



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we welcome our guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Fung Lo. Working in partnership with Mission of Christ Network, LINC-International, and the Hmong Mission Society, the Lo family is currently serving the Lord as foreign missionaries to the Hmong in Southeast Asia.

Welcome

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

- 1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?**

- 2 **If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.**

- 3 **If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.**

- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly,
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

Stand

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. (Luke 18:13)

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

- C** **Almighty God, 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 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.

Pax Domini

- P** Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.
C **And the God of love and peace will be with you.** (2 Corinthians

13:11,14)

P May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

C And also with you.

Sit

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²²What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 538

- 1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known his reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?
- 2 "To all the world," to ev'ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. 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 worshipping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

Preface

- 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.

Sit

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.

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see
Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
To any habitation;
But you are present even now
Here with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with you,
For you are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Christ is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim

In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Abide with Me

LSB 878

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

- 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.

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

- 1** Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere his creatures call
To his heav'nly banquet hall.

- 3** Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.

- 4** Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

- 6** Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

July 31, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Rev. Dr. Fung Lo

Elder:

Terry Elhardt and Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Monica Lux

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Victoria Prescott 7/31, Nancy Tepley 8/1, Dorothy Cross 8/4, Alex Anderson 8/5, and Leona Stockwell 8/5.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Carol Dangers 8/1, Diane Weinhold 8/1, Isaac Jauch 8/1, Raelene Burmeister 8/1, and Rebecca Hansen 8/1.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jason and Sara Neel 8/3 and John and Kelsey Bellichard 8/5.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

1. **VBS:** Prayers of thanksgiving and joy for the 40-plus children who attended VBS this past week. May our God continue to move them in “Monumental” ways and may they know his peace in their hearts.
2. **VBS:** Prayers of thanksgiving for the adult volunteers who shared their time, talents, and hearts to bring the word of God to the kids at VBS.
3. **SOC Boards:** Prayers especially for the Trustee Board, that God may move and inspire his people to serve the congregation on this board.
4. **Hmong Mission Society:** Prayers for Pastor Lo and his family as they carry out their mission in Southeast Asia. May they find the support and resources to continue their work.
5. **World:** We pray that our Prince of Peace will continue to breathe his peace into a world full of violence and conflict.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Women's Bible Study: the monthly women's bible study will be held Tuesday August 2nd in the fellowship hall. Peggy Peterson will be leading this month's bible study.

Barn Clean Out: The following items need a new home: a 5 HP snow blower, brown and chrome armchairs and 3 walk-behind fertilizer spreaders. If you are interested see Gerry Anderson or John Peterson.

Note from the Evangelism Board: We know that God's Kingdom can't come through our efforts, but that it comes through the working of the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit uses us to bring his Word of life and salvation to other people, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are praying for what Jesus called us to pray when He said, "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest". In short, we are praying that the Lord would use us and other Christians to proclaim the Gospel so that other people would hear, believe, and be received into his everlasting kingdom.

Gaga ball and bon fire: 6th to 12th graders (and our recently graduated or college students) are invited to a night of Gaga Ball, smores and bon fires the last Wednesday of the month. Be sure to invite a friend or two to join in the fun. The next night will be Wednesday August 31st at 6 pm.

The Luther House in Rochester: The former parsonage of Trinity Lutheran Church Rochester has been converted into The Luther House. This facility consists of three units that will provide a comfortable and free place to stay for LCMS members in need who are seeking medical treatment at Mayo Clinic. All units will share a main entry and laundry but will have private/locked entrances. If you are or will be in Rochester receiving medical care and need support, please email or call Tricia at 507-218-1531 or lutherhouse@trinitylutheranchurch.org

NACE: There is an increased need for new socks and underwear donations in all sizes. As always there is need for nonperishable food items and/or cash

donations. Also, hygiene items, diapers, toothpaste. Any questions call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

Book Club: The book for August will be *The Orphan's Tale*. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on **Monday, August 22 at 7 pm** 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 and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. 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

July 24, 2022	
Average Offering	\$6744
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:
Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40**

Hmong International Mission

Your Missionaries:

Rev. Dr. Fungchatou (Fung) and Dr. Kalia Lo were born in Laos to two non-Christian families. By the grace of God, their families immigrated to America as refugees from Laos and became Christians. In 2000, Dr. Fung graduated with his Ph.D. in Urban Studies from the University Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Fung was a university professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and at St. John's University in Minnesota for a total of ten years. In 2007, Fung graduated from St. Louis Seminary and was ordained as a LCMS Pastor, and accepted his first called as a foreign missionary to Indonesia. Similarly, in 2018, Kalia got her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Bethel University in Minnesota. Dr. Kalia was a teacher for the Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools prior to the Lo family's departure to serve the Lord in Thailand. The Lo family had been servicing as foreign missionaries with the LCMS's Office of International Mission from 2007-2013. For the past four years, the Lo family has been missionaries in Thailand to the Hmong people in Southeast Asia.



The Ministry:

Working in partnership with Mission of Christ Network, LINC-International, and the Hmong Mission Society, the Lo family is currently serving the Lord as foreign missionaries to the Hmong in Southeast Asia. Their primary ministry focus is to seek, save and equip the Hmong people for Kingdom growth. Their specific ministries include, but not limited to theological and discipleship trainings with Hmong pastors and leaders from the countries of Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. They also working with the local Hmong congregations to start new ministries and plant more churches. During the last fiscal year of 2020-2021 alone, the ministry had 639 baptisms, started 13 new ministries, and added 8 new theological training sites to their theological training program.

Purpose of Visit:

As a part of the Lo's furlough, they would like to share the Lord's exciting and growing ministry among the Hmong in Southeast Asia with the LCMS church members in your church and area. They are looking for partners to help them to continue to impact the Hmong for eternity. Therefore, they would like to share their time and the Lord's ministry with congregations and individuals who would like to engage in the Great Commission with the Hmong in Southeast Asia.

Pastor Fung is willing to meet with Circuit Winkles, Bible study groups, LLL groups, LWML groups, Sunday school classes, worships, and other support raising events. Also, Pastor Lo is available to preach on Sunday worship services. For more information, please contact the following individuals:

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