



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.

March 27, 2022

Fourth 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 & Absolution

- P** St. Paul tells us, “one died for all, and therefore all died.”
C **“He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”** (2 Cor. 5:14b-15)
P We confess before God that we have lived for ourselves.
C **We have taken charge of our own lives. We have prioritized our own desires and ambitions. We have neglected to care for our brothers and sisters. We have been impatient, hard-hearted, and unkind.**
P We cling to your promise that you put our old nature to death and raise us to new life.
C **Have mercy on us, Father. Bring forth your new creation in Christ.**

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

- P** “If anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has gone, the new is here.” (2 Cor. 5:17) God began this work in you in Holy Baptism and will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord. Until that day, God is committed to daily burying your sin and raising up Jesus in you. 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. Go forth and experience joy as you live out your new life in Christ, empowered by the Spirit and confident in God’s gracious blessing.
C **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.¹¹ The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹² The manna stopped the day after they ate this food

from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

¹¹ "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and

kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

LSB 843

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

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 † 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

LSB 208

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

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.

Just as I am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1** **Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 2 **Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 **Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 **Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609 v 1-3,6

- 1 **Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 2 **We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 3 **Sheep that from the fold did stray
 No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
 Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In his arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

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.

Forth in Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;

**Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4 Christ's are our lips, his Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**
- 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

March 27, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Hagel

Reader:

Carl Schwanbeck

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kati Schoenbauer 3/28, Cara Hoppenrath 3/31, Renee Roessler 4/1, Jason Neel 4/2, Abby Schoenbauer 4/2, and Ethel Peterson 4/2.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Kennadi Peterson 3/29, Tyler Mathiason 3/30, and Oliver Welle 4/1.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School
Monday	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Ladies' Night Out (Perkins Blaine)
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
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
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	6:00 p.m.	<i>Free to Be Study</i>

Notes of Information:

Note of Thanks: Members of Spirit of Christ, In addition to our March newsletter, I want to send my thanks and appreciation for your support as an Adopt-A-Student sponsor. I also wanted to make sure you know how thankful my wife and I were to receive your gifts at Christmas. We were not expecting it at all, and we were, and still are, grateful for your generosity towards us! We will continue to pray for you all. In Christ, Jonathan Chapa.

Generous Giving-Note from Stewardship Board: Generous giving involves more than giving financially. We desire to give all glory to God for the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. Acts of service are not about being acknowledged as the giver, but rather that our giving and service will overflow with much thanksgiving to God. Our acts of giving reflect in a small way the greatest gift we ever received through the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. Even though understanding the price He paid for us is nearly impossible, loving sacrificially in return is possible. Give and serve generously through Him. Love sacrificially for Him.

Monthly 1% Mission Outreach: As God's Stewards, we are called to serve. Keeping mission activities as a priority, is a great way to do this. You can apply for the 1% discretionary monthly mission outreach offering by picking up a request form from the church office. Simply state your outreach project, how many participants you would like, and how the funds will be used. Examples of past activities are homeless kits, shoeboxes for kids, backpacks for World Relief, diaper kits, and supplying food shelves. Requests will be reviewed and approved by the Stewardship Board. God has blessed us with many different talents, gifts, and resources. He will use what He has given us for His purposes.

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!

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.

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 23-25 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 Hildebrandt. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, March 28th 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.

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.

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.

March 20, 2022	
Average Offering	\$5603
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-41, Luke 13:31-35**



Ringers are needed! Can you count to four and know what a quarter note is? Then John and the Bell Choir can teach you how to ring!

Rehearsals are Wednesday Nights following Lenten Worship Service!

See John Peterson for details!

Special Voter's Meeting Results: On Sunday, March 20 over 50 voters attended the meeting voting on the following motions. Both passed. Updates will be communicated as they become available.

Motion 1 - Pine Tree Removal

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby approve allowing Anoka County to come on Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church property to remove trees along Bunker Lake Blvd. extending into church property by approximately 30 feet (right of way) at no cost to Spirit of Christ.

Motion 2 - Removal of Hill

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby approve changes to the landscaping to enhance the appearance of the front yard area and improve the sight line and visibility from Bunker Lake Blvd. to the front of the church building. Alterations and improvements will include:

1. Removal of the trees and the dirt hill to the east side of the entrance drive to provide a finished elevation that is level with the driveway elevation;
2. Removing and tapering an approximate 10-to-15 foot area of dirt on the west side of the entrance;
3. Providing top soil and reseeded of excavated areas; and
4. Providing an irrigation system.

This motion is subject to, and conditioned upon, the understanding that the excavated soil will be sold and that the sale proceeds will be sufficient to cover restoration of grass and plantings to the excavated area.

The voters of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church hereby grant authority to the President of the congregation with approval from the Church Council to enter into a contract for the sale of soil as set forth in Part #1 of this motion provided that the proceeds from the sale of the soil meet or exceed the cost of restoring the excavated areas. In the event that the sale proceeds do not meet the cost of the restoration of excavated areas, the President may still approve the sale of the restoration costs with approval from the Church Council if the estimated costs do not exceed \$5,000.



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