



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!

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

- 1 **The advent of our King**
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 **The everlasting Son**
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on
To set his servants free.
- 3 **O Zion’s daughter, rise**
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.
- 4 **As judge, on clouds of light,**
He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav’n to reign.
- 5 **Before the dawning day**
Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- △ 6 **All glory to the Son,**
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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 The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,

C **Because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.**

P The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

C **So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

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

P Heavenly Father,

C **We have lived in darkness and discord instead of light and love. We have sought our own good ahead of the good of others. We are spiritual sleepwalkers who have forgotten how to live clothed in Christ. Wake us up, heal our lives and our relationships, and let your love have its way with us. Amen.**

P The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of Christ continually rouse you to lives of love and service to his world.

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,

and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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

Matthew 24:36-44

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.

- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

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.*

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

- 1** **Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.**

- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands.
- 3 Your body and your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank you day and night
For your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever

When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.

- 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337 (tune 478)

- 1 The night will soon be ending;
The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending
Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens
With guilt or grief or pain,
God's radiant Star now brightens
And bids you sing again.
- 2 The One whom angels tended
Comes near, a child, to serve;
Thus God, the judge offended,
Bears all our sins deserve.
The guilty need not cower,
For God has reconciled
Through his redemptive power
All those who trust this child.
- 3 The earth in sure rotation
Will soon bring morning bright,
So run where God's salvation
Glows in a stable's light.
As old as sin's perversion
Is mercy's vast design:
God brings a new creation—
This child its seal and sign.
- 4 Yet nights will bring their sadness
And rob our hearts of peace,
And sin in all its madness
Around us may increase.

But now one Star is beaming
Whose rays have pierced the night:
God comes for our redeeming
From sin's oppressive might.

- 5 God dwells with us in darkness
And makes the night as day;
Yet we resist the brightness
And turn from God away.
But grace does not forsake us,
However far we run.
God claims us still as children
Through Mary's infant Son.

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.

Dismissal

Stand

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.

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.

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348 (tune 349)

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

**May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

November 27, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Terry Elhardt and Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Carl Schwanbeck

Usher:

Jan Fuerst

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Rick Welle 11/30, Teresa Schieffer 11/30, Pam Birkholz 12/1, Sara Neel 12/1, Gwen Mikish 12/2, and Georgia Kedrowski 12/3.

Celebrating Baptism: Camille Kuntz 11/28, Ryan Williams 11/28, Dan Mathiason 11/29, and Carol Jauch 12/1.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Gerry and Nancy Anderson 11/29 and Jesse and Kristy Johnson 12/2.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

- 1. Thanksgiving:** Father, thank you for a quick and easy congregational meeting. Bless our endeavors in ministry this coming year and help us to hear, see, and follow through with your plans for our congregation.
- 2. Thanksgiving:** Lord, we are grateful that Fred's treatment for his cancer has been effective. Continue to bless him as he finishes his treatment. We pray that the side effects from his treatment continue to be mild and that the treatment overall continues to be successful.
- 3. Spirit of the Season:** Father, as we enter Advent and the secular Christmas season, continue to remind us that we celebrate this season to honor Jesus' coming into our world and taking our place on the cross to free us from sin and give us eternal life. Please allow our actions and interactions in our daily life to reflect you and your son.
- 4. Youth Bake Sale:** Lord, please bless the youth's time baking together this Saturday. Bless the proceeds of the sale as they purchase items for a family in need and provide food for school kids who may not have enough to eat over the Christmas break.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study /Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	<i>The Chosen</i> Binge
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup supper
	6:45p.m.	Advent Service
	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Youth Baking Session
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Youth Holiday Bake Sale.
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information:

Soup Supper: If you are interested in providing soup for Advent soup suppers, please contact Jonelle Welle at 612-508-4710.

Youth Bake Sale: The youth will be baking at church on Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 6 pm. If you are a youth in 6th grade or above, please join us for a fun day of baking, you do not have to be present the whole timeframe, come when you are able, reach out to Laura and let her know the times you are planning on coming. If you would like to contribute baked goods to the sale, please have your donation dropped off at church before 4 pm on Saturday December 3rd. The sale will happen following worship service on Sunday, December 4th. The proceeds of this year's sale will go to provide Christmas gifts and food for people in our community and NACE's school aged food program, which provides food for local children on weekends and over Holiday breaks.

Life by Design Christmas Gifts: The Evangelism Board and the Fellowship Committee has partnered with Life By Design- Inc, which is a local agency who provides services to disabled individuals in Anoka County. Some of the individuals who they serve do not have families and often do not have any Christmas gifts. There is a list of needs in the Narthex, if you are moved to, please take a card from the list, and bring the item back to church. There will be a Christmas Party on December 11 to celebrate with each other and to wrap the items collected. There are some individuals whose needs list include things like gift cards for haircuts or gas cards. If you would like to contribute cash, please give your donation to Renee Chambard or Laura Marquardt.

Pledge Cards: There are additional pledge cards in the Narthex if you are moved to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming year.

Winter coats needed for NACE- NACE needs winter coats, especially for men. If you have coats you would like to donate, please bring them into the Narthex and we will make sure that they get to NACE.

LWML Byte: Please pray for the Christ Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach which is a part of St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries. LWML has blessed this organization with \$70,208 which will go to fund mission programs, develop new training modules, and support training implementation of Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language to be used in schools, for festival outreach and to share with other LCMS churches. The host churches for this Might projects are St. Paul Lutheran Church in Merced CA and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fresno, CA.

Nursery: The nursery is open, and the sound is working. If you have a restless child, please feel free to use this space.

The Chosen Binge: Join us Sunday nights from 5 pm- 8pm for the next three weeks in the Fellowship Hall as we binge watch the first two seasons of *The Chosen* to get ready for the release of the third season.

Mercy Ministry: Mercy Ministry is asking for your help. If you or someone you know could use assistance in either of the two following areas - **Transportation:** Doctor's visits, Shopping, Groceries, Other or **Personal:** Spiritual needs, Home Visits, Meals, Other, please contact the church office: 763 755-7234 or secretary@soclc.org.

Reflections on Stewardship: As people of faith, we are pilgrims on a journey, caretakers of the gifts God has given us. Stewardship means accepting God's gifts gratefully, tending them responsibly, and sharing them with love. Stewardship is an expression of faith. When we practice Stewardship, we recognize God as the origin of life, the source of all we have, all we are, all we will become. Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Calendars and Greeting Cards: The youth group will be selling greeting cards, notepads and 2023 calendars starting next Sunday, November 6th. Calendars and Greeting Cards will be \$8, and notepads will be \$4.

T- shirts are available: SOC T-shirts commemorating our 40th 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!

SOC Book Club: SOC Book Club – The book for November will be Take Me with You by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, November 28 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.

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.

November 13	
Average Offering	\$6409
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12



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