





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

*If you are worshipping inside, please choose chairs that work for the number of people in your family.*

*If you are worshipping outside, you're welcome to sit wherever you are comfortable inside or outside of your car. Tune your vehicle radio to 96.5 FM to hear the service.*

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November 28, 2021

*First Sunday of Advent*

### Welcome

#### *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LSB 338

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2 Born thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

### 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** St. Paul prays that the Lord would “make [our] love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.”
- C** We acknowledge that we hold back God's forgiving love from others when we hold on to resentments and hurts and deal with our neighbors with a spirit of judgment and criticism. We hold back God's servant

**love from others when we focus on our own agendas and our own wants and needs. We hold back God’s steadfast and patient love from others when we love them only when they love us and treat us well.**

**P** For our failure to let your love pour out through us,

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.**

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

**P** Paul’s next words to the Thessalonians are these: “May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.” Indeed, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, you are blameless and holy. His love is steadfast and forgiving, and he has served us by taking on the consequences of our sin and giving us his righteousness. 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. Worship the Lord in joy and peace because his love has transformed you eternally.

**C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

### **Kyrie** (*Sung*)

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### *This is the Feast*

*LSB 155*

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.**  
**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** We share Christ's peace with one another.

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," 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).*

### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 33:14-26*

<sup>14</sup>“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup>“‘In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

<sup>17</sup>For this is what the LORD says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, <sup>18</sup>nor will the Levitical priests ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.’”

<sup>19</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>20</sup>“This is what the LORD says: ‘If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, <sup>21</sup>then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. <sup>22</sup>I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who

minister before me as countless as the stars in the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.”

<sup>23</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>24</sup>“Have you not noticed that these people are saying, ‘The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms he chose’? So they despise my people and no longer regard them as a nation. <sup>25</sup>This is what the LORD says: ‘If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth, <sup>26</sup>then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

**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 21:25-36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty first chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

LSB 842

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
  
- 2 **As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.**
  
- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**
  
- 4 **Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By your praying, by your willing  
That your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition:  
Here on earth your will be done.**

Homily

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

### Preface

*spoken*

- 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

LSB 161

- ☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- ☐ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## 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.*

## *Praise and Thanksgiving*

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer  
For all things living,  
Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.**
  
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve you  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with you,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.**

- 3 **Father, providing  
Food for your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know your care.**

*For the Fruits of His Creation*

LSB 894

- 1 **For the fruits of his creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.**
- 2 **In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**
- 3 **For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.**

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

LSB 806

- 1 **Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ his Son.**

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LSB 357

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
- 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*
- 4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*
- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

### Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

LSB 975

- 1 **Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**
- 2 **Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 **We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.**
- 4 **When here our pathways part,  
We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
We hope to meet again.**
- 5 **From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.**

## Announcements

### Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## Serving in Worship This Morning

November 28, 2021

### Pastor:

Jason Neel

### Elder:

Jeff Williams

### Reader:

Phil Marquardt

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Rick Welle 11/30, Theresa Schiefer 11/30, Jerry Berg 12/1, Pam Birkholz 12/1, Sara Neel 12/1, Gwen Mikish 12/2, Georgia Kedrowski 12/3, Betty Meyer 12/4, Deb Parson 12/4, and Steve Johnson 12/4.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this week:** Camille Kuntz 11/28, Ryan Williams 11/28, Dan Mathiason 11/29, Carol Jauch 12/1, Jessica Richardson 12/1, and Richard Pawlik 12/1.

**Celebrating Anniversaries this week:** Gerry and Nancy Anderson 11/29 and Jesse and Kristy Johnson 12/2.

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:45 p.m.	Advent Mid-Week Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Bake Sale Prep)
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Grief Share
	6:15 p.m.	Brownie Troop 18725
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Bake Sale Prep
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

### Notes of Information:

**Newsletter:** There are newsletters in your mailbox.

**Church Library:** The library is available for your use whenever the church is open. The only time it is closed is on Sundays between 10:45 and 11:30 a.m., when the room is used by the Sunday School, and occasionally when a group is meeting there. The fiction and non-fiction sections have been alphabetized and have begun to be checked out. Depending on feedback, the other sections, which have categorical color-coded tape on the spines, may be reorganized, or downsized. As space allows, donations of books may also be accepted. Especially popular, so far,

are Christian fiction and non-fiction, such as biographies. Lois Spadgenske encourages your comments and/or questions at 763-757-5377 or [SecondTim.1.5@Gmail.com](mailto:SecondTim.1.5@Gmail.com).

