



*For Us
and With Us*

Romans 8:31-39



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 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“For Us and With Us,” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday encourages all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

Welcome

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

Refrain:

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

Invocation

☞ 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.

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 for 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 $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$ 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 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!

⁴ You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.

⁵ You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.

⁶ You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
⁷ Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 16:19-31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in

torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

- 1 Lord, help us walk your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.**
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood;
In lowliness you died.**
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow you
And live by your commands.**
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.**
- 5 Lord, help us walk your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need**

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks for your goodness and love in Christ that sustains us each day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is for us and with us in all things. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and sustainer of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Guide, we pray, our congregation in our life together and witness in the world. Grant us your grace and strengthen your people through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that each person involved would see opportunities to be salt and light to their neighbors and through various opportunities for mission. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all you have given us into the mission of reaching the lost. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Sanctify our homes with your presence, reminding us that nothing can separate us from your love. Unite the members of all families in love toward you and each other. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where he is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
There to live with you on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head.
We are your own living members;
Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly,
Living there with you forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642 (Tune 858)

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.

- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 842

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to naught all he has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;

Defend your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.

- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

LSB 757

- 1 Lord, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live;
To love and serve thee is my share,
And this thy grace must give.
- 2 If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?
- 3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than he went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.
- 4 Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
Thy blessed face to see;
For if thy work on earth be sweet,
What will thy glory be!
- 5 Then shall I end my sad complaints
And weary, sinful days
And join with the triumphant saints
Who sing my Savior's praise.
- 6 My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with him.

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.

LWML Video

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855

1 For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed your pow'r to save.

3 O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in your service,
Our lives may sing your praise.

△ 4 All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit,
Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias
And strive to do your will.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

September 25, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt and Phil Hagel

Reader:

Carl Schwanbeck

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Judah Neel 9/25 and Riley Mathiason 9/30

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Abby Weinhold 9/25, Amelia Kedrowski 9/27, Tracy Carlson 9/27, Art Hayden 9/30, Cara Hoppenrath 9/30, and Chase Carlson 9/30

Celebrating Anniversaries: Dan and Kris Mathiason 9/28

Weekly Prayer Requests:

1. **Thanksgiving:** Lord, thank you for all the willing and able hands who helped put the sprinkler system in. Continue to guide our building committee and our congregation to do your will.
2. **Hurricane Fiona:** Lord, be with all the people who are suffering the aftermath of hurricane Fiona.
3. **Choirs:** Lord, we are thankful for the voices and talents that are used in our midst to worship you. Bring your blessings on the bell choir, praise band and choir as they begin their fall season this week.
4. **New Members:** Lord, thank you for the new members that have come into our family over the past three years. Continue to move us to be a beacon of your light within our community.
5. **LWML:** Lord, thank you for this group of might and faith filled women, who use their collective voices and might to do great things in the world. Continue to bless them in their endeavors. Be with them this Saturday as they host the zone rally.

This Week at a Glance

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| Monday | 6:00 p.m. | Outreach Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Book Club |
| Tuesday | 12:00 p.m. | Congregational Prayer |
| Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Gaga Ball and Bon Fire |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Choir |
| Friday | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | LWML Zone Rally |
| 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:

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! Preregistration is appreciated but not required.

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.

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 "**Redeeming Life Maternity Home.**" It provides \$100,000 to help Single, At-Risk Moms Choose Life Through the Love of Jesus in the Chicago, Illinois area.

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 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 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

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

Readings for next week:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10



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