



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!

December 25, 2022

Nativity of our Lord

Welcome

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

**1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels: *Refrain***

*ref O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

**2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain***

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

Stand

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

- P** Let us confess our sins to God the Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

Sung LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

P Almighty God,

Grant that the birth of your only-begotten Son in the flesh
may set us free from the bondage of sin;

Thought Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided

purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?

⁶And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷In speaking of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels spirits,
and his servants flames of fire.”

⁸But about the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

¹⁰He also says,

“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

¹¹They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

¹²You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life

was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the _angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain**

**ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

**2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the _incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain**

**3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain**

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

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

LSB 160

- 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.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Joy to the World

LSB 387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

- 2 **Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to thee.
 Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
 Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
 Draw me unto thee!
 Draw me unto thee!**
- 3 **Now through his Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
 Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
 Till he opened for us
A bright eternity.
 May we praise him there!
 May we praise him there!**
- 4 **Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
 Where the angels singing
With all his saints unite,
 Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
 Oh, that we were there!
 Oh, that we were there!**

Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- 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.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ref **Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

- 1** While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

- 2** The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

- 3** Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Announcements**Sending**

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

December 25, 2022

Pastor:

Tom Trapp

Elder:

Justin Miller

Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Carl Schwanbeck

Usher:

Mike Voegle

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kenny Schieffer 12/26, Colin Mathiason 12/27, Skyler Dean 12/28, Christopher Elhardt 12/29, and Larry Waterman 12/31.

Celebrating Baptism: Ralph Fuerst 12/31 and Teresa Schieffer. 12/31

This Week at a Glance

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 12:00 p.m. | Congregational Prayer |
| Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study and Education Hour |

Notes of Information:

Stewardship Mission Updates: We received a nice Christmas Card from Trinity First School which is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The card includes a thank-you for our monthly mission offering to them and their most recent newsletter. The December newsletter from our second-year seminarian is also posted. If anyone would like to send a Christmas greeting, the address is: Jonathan and Stephanie Chapa, Campus Post Office, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, Missouri 63105-3196.

Apocrypha Sunday Night Study: Beginning Jan. 8th, we will gather on Sunday evenings to study CPH's *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*.

These are writings that span the time between the Old and New Testaments. They are considered inspired scripture by our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, and Martin Luther called them “profitable and good to read.” The list cost of the book is \$45, but we will get a bulk discount on the books from CPH, and we are asking that participants pay half the discounted cost of the book (approximately \$19). Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in participating! If you are a couple who are signing up, please indicate if you would like one or two books. If you would like to pay via check, please make it out to Spirit of Christ and put book study in the memo. If you would like to pay with cash, please put it in an envelope and label with your name and book study. If you have questions, please see Laura or Pastor.

SOC Book Club: SOC Book Club – The book club will not meet in December, they will resume meeting on January 23, 2023, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. January’s book is China Doll by Lisa See. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, please reach out to Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

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

LWML Byte: Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP’s) focus is taking the Gospel to indigenous people of northern Canada, the most remote areas of North America. Small airplanes have carried hundreds of volunteers into these areas over the past 50 years to help them learn about Jesus. Please pray for and support this grant as it will help keep the airplanes up to date with newer avionics to insure pilot and passenger safety.

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

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.

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!

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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| December 18, 2022 | |
| Average Offering | \$6350 |
| <i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i> | \$6335 |

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23



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