

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Divine Service

Second Sunday of Easter

✠ April 12, 2026 ✠

“Blessed are those
who have not seen,
but believed”

“The result of this [attitude of disbelief in the Creator] is that we come to load abstract words such as ‘life’ with the same content as was previously represented by the term ‘God.’ For instance, when a young person wants to see ‘what life has to offer,’ or an old person talks about ‘what life gave,’ they are using mythical language. There is no ‘life’ which can be regarded as a subject over against us which is able to give or take. If we speak thus, we are speaking religiously about God. It was precisely in this way that, prior to the Enlightenment, prayers were formulated to be offered to God, complaints directed against him, and praise offered to him. The term ‘life’ has become acceptable now, after the Enlightenment, because it has never been identified with any specific religion. This term, ‘life,’ has come to describe that reality which was earlier simply known as ‘God.’ Modern culture has eliminated the concrete religious expressions, but cannot abolish those situations that remind human beings that they are not lords over what happens .”

—Gustaf Wingren
Credo

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For comfort, health, and recovery:

Andie Boone, Marshall Entrekin, Fawn Fields, Merina Hansen, Margaret Haynes, Elmer Held, Merlyn Lauber, Theresa Mendenhall, Richard Mullis, Debbie Rubisoff, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Larry Taylor

For college and graduate students:

Sara Fields, James Hansford

For military servants and their families:

Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum

This week’s prayer family:

Keith & Anita Martin and their loved ones

For those who are ill or distressed:

Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Donna Carson, Martha Clark, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Fawn Fields, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Elmer Held, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Kaye Reid, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler

Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. George Fields

Acolytes: William Held

Interpreter: Charlie Warren

Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Elder: Eric Held

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Cantor: Christa Kettler

Altar Flowers: This morning’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bobby and Eloise Springer in celebration of Bobby’s birthday.

CPC Life Walk: The Center for Pregnancy Choices, the crisis pregnancy center that our congregation is supporting, will hold their annual Life Walk on **Saturday, April 25th** at Trustmark Park. For more information, visit the Christ Lutheran Facebook page or talk to Jonathan Kettler.

Return of Wednesday Morning Matins: Matins is coming back this week! Join us to pray **this Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.**

Readings for next Sunday, April 19th, the Third Sunday of Easter: Introit Ps. 133; Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35 .

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This week at Christ Lutheran Church April 13 – April 19

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Council
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Matins
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky @ Broadstreet
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – The Third Sunday of Easter

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We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

The Lord's Supper

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

Introit: Cantemus Domino

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; Ant. 1 Peter 2:2-3



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Gradual

Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Assembled in His name and in the communion of all saints, we pray You send down Your Holy Spirit on us, and through Him to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ,

Who, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Remembering therefore His whole work of redemption, His conception and birth, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His glorious coming again, we here present before You the remembrance which Your Son has commanded us to make, beseeching You graciously to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, O Father Almighty, forever and ever.



C A - men.

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

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The Invitation

P The holy things of God for the holy people of God.

C Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.
But only speak a word, and I will be healed.

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