



# Easter | Fifth Sunday

8:30 am & 10:45 am April 28, 2024

## New to COS?

If this is your first time at COS, please sign our guestbook:



## Kids Church

Rooms 100-104 after the children's message until the end of the 10:45 am service. Pre-school-4th grade.

## Nursery

Room 101. Drop off either before the start of 10:45 am worship or after the children's message. Children are welcome to stay in the service too.

## Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console.

## Hymn 469:1-3 Welcome, Happy Morning!

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn Response 469:4

Free the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
all that now is fallen raise to life again.  
Show your face in brightness; shine in ev'ry land  
as in Eden's garden when the world began.  
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;  
"Hell today is vanquished; heav'n is won today!"

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup>sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

## Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24

<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup>and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup>The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

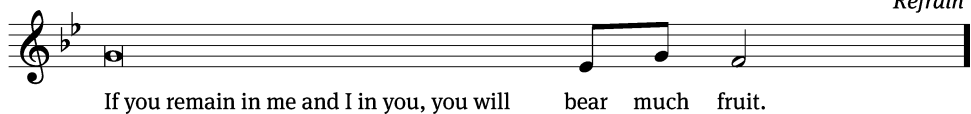
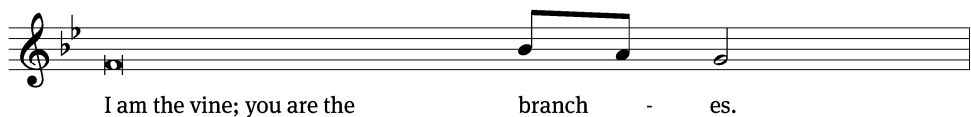
John 15:5



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

John 15:1–8

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

*The children in the 10:45 am service are invited to the chancel steps for a message.*

**Hymn 709** Christ the Vine

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [Especially...]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

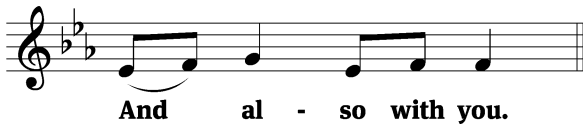
## Offering

Offerings may be given via the QR code ([cosrock.org/donate](https://cosrock.org/donate)) or the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.



### Stand

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

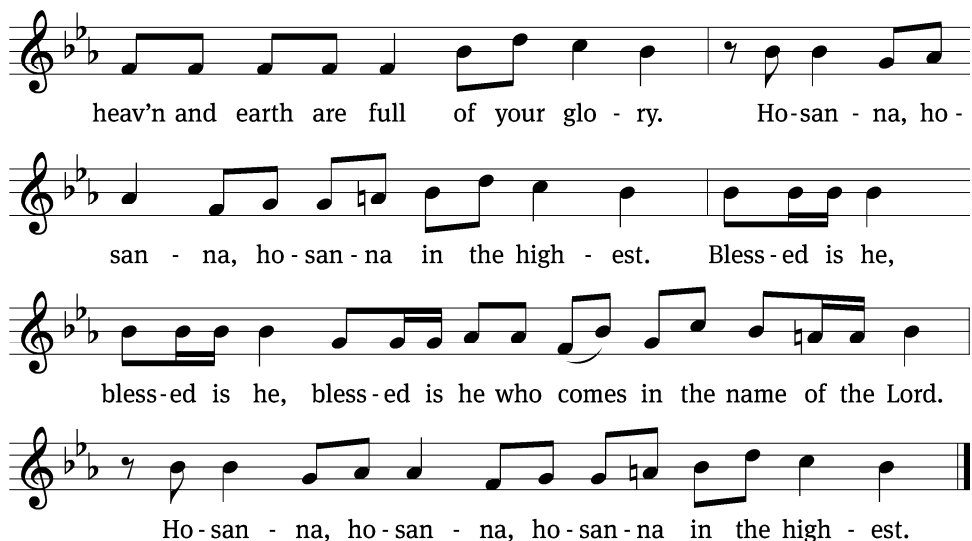


## Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy





heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

As we remember his death and resurrection, we thank you for gathering us together to receive his body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours  
 now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*



## **Distribution**

*Reception of the Sacrament at COS is reserved for those who share our confession of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. We ask those who do not hold membership in this or another WELS congregation to give us the chance to teach those doctrines to you via our New Life in Christ Course prior to communing. Speak with one of our pastors for more information or about enrolling.*

*Center purple cups of each tray are reserved for those who have requested alcohol free wine for medical reasons.*

*Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## **Proclamation**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and **T** give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Hymn 454** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

# Announcements

## **COS Day at the Ballpark**

*2:00 pm, Sunday, June 2*

We are planning a group outing to watch the Whitecaps play on Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$16 per ticket. Reserve your tickets at [cosrock.org/whitecaps](http://cosrock.org/whitecaps). We need to have a final number for tickets **by May 1**.

## **Quarterly Meeting**

*9:45 am, Sunday, April 28*

For variety's sake, we are going to move the next quarterly meeting into the Adult Forum time. The usual business of these meetings is ratifying the membership actions taken by the Board of Elders and acting on any new business. There will also be opportunity for questions. The meeting will take place in the fellowship hall.

