





## 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!

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October 23, 2022

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*

*LSB 486*

- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death  
Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath,  
Our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris’n indeed;  
He rules in earth and heav’n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need—  
In Christ we are forgiv’n.
  
- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb  
Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom  
With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up,  
So when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—  
In Christ the saints arise!
  
- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised  
His Church would live a lie;  
His name should nevermore be praised,  
His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives;  
Through him we are restored;  
His Word endures, his Church revives  
In Christ, our risen Lord.

### 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 old self desires to be seen as righteous and just before God because of who we are. Jesus tells a parable of two men who went up to the temple to pray. The first, a man regarded as righteous and upright by the community, offered his résumé to God:
- C** “**God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.**”
- P** For the times we presumptuously compare ourselves with others, or attempt to self-righteously stand on our own good works,
- C** **God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P** The other man was a tax collector, one whose public life would have been marked by disregard for his neighbor and selfish and self-serving behavior. Like him, we acknowledge that our lives are steeped in sin and that we live in violation of your commandment to love one another as we have been loved. So we echo this man when he humbly says:
- C** **God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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

- P** Jesus says: “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” As we name our sin and ask for mercy, we live in the pattern that God began in our baptism, recognizing that he daily puts to death our sinful nature and raises us to new life. You have been justified – made righteous – because Jesus himself was humbled and exalted in his death and resurrection. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Worship God knowing that you have been exalted with Christ to newness of life.
- C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## **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.**

## **Kyrie**

*Spoken*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## **This Is the Feast**

- C** *Refrain*  
*This is the feast of victory for our God.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22*

- <sup>7</sup> Although our sins testify against us,  
do something, LORD, for the sake of your name.  
For we have often rebelled;  
we have sinned against you.
- <sup>8</sup> You who are the hope of Israel,  
its Savior in times of distress,  
why are you like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler who stays only a night?
- <sup>9</sup> Why are you like a man taken by surprise,  
like a warrior powerless to save?  
You are among us, LORD,  
and we bear your name;  
do not forsake us!
- <sup>10</sup> This is what the LORD says about this people:

“They greatly love to wander;  
they do not restrain their feet.  
So the LORD does not accept them;  
he will now remember their wickedness  
and punish them for their sins.”

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

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

## Second Reading

*2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 18:9-14*

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

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

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup>“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

<sup>14</sup>“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

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

*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

LSB 741 (tune 350)

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense  
And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence  
Rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught  
Still with many\_an anxious thought.
  
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;  
Likewise I to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where he is;  
Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the head  
Rise and leave his members dead?
  
- 3 No, too closely I am bound  
By my hope to Christ forever;  
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part  
From its Lord the trusting heart.
  
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear his voice;  
Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred  
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

**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 161*

- 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**

*LSB 163*

- 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.**

*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.*

### *Draw Near and take the Body of the Lord*

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us now.**

### *Fight the Good Fight*

*LSB 664*

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,

**Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.**
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.**

## **Dismissal**

### **Thank the Lord**

- C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

*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.

### *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

*LSB 803*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Praising thee, their sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All Thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are thine!**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

## Serving in Worship This Morning

October 23, 2022

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Kevin Zimmerman and Terry Elhardt

### **Reader:**

Wayne Chambard

### **Organist**

Karine Platt

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jeff Williams 10/25, Phyllis Bartholdi 10/26, Paula Bryan 10/27, Mike Matheson 10/28, and Ally Brynteson 10/29.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Harvey and Marly Lindeman 10/25.

### **Weekly Prayer Requests:**

1. **Haiti:** Lord, there is hunger in Haiti right now. Please be with the men, women, and children there. Help the agencies who are delivering aid and food to these families reach their goals and change the hearts of the marauders who have been holding the country hostage over the past months.
2. **Doubt:** Lord, we live in a world of broken promises. Where there is doubt about your love, fill us with confidence. Where there is trepidation about attending worship, fill us with courage and longing. Where there is judgement, temper it with love for you and for your people.
3. **Marriage:** Lord, bless all the unions within our congregation and beyond, strengthen the marital bonds and lead the families back to you and your promises.
4. **Outreach:** Father, bless our Trunk or Treat this weekend. Bring families and children here to have some fun and to hear your promises and good news.
5. **Workplans:** Lord, we pray for our boards and committees as they work on their plans and budgets for your community in the upcoming year. Give them discernment and grace to be still and listen to your guidance.

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

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Set up for Trunk or Treat
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

### **Notes of Information:**

**T- shirts are available:** SOC t-shirts commemorating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary are available for purchase. The cost of the shirts is \$20, we have youth sizes and adult sizes available. See Laura for your shirt today!

**Trunk or Treat:** October 29<sup>th</sup> is our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat at SOC. Last year we had over 100 kids come and trick or treat in our parking lot, this year we are adding a Reformation theme to our Trunk or Treating. We need as many volunteers as we can get. The commitment is to be here at church in our parking lot between 3:30 pm and 4pm candy or treats to give to our visitors we are usually done by 6 pm. You can decorate your trunk, or you can just enjoy the costumes and smiles from the kids. If you can help with this, please reach out to Raelene Burmeister at [number6v2426@hotmail.com](mailto:number6v2426@hotmail.com) or 763-229-4112.

**LWL Byte:** Lutheran congregations in Albuquerque have come together to sponsor "God Cares About You," changing lives now and for eternity. Please pray for \$98,000 in Mites be given to help fund **God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

**SOC Book Club:** The book for October will be Home Front by Kristin Hannah. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, please reach out to Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

**1% Mission Outreach:** Your mission offering has been far reaching in 2022! We have supported several missions such as Kentucky Tornado Disaster Response team, Brule River Mission in Alaska, Food for the Poor in Haiti, and Mission of Christ Network in Thailand.

**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.

**Thank you from NACE:** This past week when the items that we have collected for NACE were dropped off, they were very appreciative for the donations and especially for the socks that were in that donation.

**NACE:** NACE is in the process of switching over from summer bags to weekend bags for the kids. The bags are sent home to kids from four area schools who need food support over the weekend and holidays. The items in need are individual servings of milk, juice, fruit cup, pudding cups, apple sauce, mac and cheese, cereal, granola bars, chips, cookies, sweets, meat sticks, cheese sticks, and crackers with peanut butter or cheese. The clothing closet is also changing from summer to fall clothing items and needs fall and winter clothing. All donations can be left in the Narthex, if you have any questions, please contact 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)

**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>October 2, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$6578.00
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:  
Isaiah 1:1-18, Romans 9:19-36, Luke 19:1-10**





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