

Easter | Fourth Sunday

8:30 am & 10:45 am April 21, 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. Preschool-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 551:1-3 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Stand

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

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

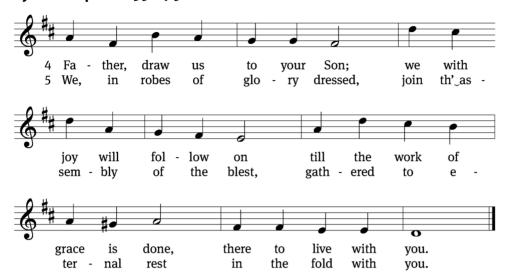
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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 551:4-5



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8:30

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

10:45

Holy Baptism

Riley Kaye Jones will be baptized in the 10:45 am service. Her sponsor is Ed Harris.

First Reading Acts 20:28–32

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14





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Gospel John 10:11–18

¹¹⁴I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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 awaken 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 449 This Joyful Eastertide

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 T give you peace. **Amen.**

Hymn 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Announcements

Scam Emails

It has come to our attention that some members have received scam emails this week from fake accounts pretending to be Pastor Gauger. Vigilance is needed in checking email addresses, as scammers use false addresses. If you are ever not sure about a pastors' email, text or call them directly. Their contact info is always on the back page of this bulletin.

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.

LWMS Spring Rally

9:00 am, Saturday, April 27

The Lighthouse circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be hosting a spring rally at Peace Lutheran church in Granger, IN.

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 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. We will use it to create a schedule. Contact Amy Sullivan with questions (616) 308-1550.

this week @ COS

birthdays & anniversaries

Addison Ruppel

Sunday, April 21

8:30 am Worship Alivia Oswald Sunday School/Little Lambs/ Aaron Rupprecht 9:45 am Adult Forum Anneli Sullivan Worship Austin Winicki 10:45 am Ben Klepchak

Monday, April 22 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00 am

SW MI Pastor Conference* 9:00 am

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

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am SW MI Pastor Conference*

9:00 am Preschool 4's Susan Gustafson 9:15 am Preschool 3's Jim Van Norwick Wednesday, April 24 Cleve Kasper

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8th Gr Catechism Class 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 25 Sam Oliver

Preschool 4's Lee & Shelby Chapman [15] 9:00 am

9:15 am Preschool 3's Worship 6:30 pm

Friday, April 26 Jackson Sullivan Preschool 4's o:ooam Brian Saatkamp Toddler Time 9:15 am Pete Stemmler

Saturday, April 27

LWMS Spring Rally* 9:00 am

Sunday, April 28 Jacob & Sheerine Theuer [6]

8:30 am Worship Shelby Beers Sunday School/Little Lambs Ron Whitfield 9:45 am

Quarterly Meeting 9:45 am

Worship 10:45 am

Youth Group Game Night 5:00 pm

*meets offsite

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Lector

Randy Hampton

Usher

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Coffee Set Up Amber Lindeman Arryn Uhlenbrauck

10:45 am Acolyte

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Lector

Ed Harris

Usher

Bill Marquis

Derek Rummel

Coffee Clean Up

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