





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

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January 9, 2022

*Baptism of our Lord*

### Welcome

#### *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

*LSB 590*

- 1 **Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
  
- 2 **My loving Father, here you take me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here you make me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
  
- 3 **My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**
  
- 4 **All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.**

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  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** In Romans 6, St. Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?" Then he answers, "By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" (*Romans 6:1, 2*)
- C** We confess that although we believe that we have received the grace of God, we have repeatedly sinned in thought, word, and deed.
- P** Paul continues, "We were buried . . . with him by baptism into death, in order that . . . we too might walk in newness of life." (*Romans 6:4*)
- C** We confess that we have not loved God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- P** Paul concludes that, "one who has died has been set free from sin." (*Romans 6:7*)
- C** Heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

- P** "The death [Christ] died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (*Romans 6:10, 11*) As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## 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).*

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Make all who are baptized in his name faithful in their calling as your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Jacob,  
he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.  
<sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 8:14-17*

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**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 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you

with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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

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

*Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered*

LSB 404

- 1 **Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Had no blemish of his own;  
In the waters of the Jordan  
His true worth and work were shown:  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
There descended like a dove,  
As the Father’s voice resounded,  
“Hear My Son, the One I love.”**
- 2 **John confessed him as the Savior—  
“Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
Of the One God’s love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
Bringing news of peace to us,  
Christ, the herald of salvation,  
Preaching mercy from the cross:**
- 3 **This the baptism that our Savior  
Greatly longed to undergo;  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
So the world God’s love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
As He stepped from Jordan’s stream,  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.**
- 4 **Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Full obedience was your path;  
You, by death, have consecrated  
Water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
Rising to a life of grace;  
We are counted with the righteous,  
Over us the cross you trace.**

## 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

**☩ 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.*

#### *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*

LSB 602

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me  
To be his Church, his bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
And cling to his strong name.**
  
- 2 The gifts flow from the font  
Where he calls us his own;  
New life he gives that makes  
Us his and his alone.  
Here he forgives our sins  
With water and his Word;  
The triune God himself  
Gives pow'r to call him Lord.**

3 The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's  
For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends  
Us forth in his blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day  
The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear,  
Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with himself,  
Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing  
Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave his presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts he loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for his  
Great love by which we live!

*All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*

LSB 596

1 All Christians who have been baptized,  
Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done,  
The gifts he gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

- 2 You were before your day of birth,  
Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood,  
Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that he once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of his own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

*Father Welcomes*

LSB 605

*ref* *Father welcomes all his children  
To his fam'ly through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation,  
Life forever has been won.*

- 1 Little children, come to me,  
For my kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*
- 2 In the water, in the Word,  
In his promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

*Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven*

LSB 502

- 1 Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,  
Ever one with the One who is Three,  
From the Father you came,  
Words of peace to proclaim,  
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.  
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;  
Fill Your temple, your altar make clean.  
Joyous shelter of love,  
Gracious friend from above,  
In your care we are resting, serene.
- 2 Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,  
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,  
To descend from on high  
And the Church occupy  
As the cloud filled the temple of old;  
All the baptized you seal with your promise,  
All believers your gift there receive,  
So that all the elect—  
All in Christ—may expect  
To enjoy what by grace they believe.
- 3 Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,  
Sacred oil of the green olive tree,  
Giving heat, giving light,  
As the tent lamps ignite  
And as Aaron praised God joyfully.  
Blessèd living and life-giving water,  
Now preserve us from evil within;  
For in Jesus, God's Son,

All believers are one  
In this washing that cleanses from sin.

- 4 Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,  
Truest Comforter, plead,  
As you bring all our need  
To the throne of God's glory above.  
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;  
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;  
Only you can make whole  
All that troubles our soul;  
By Your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.

## 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.

## *For All the Saints*

*LSB 603*

- 1 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;

**Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:**

**The saints triumphant rise in bright array;**

**The King of Glory passes on his way.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**

**Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,**

**Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Serving in Worship This Morning

January 9, 2022

**Pastor:**

Jason Neel

**Elder:**

Kevin Zimmerman

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Sheena Prescott 1/10, Chris Schoenbauer 1/11, and Marlys Lindeman 1/11.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this week:** Emma Bassing 1/10, Jacob Brynteson 1/11, Jacob Mathiason 1/11 and Sara Neel 1/11

### 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.	Everyone His Witness Event
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
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
	6:00 p.m.	Everyone His Witness Event

### Notes of Information:

**Adult Catechism:** 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!

**Everyone His Witness:** On Sunday Jan 9th and 16th from 6:00 - 8:30 PM, we will be exploring the *Everyone His Witness* module "Witnessing to Dechurched Adult Children." The goal of this module is to help parents and grandparents have conversations about Jesus with sons and daughters who have left the faith in which they were raised. If you have family members who were once connected to the

church and have stepped away, we highly recommend this resource to prepare you for conversations that might pave the way for the Spirit to lead them back to lives connected to the body of Christ.

**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.

**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**.

**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)

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly at [socl.org](http://socl.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>January 2, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$6335
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$4827</i>

**Readings for next week:**  
Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11



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