



Easter | Second Sunday

8:30 am & 10:45 am April 7, 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 471:1-3 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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 471:4

4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 18:1–11

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1–4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 456:1-5 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this Easter season. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and resurrection. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Use us to somehow bring the message of resurrection to them, that faith may be awoken in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Continue coming to us in Word and Sacrament until we feast with you in eternal glory.
Amen.

Offering

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



Hymn 456:6-9 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Stand

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.**

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 give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn 511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Announcements

Adult Forum Topic

9:45 am Sundays

The discussion-based Adult Forum resumes in the fellowship hall today, picking up again our Hebrews 11 Heroes of Faith topic.

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. We need to have a final number for tickets by May 1.

Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm, Mondays, starting April 8

Join the ladies of COS as we watch and discuss season 1 of The Chosen. The format will be 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.

Preschool Enrollment for 2024/25

There are a few openings in some of the preschool classes for next school year. If you or someone you know is thinking about enrolling, now's the time to visit cosrock.org/preschool or contact Linda Gauger (lindauger@live.com, 616.866.0611).

this week @ COS

birthdays & anniversaries

Sunday, April 7

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/
Adult Forum
10:45 am Worship

Monday, April 8

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 9

9:00 am Preschool 4's Dan McGillicuddy
9:15 am Preschool 3's Brian Vannieuwenhoven

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am Preschool 4's Bil & Nguyet Rowe [3]
9:15 am Preschool 3's
6:00 pm 8th Gr Catechism Class
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

9:00 am Preschool 4's Alyssa Becker
9:15 am Preschool 3's Brownie Schmitzer
6:30 pm Worship Markayla Schuiling
Nick Varady

Friday, April 12

9:00am Preschool 4's
9:15 am Toddler Time
1:00 pm Kimberly Havens Funeral
2:00 pm Luncheon

Saturday, April 13

Jenny Drehs / Courtney O'Brien
RoseMarie Sherd

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am Worship Dan Zuberbier
9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/
Adult Forum
10:45 am Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group Game Night

Organist

Kathy Marten

Liturgy

Pastor Steve Hahm

Sermon

Pastor Tim Gauger

Offerings

Dave Perry

Susan Perry

Altar Guild

Jill Weber

Rebekah Becker

Rosemary Winicki

Laurie Marquis

8:30 am

Streaming

Andrew Becker

Dalton Lewkowski

Acolyte

Logan Sullivan

Lector

Mark DeWitt

Usher

Paul Becker

Brian Steinberg

Coffee Set Up

Paul Becker

Rebekah Becker

10:45 am

Acolyte

Landon Moore

Lector

Derek Rummel

Usher

Dan Moore

Derek Rummel

Coffee Clean Up

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