**Youth Bake Sale-** On December 5, 2021, the youth will be holding their annual bake sale. If you would like to contribute items for the bake sale, please have drop them off at church prior to 3 pm on December 4. If you have any questions, please reach out a Youth Board member. A special Thank You for sponsorship by Thrivent Action Team.

**Trinity First Lutheran School:** "*Equipping Learners, Sharing Hope*". Did you know that: 50% of Trinity First's students are from immigrant families, 51% don't have a church home, 47% receive special services (Special Ed & Title I), 77% qualify for free and reduced prices meals, and 88% are students of color? Last year enrollment was 116 students, with 4 graduating. Operating income from donations, and the Adopt a Student Scholarship Program totals 87%. Income from tuition and fees is 2%. Spirit of Christ continues to support Trinity First with 2% of our monthly First Fruits Mission offerings. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers.

**Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD):** Are available for people 70 1/2 years or older. QCD's are donations from IRA's directly to the charity. Spirit of Christ is a qualified charity. The donations are nontaxable, but also not deductible as charitable donations. Check with your financial advisor for information.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are eligible, you can specifically choose an organization, such as Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church. Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. To direct those dollars, log onto <http://www.thrivent.com>. Under **What We Offer**, choose the **Generosity** tab. Then choose **Choice Dollars**.

**2022 Calendars and Cards:** SoC youth have 2022 calendars, Christmas cards, greeting cards and note pads for sale. Cards are available in the Narthex after worship.

**Adopt-A-Student:** Spirit of Christ will be helping support a first year Seminarian, through the Adopt-A-Student program, at the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. We have been assigned newlyweds Jonathan and Stephanie Chapa, who were both raised in central Minnesota. They are both recent graduates of Concordia University in Nebraska, with degrees in education. After a summer of Greek classes, Jonathan has started introductory fall classes, and is involved at his field work church, where Stephanie is working in their Early Childhood Center. Jonathan is also volunteering at Christian Friends of New Americans. Please pray for perseverance and determination for them, and that the Holy Spirit would move and work in the hearts of the adults and children they are serving.

**Stewardship:** is the expression of our desire as Christians to contribute to the mission and ministry of the church. Serving and giving are important parts of our Christian life. We are equipped to give of ourselves through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. St. Paul reminds us, "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal thru us." 2 Corinthians 5:20.

**Grief Share:** Grief Share is a grief recovery support group that has meetings across the country and worldwide. Spirit of Christ began its own Grief Share group that will meet Thursdays from 3-5pm. We are asking \$15 free will donation to cover the cost of the workbook. Please contact Pam Birkholz at 612-270-1623 with any questions or to reserve your spot.

**NACE:** Do you know someone in need of food? NACE is expanding their Home Delivery Program and would like to help those who may not be able to drive or find a ride to the food shelf. The Delivery Program brings a complete grocery order right to your door, including produce, bakery, meats, dairy, canned goods, and hygiene products. If you or someone you know could benefit from NACE Home Delivery please call Katie @763-434-7685 or e mail at [kritchel@nacefoodshelf.org](mailto:kritchel@nacefoodshelf.org)

The clothing closet is looking for clean fall clothing and back to school clothing. Always needed at the food shelf are the hygiene products and individual items for the weekend packs. Let me know if you have any questions. Joan Mager 763-434-9652.

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org). Check them out if you are not able to make it to drive in worship or would like to avoid a paper bulletin!

**Main Street Living:** Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The broadcast has two parts. Remastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries "This is the Life" program was originally aired from the 1950's to the 1980's. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format. The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. 9  
+ Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

**Offerings via Give+:** Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

'The Lutheran Hour' can be heard at 6:00 a.m. Sundays on WCCO radio

<b>November 21, 2021</b>	
Average Offering	\$5366
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$5921</i>

**Readings for next week:**  
Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**Serving in Worship Next Week:**  
**November 28, 2021**

**Elder:**  
Phil Marquardt

**Reader:**  
Monica Lux

**Advent Service**  
**December 1, 2021**

**Elder:**  
Terry Elhardt

**Reader:**  
Carl Schwanbeck



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