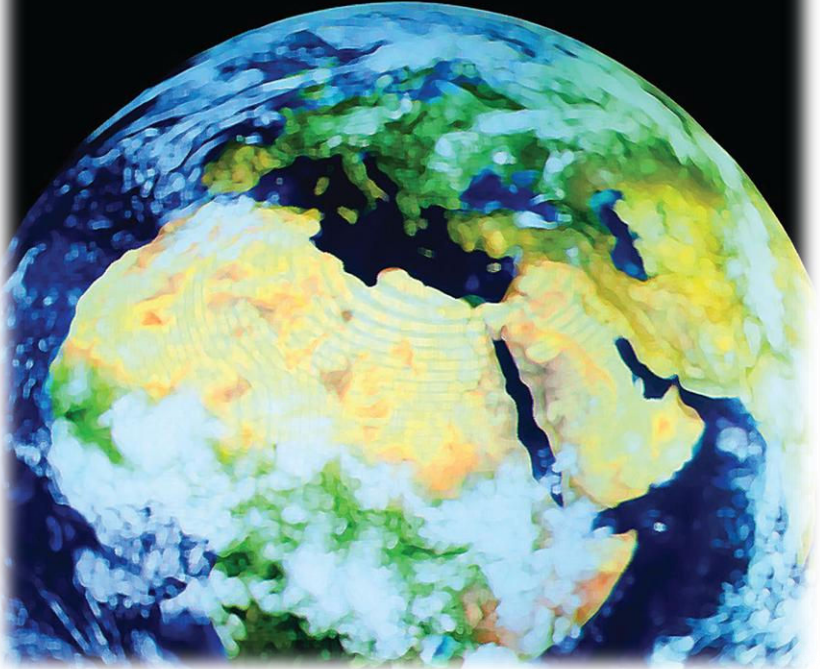




THEREFORE GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV





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 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties

**You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.**

- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly,
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.*

Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could
stand?
C **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in
prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider
our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that
we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot
free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his
people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our
heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and
saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God,

C **Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 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 Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given all through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:4-8

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:11-17

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Response

LSB 173

P Return to the Lord, your God,

C For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

“How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831 (tune 595)

- 1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known his reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?
- 2 “To all the world,” to ev’ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 “Lord, here am I:” your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.

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

- 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.

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Choir

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1** **Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.**
- 2** **Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.**
- 3** **Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;**

Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

On Galilee's High Mountain

LSB 835

- 1 On Galilee's high mountain
Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise
Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given
To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send my children,
Their witness I will use."
- 2 The Lord who, born of Mary,
Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened,
For us was crucified—
This Lord, our living brother,
In pow'r at God's right hand,
Has chosen us to carry
His truth to ev'ry land.
- 3 His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How his redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me,
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.

- 4 **And not alone to nations
 In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast
 His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches,
 However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus,
 Who served and saved us all.**
- 5 **That ev'ryone he chooses,
 For reasons of his own,
Will find in Christ his calling
 To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us
 Till time no more shall be;
Christ's strength, his love, his comfort
 Give us his victory.**
- 6 **Lord, gather all your children,
 Wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven
 To live eternally
With you, our loving Father,
 And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us
 The joy to persevere.**

Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783

- 1 **Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 **Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3 **Take my voice and let me sing**

**Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.**

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.

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

- 1 **Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 **See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**
- 3 **Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.**
- 4 **Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.**

Announcements

Sending

Holy Week Schedule

9 am

Maundy Thursday

6:45 pm

Good Friday

6:45 pm

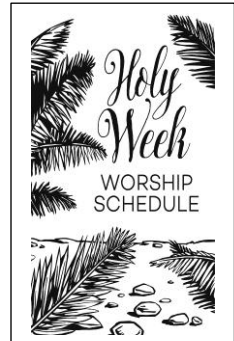
Easter Vigil

6:45 pm

Easter Sunday

7:00 am

10:00 am



Easter Breakfast of fruit, pancakes, bacon, and sausage will be held between Easter Sunday Services from 8:15 to 9:45

Serving in worship today

March 23, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Mark Moss- Lutheran Heritage Foundation

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Eli Neel

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Jan Fuerst

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Eric Skogerboe

Reader

Wayne Chambard

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Miriam Miller 4/6, Anora Kuntz 4/9, and Nathaniel Marquardt 4/10.

Celebrating Baptism: Elaine Hayden 4/6, Spencer Anderson 4/6, Morgan Bryan 4/9, Jim Weinholt 4/10, Debbie Walden 4/10, Robin Green 4/12 and Renee Chambard 4/12.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek 5
Thursday	7:45 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	First Communion Class
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Lenten Midweek Services: Please join us for our Lenten Midweek Worship services! Our theme is an exploration of the meaning of the sign hanging above the crucified Christ in our sanctuary. The sign says, “Our Sin.” Sin distorts our lives and our perception of what is good in life. Our sin, though, becomes the avenue by which Christ reveals God’s grace, working forgiveness, faith, and restoration. Each week we’ll look at Christ’s work on the cross from a new angle. Please worship with us at 6:45 each Wednesday evening!

Annual Plant Sale with Twist: The youth’s annual plant sale will be held May 3rd. 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 will be accommodated.

Notes of Gratitude: Notes of Gratitude: The Stewardship Board received a letter of thanks from *Hope 4 Youth* for our February donation of \$264.89. *Hope 4 Youth* is a nonprofit organization in Anoka County that helps young people, ages 16 to 24, who are experiencing homelessness in the northern Twin Cities metro area. *Concordia Seminary* also sent a letter of thanks for our recent gift of \$345.42 in support of the *Adopt-A-Student* program. Our generosity is making a difference and is greatly appreciated.

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.

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

Next Week’s Readings
Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:15-23:56



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