



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.

December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376

- 1 **Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.**

- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

- 3 **For he is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us he grew;
 He was little, weak, and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew;
 And he feels for all our sadness,
 And he shares in all our gladness.**

- 4 **And our eyes at last shall see him,
 Through his own redeeming love;
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heav'n above;
 And he leads his children on
 To the place where he is gone.**

- 5 **Not in that poor, lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by**

**Shall we see him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children, crowned,
All in white, his praise will sound!**

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **We have celebrated the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in this joyous time of year we fall far short of the life to which our Savior calls us. We are sinners who cannot save ourselves. We have been hard-hearted, unkind, proud, arrogant and impatient. We have complained and held grudges. We confess all of our sin to you, Lord, both that of which we are aware and that which is not known to us. We plead for your mercy and forgiveness, as you have promised. Amen.**

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

- P** Salvation unto us has come! 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. Jesus was born into the world to fulfill the Father's will that the world not be condemned by Him, but saved. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another as you have been forgiven."

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

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home. ²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to

him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Within the Father's House

LSB 410

- 1 **Within the Father's house**
 The Son has found his home,
 And to his temple suddenly
 The Lord of life has come.

- 2 **The doctors of the Law**
 Gaze on the wondrous child
 And marvel at his gracious words
 Of wisdom undefiled.

- 3 **Yet not to them is giv'n**
 The mighty truth to know,
 To lift the earthly veil that hides
 Incarnate God below.

- 4 **The secret of the Lord**
 Escapes each human eye,
 And faithful pond'ring hearts await
 The full epiphany.

- 5 **Lord, visit thou our souls**
 And teach us by thy grace
 Each dim revealing of thyself
 With loving awe to trace

- 6 **Till we behold thy face**
 And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Coequal Three in One.

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 \dagger 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

- C** 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.

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358 v 1,3-4,8,13

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:**
- 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.**
- 4 "He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in his kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us his glory share.**
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That you might share your joy with me.**
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,**

**A quiet chamber set apart
For you to dwell within my heart.**

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before his glorious throne;
Today he opens heav'n again
To give us his own Son,
To give us his own Son.**
- 2 He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.**
- 3 Within an earthborn form he hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all he humbly cloaks
The splendor of his might,
The splendor of his might.**
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us his realm,
His glory, and his name,
His glory, and his name.**
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than he,
No truer friend than he.**
- 6 He is the key and he the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.**
- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise you evermore.**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
- 3 All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of him the angels sing.
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass
By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years
Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth
God’s ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear
The song the angels sing.

A Great and Mighty Wonder

LSB 383

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*

*ref Proclaim the Savior’s birth:
“To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!”*

- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
 And yet remains on high,
 And cherubim sing anthems
 To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
 Those bright angelic bands,
 Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
 And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*
- 4 Since all he comes to ransom,
 By all be he adored,
 The infant born in Bethl'em,
 The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
- 5 All idols then shall perish
 And Satan's lying cease,
 And Christ shall raise his scepter,
 Decreeing endless 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.

Joy to the World

LSB 387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make his blessings flow

**Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

December 26, 2021

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Justin Miller

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kenny Schieffer 12/26, Collin Mathiason 12/27, Carole Kampf 12/28, Skyler Dean 12/28, Chris Elhardt 12/29, Larry Waterman 12/30 and Susan James 1/1.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this week: Ralph Fuerst 12/31, Teresa Schieffer 12/31, Brenna Smith 1/1, Georgia Kedrowski 1/1, and Gwen Mikish.

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Dan and Kari Pawlik 12/30

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
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Grief Share
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (no Sunday School)

Notes of Information:

Tornado Relief: Wes and Sheryl Johnson are leaving on a mission trip to deliver goods to Kentucky to provide some relief to those who were affected by the recent tornados. They are planning on traveling through Paducah, KY to deliver 70-100 quilts to those homeless. The FEMA trailers will be arriving the first week of January. They will need bedding, towels, etc.. We have plenty of quilts, but there are other essentials. If you would like to donate goods or money towards this mission, please reach out the Sheryl or Wes at 763-757-2219

Adopt a Student Address: The Stewardship Board has received inquiries about an address for our assigned Seminarian. Those wishing to send a Christmas card, note of encouragement, and/or a small gift, may use the following address: Jonathan and Stephanie Chapa, Campus Post Office Box, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis Missouri 63105-3196. Thank you for your interest. The love and generosity in our church family is truly amazing!

Book Club: There will be NO book club get together in December. The book for January will be *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano.

The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend our book review. Call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652 if you have any questions.

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.

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: So far this year SoC has had \$3259 designated from Thrivent Choice funds. Thank you!

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**.

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

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. 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 to sign up or learn more.

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

December 19, 2021	
Average Offering	\$5638
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$5921</i>

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:10-18



Supporting NACE Food Shelf

PERSONAL HYGIENE DONATION DRIVE

Help us collect personal hygiene items for NACE Food Shelf. Drop off any of the items listed below and as a thank you, take cookies and hot chocolate home with you after drop off!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022
11 AM - 1 PM
12611 TYLER CIRCLE BLAINE MN 55434

Most needed items: Body soap ● Deodorant ● Toothpaste
Toilet paper ● Sanitary pads ● Tampons ● Diapers size 3,4,5
Only regular size containers. Please no travel sizes.

Special thanks to Thrivent Action Teams for generously sponsoring the donation drive.
Questions? Email Beth at rbgerard@comcast.net.





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