



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

- 1 **Blessèd Jesus, at your Word**
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.

- 2 **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

- 3 **Gracious Savior, good and kind,**
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- △ 4 **Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,**
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we may trust your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.

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** When the people of Judah returned from exile, Ezra the priest read to them from the book of the law for hours, “making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.” When the people heard the law and its explanation, they wept.
- C** **As we confess our sins before God, we too are conscious of God’s commandments:**
- P** You shall have no other Gods. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet.
- C** **And we are conscious of their meanings:**
- P** We should fear, love, and trust God above all things. We should interpret our neighbors’ actions in the best possible way. We should not try to get what belongs to others in a way that only appears right.
- C** **We are guilty of breaking your commandments in their words and in their meanings, O Lord. Have mercy upon us.**

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

- P** When God’s people wept, Ezra and Nehemiah said to them, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn our weep...do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” While God wants us to confess our sins, he does not mean to leave our hearts burdened. Jesus is the light of the world, and his blood sets you free from sin, guilt, and shame. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God gives you, his forgiven people, the gift of joy in his salvation!
- C** **The joy of the Lord is our strength! Alleluia!**

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.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-8, 5-6, 8-10

¹ all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

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 4:14-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory
Give us ears to hear your Word.

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

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

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

- C** **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.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.**

- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**

- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.**

- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

God, Whose Almighty Word

LSB 979

1 God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

2 Lord, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583

- 1 God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, his Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning**
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,**
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.
- 4 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;**
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.
- 5 **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

January 23, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Opie Jellison 1/24, Doug Degler 1/26, and Adam Garland 1/28

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this week: Chris Schoenbauer 1/23, Mike Matheson 1/24, and Chris Elhardt 1/29

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be</i> Adult Catechism
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Grief Share
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Sunday School

Notes of Information:

Masking Recommendation- According to the MN Dept of Health it is recommended that people wear well-fitting masks when you are in public indoor setting. The Spirit of Christ council is asking that you consider masking during church services as Anoka County is currently experiencing a rise in Covid 19 cases.

Women's Bible Study- The next Women's Bible Study will be held Monday, February 7, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Bible Study- Pastor Jason will present a Spiritual Gifts Study. This is a continuation of a study started in September 2021. Each lesson stands on its own, so come as you are able. We hope to answer questions like: "What is a Spiritual Gift?", "Do I have one?", and "If I have a gift; how would I use it?". When we realize how each of us is equipped by the Spirit, the Body will mature (Eph. 4:13), our Church will grow (Eph. 4:16) and God will be glorified (1 Peter 4:10-11). If you are unable to attend, please let Pastor Jason or any Stewardship Board member know. We can answer questions and provide you with the materials you would need for a home study and/or a Gifts Inventory Worksheet.

Adult Catechism: Starting tonight, we will read the first chapter together.

For the past 17 years, confirmands at Spirit of Christ have read *Free to Be*, an exploration of Luther's Small Catechism intended for younger audiences. The book was written by two of my seminary professors, and I have long wondered how an adult study of the book would go. Beginning Sunday evening, January 23rd, we will do exactly that! Join us to think through the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys in the context of St. Paul's picture of the "Old You" and the "New You." Pick up a copy of the book in the office for \$13, and plan to join us on Sunday evenings as we explore the Christian faith!

Library- There has been some progress made on sorting and shelving the library books. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and children's books are good. Work has begun on the "Christian Family" category. It is loosely divided by "age/stage," with small sections for men, women, marriage, parenting, issues that may come up in families, teens/young adults, and emotions. There are also some books on the shelf with "inspirational" themes, which have so far only been sorted by category. A group labeled "Bible Helps" is also currently piled in the library floor, awaiting further work. In the meantime, **you are strongly encouraged to browse the library**, and check out any of the books on the shelves. If you have books you would like to donate to the library, they also will be considered, particularly Christian fiction. Any questions may be directed to Lois Spadgenske, at SecondTim1.5@gmail.com, or 763-757-5377.

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: 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.

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

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! Bulletins and past sermons can be found at www.spiritofchristhamlake.org

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.

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January 16, 2022	
Average Offering	\$5171
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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30



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