

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 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

LSB 476

1 Who are you who walk in sorrow

**Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.**

2 Who is this who joins our journey,

**Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told you
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.**

3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened

**In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!**

**Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts your image trace!**

**4 Who are we who travel with you
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font you claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still you feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!**

**5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church your servant body,
Sent to share your healing grace!**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

Confession and Absolution

P The disciples on the road to Emmaus are heartbroken because their hopes of what God would accomplish in their lives was dashed.

C "The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death and they crucified him, but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

P Jesus scolds them for being so fixated on what they expected God to do that they missed what he was actually accomplishing.

C “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken! Didn’t the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

P We, too, often experience disappointment and disillusionment when God does not act the way we want. We despair of our circumstances instead of trusting that God will work all things for the good of those who love him.

C Lord, forgive us for being foolish and slow of heart to believe all that you have promised. Remake our hearts to trust in you when we are tempted to despair.

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

P When Jesus leaves the disciples, they acknowledge his power to meet disappointment with hope: “Didn’t our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road?” Jesus meets us today with the same hope, assuring us that God has never forgotten or forsaken us. 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. Jesus will stay with you until you have experienced the fullness of life and healing that he means to bring. May his peace cause your hearts to burn within you.

C Amen!

This is the Feast

LSB 171

A *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.

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 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).

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another brightly and deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

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

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks,

broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 166

**☩ 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

- 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

- C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

- C** 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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Who Am I

Choir

If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

LSB 486

1 If Christ had not been raised from death

(tune 846)

**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.**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”**
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
“I am with you evermore”?**
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

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!

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living

*LSB 479
(tune 686)*

- 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.
- 3 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.**

- 4 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 today

April 19, 2026

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elders:

Phil Marquardt

Eric Skogerboe

Reader:

Monica Lux

Usher:

Mike Voegele

Music:

Praise Band

Acolyte:

Nathan Skogerboe

Greeters:

Youth

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kaleb Miller 4/20, Melinda Whipps 4/22,
Gerry Anderson 4/23, and Karen Olson 4/25.

Celebrating Baptism: Ava Welle 4/21.

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	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:35 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Small group Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class

Notes of Information

LWML: Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting. Tuesday, April 21st, 8:30 AM. Light Breakfast Provided. All ladies, welcome! We hope you can stay and join us for bible study afterwards!

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

April 27 – A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

May - NO BOOK CLUB

June 22 - Her Daughter's Dream by Francine Rivers

July 27 - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Stewardship Messages: *“Hear the word that Christ has spoken, help the weak, the hungry feed...” (Timothy Dudley-Smith, LSB 847)*

Thrivent Members: Put your membership to work! Direct your **Choice Dollars®** to causes and nonprofits you care about (LWML MN South District, Camp Omega, Spirit of Christ, and more). Or start a service project with a **Thrivent Action Team** and receive a **\$250 Community Impact Card** for seed money.

Annual Plant Sale & Rummage Sale: The youth's annual plant sale will be held May 9th. This year we will only be selling hanging baskets. There will be no plants. If you have clean, working items to donate to our sale please bring them in. Items can be left in the youth room. **We will not be accepting electronics or furniture also please no golf clubs.** If you have any questions, please contact Larua Marquardt or Jeff Fey.

Looking for help: We are looking for sewing volunteers for a project with Blaine High School, Northdale Middle School, and Ham Lake Lions Club. Volunteers who know how to use a sewing machine and can assist the middle and high school students in completing a project for a local non-profit. The students are sewing “bonding hearts” for micro preemies in the NICU. The sewing project is simple, and the first part is done. The students now need to finish the project by sewing the heart. Date and time: Tuesday, April 21st from 3-5 p.m. Location: Northdale Middle school- 11301 Dogwood St. NW Minneapolis, MN 55448 If you are interested in helping with the project, please get in touch with Robin Chambers at Blaine High School- robin.chambers@ahschools.us or 763-506-6512.

NACE: Currently is collecting all canned goods. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Peterson.

<i>Average weekly offering</i>	\$7211.00
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6730.28

Readings for next week:

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10



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