





## 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!

September 4, 2022

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living*

*LSB 706*

- 1 **Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving,  
May his will in us be done.**
- 2 **Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ’s humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.**
- 3 **Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life’s end.**

### 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 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**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.<sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Philemon 1:1-21*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—<sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

**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

*Luke 14:25-33*

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

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

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said:<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my

disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?” <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

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

*Sit*

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

*LSB 851*

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us  
With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
Gladly, freely of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
’Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given  
To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence,  
“You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That you deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, you have bought us  
With your lifeblood as the price,

Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces,  
With your love our love renew.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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 worshiping 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.*

**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

*LSB 848*

1 Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev'ry gift that you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know and live.

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

LSB 844

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.

- 5 With thine own love may I be filled  
And by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
May be divinely touched by thee.

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

LSB 845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours his holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, his only Son;  
As members of his body joined  
We are in him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For your own will ever plead:

Fill us with your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by your willing  
That your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth your will be done.

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

## *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

**For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

## Serving in Worship This Morning

September 4, 2022

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Phil Marquardt and Terry Elhardt

### **Reader:**

Monica Lux

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Art Hayden 9/4, PJ Marquardt 9/4, Davis Bryan 9/5 and Martha Gunderson 9/5.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Jonelle Welle 9/4, Linda Schwanbeck 9/4, Josh Williams 9/5, Jamil Poindexter 9/6, and Terry Elhardt 9/9.

### **Weekly Prayer Requests:**

1. **LWML:** Lord, we pray for the Littlest and Least of These at St Paul Lutheran Christian Academy in Dallas TX. We pray that you will use the resources of the LWML to bless this mission and help them renovate their fellowship hall to share Jesus with this community.
2. **Thanksgiving:** Father, we are so thankful that you have equipped our body with unique skill sets and that you move our body to serve you in many ways. Thank you for always providing willing hearts and willing hand Please continue to move our body to do your will and your work within our community and beyond.
3. **Sunday School Teachers and Children:** Lord, we are thankful for another year of Sunday School and the ability to share your promises with the children of our community. Please equip our teachers to proclaim the good news and open the hearts of all that hear this proclamation that they may receive it.
4. **Koep/Parson Wedding:** Lord, we are so thankful for your blessing of marriage. Pour out your blessings on Ashly and Storm as you join their lives before you this week.
5. **Evangelism Outreach Bible Study:** Lord, thank you for the 17 people who came to our training for this outreach project. Their willingness to participate is a blessing beyond measure. Continue to work in our hearts as we welcome our guests. Lord, allow their hearts to be filled with your spirit while they are here.

### **This Week at a Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent's Meeting
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	LWML Delegate Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Kopp/Parson Wedding
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	11:00 a.m.	Rally Day Picnic

### **Notes of Information:**

**Rally Day:** Rally Day is next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ! The church council is excited to celebrate the start of a new Sunday School/Bible Study year with our community. You are invited to stay after worship, attend a short bible study and then enjoy a picnic lunch of burgers and hotdogs along with all the great potluck sides! Come and join in the fellowship of a great meal! There will be games and facepainting for the kiddos!

**THANK YOU!:** Thank you to Jerry Berg, Gerry Anderson and Chuck Johnson for the many hours spent on moving the hill in front of the church!

Thanks to Wes Johnson who put in many hours getting bids, educating the council, and getting the building improvement committee started.

**Building Committee Phase 2 Chair:** We have the architect working on the final touches of the building improvement plans. We are now in need of a chairperson to organize the bidding process. The most important qualifications for this position are organization and communication not necessarily construction knowledge. We are looking for someone who can communicate between the Building Committee, project manager, and the church council. If the Holy Spirit moves you to find out more information, please see Sandy Elhardt or contact the church office.

**Women's Bible Study:** Ladies- Please join us for SOC Women's Ministry Bible Study on Tuesday, September 6th, at 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The Hebrew word for "Wait" and "Hope" come from the same root word. We will explore the topic- "HOPE ABOUND". Come and bring a friend.

**Sunday School Teachers and Subs Needed:** There is a Sunday School Teacher's meeting on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about teaching Sunday School or if you would be willing to sub from time to time, please attend this meeting or reach out to Leslie at 763-592-9206 for more information.

**Outreach Bible Study:** This fall the Evangelism Board will be hosting an outreach bible study for adults living with disabilities. The Evangelism Board is partnering with a local agency, Life by Design, who serves people with disabilities in Anoka County, the goal is to host a vibrant and inclusive bible study. This bible study will meet on Sunday nights from 6pm to 8pm in the Fellowship Hall, all are encouraged to attend. These studies will look at the Resurrection account from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. For more information, please see Laura in the church office or Carl Schwanbeck.

**Confirmation Parents Meeting:** There will be a confirmation parents meeting on September 7 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason.

**Board of Trustees:** Do you have a heart for building and property management? Do you like to fix things and serve God with your hands? Then the Board of Trustee's is the place to do that! SOC needs someone who has both the heart for maintenance as well as the administration skills needed to support the remodeling process to be the chair of this board. Please prayerfully consider serving our community in this capacity.

**Treasurer:** Sheryl Johnson is stepping down from her role as treasurer and we are in search of someone to take her place. During her tenure as treasurer, Sheryl has done a great job of automating a lot of the process. The treasurer position is approximately an 8 to 10 hour a month commitment. If you are interested in this position, please reach out to Sandy Elhardt at 612-269-3470.

**Thrivent Action Team Needed:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is looking for Thrivent Action Team dollars to offset the costs of food and tent rental for the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration in October. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to help in this way, please contact Diane Weinhold at 612-270-0232

**Mark your Calendars:** SOC turns 40 this year! We will be having a party to celebrate this milestone on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30!

**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](mailto: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.

**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](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>August 7, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$6695
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:  
Exodus 32:7-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10**

