



## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!



**SPIRIT of CHRIST**  
Lutheran Church

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March 20, 2022

*Third Sunday in Lent*

### Welcome

#### *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

*LSB 915*

- 1 Today your mercy calls us  
    To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
    Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
    Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
    And make us clean today.
  
- 2 Today your gate is open,  
    And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
    And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
    A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
    A glorious crown in heav'n.
  
- 3 Today our Father calls us;  
    His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
    Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
    How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
    It is our Father's home.
  
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
    O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without you  
    When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,

**To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.**

### **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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**  
**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

- P** Almighty God,  
**C** **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**  
**Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:1-13*

“Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
my faithful love promised to David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”

declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it

without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,

so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and hills

will burst into song before you,

and all the trees of the field

will clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,

and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the LORD’s renown,

for an everlasting sign,

that will endure forever.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 13:1-9*

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

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

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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

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

## *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

*LSB 540 v 1,2,4 and 5*

**1** Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,

Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,  
Light and life you bring to all;  
Light our path with your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed your call.

2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,  
Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given,  
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven,  
Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water  
Springing up eternally.

4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,  
Watching all your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,  
Never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,  
Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;  
Let us hear your voice alone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share your wedding feast.

## Homily

*Stand*

## 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.

*Sit*

### **Prayers of the Church**

*During the prayers space will be kept for individual prayers for the sick and  
grieving, as well as time for members to lift up other petitions. Following each  
petition:*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

### **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

*Praise Band*

**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

*Praise Band*

**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.*

## What Language Shall I Borrow?

*Choir*

## O Taste & See

*LSB 629*

- 1** What is this bread? What is this bread?  
This bread we break, this life we take?  
He died to pay, for our release  
O taste and see, the Lord is peace.
- 2** What is this wine? What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace, brings his embrace  
O taste and see, the Lord is King.
- 3** So who am I, that I should live  
And he should die, and me forgive.  
My God, my God, forsake me not.  
O taste and see, the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here? His promise clear  
In mouth and soul, he makes us whole.  
Christ present here, in this His meal.  
O taste and see- the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me? Is this for me?  
I Am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe, that I receive  
His flesh and blood,  
O taste and see.

6 This is for you. This is for me.  
We are forgiven and set free!  
We do believe that we receive  
His flesh and blood, the Lord is good,  
O taste and see.

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

LSB 729

1 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only thee;  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

2 I am trusting thee for pardon;  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting thee to make me holy  
By thy blood.

4 I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

5 I am trusting thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.

I am trusting thee forever  
And for all.

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

LSB 684

- 1 “Come unto me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest.”  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 “Come unto me, ye wand’rers,  
And I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.
- 3 “Come unto me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.
- 4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to thee!

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*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.

**Announcements**

**Sending**

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

## Serving in Worship This Morning

March 20, 2022

### Pastor:

Jason Neel

### Elder:

Terry Elhardt

### Reader:

Peggy Peterson

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Evalie Kasella 3/22, Alex Hansen 3/24, Ashley Hansen 3/24, Owen Smith 3/24, and Jan Berg 3/26.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Bridget Smith 3/21, Marlys Lindeman 3/21, Anna Brynteson 3/22, and Ryan O’Keeffe 3/22.

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Special Voter’s Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School
	12:00 p.m.	NYG Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	CSP Kickball (youth)
	6:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner and games
	10:30 p.m.	Youth Lock In
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>

### Notes of Information:

**Special Voter’s Meeting:** After worship **TODAY**, there will be a brief special voter’s meeting to vote on moving forward with an opportunity to increase the visibility of the church from the road at no cost to the congregation. This project will include moving the hill on the east side of the driveway, the removal of some

of the trees along the road and some additional grading to the west side of the drive to help with plowing in the winter.

**Newsletter Correction:** There are newsletters located in your mailbox. The front is mislabeled as Spring of 2021, but we are in the Spring of 2022. Since there is cost associated with reprinting the newsletters, please use a pen or sharpie to make this correction in the date. Thanks!

**NACE:** March Campaign - Now is the time to make a cash donation to NACE. The current campaign runs through April 10. The MN FoodShare campaign will grant a percentage match for the money collected. Funds can be mailed to PO Box 2, Cedar MN 55011

Clothing Closet - in need of jeans for all ages, sizes, especially men's jeans. Needs list - bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, toilet paper, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, single serve meals, such as mac n cheese, granola bars, fruit cups, popcorn. If you have any questions, please call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652. Joan will deliver any of your items/funds to NACE.

**Women of Spirit of Christ:** Please consider providing treats after church on the fourth Sunday of the month to support our Women's Ministry Programs. On the bulletin board next to the mailboxes is a sign-up poster. Please consider helping with making coffee before church, bringing 2 dozen treats, or cleaning up after the second Bible Study.

Even if you don't participate in that fellowship time, please know that the Sunday School children, the youth, and adults really appreciate the coffee and treats. So even signing up just to provide 2 dozen treats really helps. Please call Linda at 651-508-1680 if you have questions.

**Ladies Night Out:** Mark your calendars! Women's Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00 PM for fun, fellowship, and Women's Ministry planning. Join us at Perkins on Main and Hwy 65 in Blaine!

**Game Night and Spaghetti Dinner:** Join your friends and church family in an evening of food and games on Friday Night March 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with games to follow, bring a game to share.

**Bell Choir:** Bell Choir will resume on this Wednesday following Lenten Services.

**Soup Supper:** Soup Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays before Lenten Service. If you are interested in providing a pot of soup, please contact Jonelle Welle at 612-508-4710

**SoC Youth Outdoor Market:** The youth will be hosting their craft and vendor fair on May 21, 2022, from 9 am to 1pm. If you would like to participate in selling your crafts, wares, or stuff, please contact Laura Marquardt. Price for a spot is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for nonmembers. Please help us get the word out to the community.

**Easter breakfast:** The youth will be preparing and serving Easter breakfast between the services on Easter morning. We need a few flat top griddles, if you have one that we can borrow for that day, please let Laura Marquardt know at 763-273-7015.

**Church Database:** The church office needs your help; we are auditing our data base and would like everyone who is a member to fill out the Information Sheet for Church records which are in the Narthex. It is especially helpful to have dates of baptism and place of baptism in the database. If you have filled one out in the past few weeks, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Adult Catechism:** Please read chapters 20-22 for tonight's class. 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. 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!

**Book Club:** The book for March will be *Barefoot* by Elin Hildebrant The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in s Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend our book review. Call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652 if you have any questions.

**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](http://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.

**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

<b>March 13, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$5604
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:**

Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.**

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