



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 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

- 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 blessèd 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, of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Most merciful God,
G **we confess that we have treated unbelievers as your enemies and objects of your wrath, as if they were beyond the reach of your mercy and grace. We have not forgiven those you have forgiven, and we have condemned those you have acted to save. Open our eyes as you opened Saul's, so that we share your vision of new life for all. Open our hearts so that through us you change people like Saul into servants and saints. Forgive us for the times we have acted as if we were God instead of God's instruments. Remind us that your Son has all power and might over eternal death and the power of sin to separate us from you.**

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

- P** Christ, the Lamb on the throne, is worthy because he was willing to be slain for the sins of the whole world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again has restored us to everlasting life. 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).

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.

G And also with you.

P Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his

hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 21:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twenty-first chapter.

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

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave

it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 467

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,

**Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow him through all.**

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.

Our Great God

Choir

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!

Make Songs of Joy

LSB 484 (tune 554)

1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;
we sing Alleluia!

**He lives again who once was dead!
Alleluia!**

**2 Our life was purchased by his loss;
we sing Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
we sing Alleluia!**

**3 O death, where is your deadly sting?
we sing Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King!
we sing Alleluia!**

**4 And where your victory, O grave,
we sing Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
we sing Alleluia!**

**5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
we sing Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
we sing Alleluia!**

**6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
we sing Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
we sing Alleluia!**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469

**1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

**2 Love’s redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.**

**Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

- 4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

LSB 473

- 1 Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free,
Is sacrificed. O keep
The feast of freedom gallantly;
Let alleluias leap:**
- 2 Let all our lives now celebrate
The feast; let malice die.
Let love grow strong anew, and great,
Let truth stamp out the lie.**
- 3 Let all our deeds, unanimous,
Confess him as our Lord
Who by the Spirit lives in us,
The Father's living Word.**
- 4 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!**

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.

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

Serving in Worship

May 4, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Eddie Kothrade

Usher

Sandy Elhardt

Elders

Phil Marquardt
Carl Schwanbeck

Reader

Phil Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Tom Trapp 5/4, Jerry Garland 5/5, and McKenzie Williams 5/5.

Celebrating Baptism: Nathaniel Marquardt 5/6, Gretchen Lynn 5/7, Jennifer Williams 5/7, and Jason Neel 5/9.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Steve and Tina Brynteson 5/6.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
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
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Feed My Starving Children- ALL CONGREGATION

EVENT! On Saturday, May 10, we can serve at Feed My Starving Children. We have 50 spots available for the 4:30 pm time slot. This is a great organization to support and feed children around the world. Please join us for this event. Sign up in the Narthex.

LWML Event: Please sign up in the narthex for the May 17th all women's (daughters too) "Moriah India Tea" at SOC starting at 10:00 AM. Learn to make Chai tea! MODELS needed! Invite a friend !

Armchair Fund: The Board of Trustees is going to purchase more armchairs for the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of these chairs, please place your donation in the offering plate marked "Chair."

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 19th, or on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 pm on May 14th and 21st. Books will be available for purchase through the church office on Sunday May 4th, the cost is \$5.00 per book. The book is also available on Kindle. For the first meeting, please read through chapter 15 (XV).

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

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 Gal's 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 6th at 6:30 PM. Questions? Ask Linda Schwanbeck

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:

- 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
Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30



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