## **Community Service Opportunity**

North Kent Connect (NKC) has partnered with Volunteers In Service to arrange rides for NKC clients to the food pantry, medical appointments, etc. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign up sheet on the counter in the narthex.

## **Membership?**

There are 3 ways to become a member of COS. All involve speaking with one of our pastors. Contact them today, their info is on the back of this bulletin or simply scan the "new to COS" qr code on the first page of the bulletin. They would love to listen to your story and explain the blessings and benefits that come with being part of the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church family.

## **Nursery Volunteers**

*Sundays May 26 - September 1*

We would like to provide a nursery in the 10:00 am service during the summer months, so we need volunteers! Please fill out the form at [cosrock.org/nursery](http://cosrock.org/nursery). We will use it to create a schedule. Contact Amy Sullivan with questions (616) 308-1550.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

*6:30 pm, Mondays*

Join the ladies of COS as we watch and discuss season 1 of The Chosen. The format is watching an episode and then discussing, "What does it actually mean to be chosen?" To answer that question, we're going Old school-Testament that is-which leads us back to the New, which always leads to Jesus.

# Announcements

## **Youth Group Game Nights**

*5:00 pm, Sunday, April 28 & May 19*

Christ Our Savior youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to game nights on April 28 and May 19 from 5:00p—7:00p each night. Dinner is provided. Sign at [cosrock.org/youth](http://cosrock.org/youth).

## **Youth Group-The Oz Escape**

*Saturday, June 1*

Christ Our Savior youth in 6th-12th grades will close out this school year with an outdoor escape room-style event in Grand Rapids called The Oz Escape on Saturday, June 1. Sign up at [cosrock.org/youth](http://cosrock.org/youth).

## **Preschool Openings**

Our church operates a preschool. There are classes for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and toddlers + parents. Enrollment for the Fall began in January. There are not many spots left. Don't delay. To learn more go to contact our director, Linda Gauger (m. 616-581-3808; [lindagauger@live.com](mailto:lindagauger@live.com); [cosrock.org/preschool](http://cosrock.org/preschool)).

## **Sixth Sunday after Easter**

*6:30 pm Thursday, May 2 & 8:30 am Sunday, May 5*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter will be observed in two of the three services scheduled for next weekend, the 6:30 pm Th and 8:30 am. Usual liturgy, hymns, Scripture Readings, sermon.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

*10:45 am Sunday, May 5*

COS will confirm four young people in the Lutheran faith during next Sunday's late service. This service will be different from the 6:30 pm Th and 8:30 am ones. The Choir sings "You Do Not Walk Alone" and "God's Word is Our Great Heritage."

## **Mothers' Day**

*8:30 am & 10:45 am Sunday, May 12*

Bring mom to church on Mothers' Day! All mothers in attendance receive flowers. The Sunday School children sing "My Hope is in the Lord."

## **COS E Bulletin**

*Thursdays*

The weekly COS E Bulletin comes out on Thursdays. If you do not receive it, subscribe by clicking the "eBulletin" button on the top right of [cosrock.org](http://cosrock.org).

# this week @ COS

## Sunday, April 28

8:30 am	Worship	Jacob & Sheerine Theurer [6]
9:45 am	Sunday School/Little Lambs/ Quarterly Meeting	Shelby Beers Sam Doletzky Ron Whitfield
10:45 am	Worship	
5:00 pm	Youth Group Game Night	

## Monday, April 29

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:00 am	Preschool 4's
9:15 am	Preschool 3's
6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study

## Tuesday, April 30

9:00 am	Preschool 4's	Jeff & Michelle Hill [36]
9:15 am	Preschool 3's	Fred Brailey

## Wednesday, May 1

9:00 am	Preschool 4's
9:15 am	Preschool 3's
6:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 2

9:00 am	Preschool 4's	Alan & Crystal Brower [9]
9:15 am	Preschool 3's	
6:30 pm	Worship	

## Friday, May 3

9:00am	Preschool 4's	Chaz & Kristen Varady [27]
9:15 am	Toddler Time	

## Saturday, May 4

Pat Baker  
Kathy Clark

## Sunday, May 5

8:30 am	Worship	Sheerine Theurer Audree Wheeler
9:45 am	Sunday School/Little Lambs/ Adult Forum	
10:45 am	Worship-Confirmation	

birthdays & anniversaries

### Organist

Kathy Marten

### Liturgy

Pastor Tim Gauger

### Sermon

Pastor Steve Hahm

### Offerings

Charlie Zebell

Aimee Zebell

### Altar Guild

Jill Weber

Rebekah Becker

Rosemary Winicki

Laurie Marquis

### 8:30 am

### Streaming

Brad Clark

Chaz Varady

### Acolyte

Olivia Greenland

### Lector

Cleve Kasper

### Communion

Mark DeWitt

Dave Perry

### Usher

James Becker

Tom Marten

### Coffee Set Up

Brian Oliver

Marli Oliver

### 10:45 am

### Lector

Phil Voss

### Communion

Ed Harris

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### Usher

Tim Perkins

Bil Rowe

### Coffee Clean Up

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