



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 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

**Thou my nest thoughts both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Be though my wisdom, and thou my true word.

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

**Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,
raise thou me heave’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.**

Riches I heed not, nor vane empty praise,

thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, the first in my heart.

Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,

may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my vision, o ruler of all!

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 St. Paul says, “Godliness with contentment is great gain.”

C **Lord, forgive our discontent.**

P He tells us, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”

C **Lord, forgive our love of money.**

P “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

C **Lord, forgive our failure to live out Christ’s love and generosity.**

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

P Paul instructs us to keep these commands without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. You will! Though we have failed, we are without spot or blame because Jesus has covered us with his holy blood and raised us with him to new life. In the stead and by the command of my 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.

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

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?”—

skimping on the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,

⁶buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

⁷The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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 16:1-13

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.

For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you

with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross,
grave's shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up
ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ,
your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit
to answer at your throne.

Treasures, too, you have entrusted,
gain through your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all

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

Praise Band

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,

Praise Band

you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your 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.

Every Generation/Now Unto the King

Praise Band

His Mercy Is More

Praise Band

Above All Powers

Praise Band

Jesus Messiah

Praise Band

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.

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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- 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.**

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

September 18, 2022

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elder:

Terry Elhardt and Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Wayne Chambard

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jan Fuerst 9/18, and Sheryl Johnson 9/23

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Kevin Zimmerman 9/19, Bonnie Garland 9/22, and Savannah Hofman 9/23.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Patrick and Paula Bryan 9/19 and Doug and Beth Degler 9/22.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

1. **Bible Study:** Lord, bless our new bible study today. Give us the words to speak your truths to good news to people who may have not heard it before, give us ears to listen to their point of view and hearts to build relationships with our new friends.
2. **Celebration and thanksgiving:** Lord, thank you for 40 years of faithfulness, continue to pour out your blessings on our congregation and our extended community as we prepare for our 40th celebration in October.
3. **Seniors:** Lord, bless our senior class as they move through their last year of high school and prepare to launch into the world beyond. Help them remember that they belong to you and that you are with them always.
4. **Teachers, Bus Drivers, and School Staff:** Lord, be with our school personnel as they settle into their school year routines. Give them calm and loving hearts to serve our children, grant them wisdom and discernment in tough times and remind them of the important work they do each day.
5. **Evangelism:** Father, let your heart shine through us and our fellow Christians in a way that allows people to see your love through lives. Thank you for putting people in our path that need to hear your message, and give us the words, wisdom, and courage to tell your story through our own.

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	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer

Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
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.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Bible Study

Notes of Information:

New Member Reception: Please join us today after worship for a time of fellowship and cake to welcome our new members.

LWML Zone Rally: Women's Ministry is hosting the fall LWML Rally for SOC and our zone churches. Gideon, the Comfort Dog, from Lutheran Church Charities and his handler will join us on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Registration starts at 9:00 AM. Registration will cost \$7.00. We will hear about Gideon's latest visit to the schools in Uvalde, TX. The program will include a devotion with Pastor Jason followed by the Gideon presentation and then a salad luncheon. There will be an ingathering of socks for NACE and ACBC Food and Clothing Shelves and \$\$ donations to support Gideon. Please sign up at the round table in the Narthex. We also need volunteers to bring a salad to share. It should be a fun day of inspiration and fellowship. Come and be comforted!! Guys and kids are welcome too!

1% Mission Outreach: Your mission offering have 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.

Book Club: The book for September will be In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday September 26 at 7p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, please reach out to Joan Mager at 763-434-9652

LWML Mission Byte: Please pray for the fulfillment of the LWML Mission Grant "**Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia Lutheran Hour Ministries**" It provides for \$100,000 for books and materials used to tell about Jesus.

Outreach Bible Study: Tonight at 6 p.m., 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.

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.

Thrivent Action Team Needed: The 40th Anniversary committee is looking for Thrivent Action Team dollars to offset the costs of food and tent rental for the 40th 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 9th at 11:30!

NACE: NACE is in the process of switching over from summer bags to weekend bags for the kids. The bags are sent home with kids from four area schools who are in need of 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 is in need of 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

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

September 4, 2022	
<i>Average Offering</i>	\$6622
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:
Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31**



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