



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 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343

**1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: *Refrain***

*ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God’s Word!*

**2 God’s people, see him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

**3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him!
All nations, now adore him! *Refrain***

**4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

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** A voice cries:
- C** **“Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him!”**
- P** John the Baptist names God’s expectation:
- C** **“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”**
- P** But we recognize that our lives are crooked, not straight. Our lives do not demonstrate the proper fruit of repentance. And the word of judgment is upon us:
- C** **“The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”**

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

- P** Merciful Father,
- C** **Have mercy on us.**
- P** Forgiving Lord Jesus,
- C** **Let go of our sin.**
- P** Sanctifying Spirit,
- C** **Make us holy again.**
- P** God promises that as the Messiah comes with his winnowing fork, he burns the chaff of your sinful nature. The Messiah then gathers the wheat into his barn, keeping it for his purposes. You, holy people of God, are that valuable wheat. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go forth to produce the fruit he intends, proclaiming his goodness to the world he has redeemed.
- 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 11:1-10

- A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
 from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
 the Spirit of counsel and of might,
 the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
 He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
 or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
 with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
 He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
 with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness will be his belt
 and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations
will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 15:3-13

³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those
who insult you have fallen on me."⁴ For everything that was written in the past
was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and
the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same
attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,⁶ so that with one mind
and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to
God.⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of
God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed⁹ and,
moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰ Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that
you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love
By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love him in return.

- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours his holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, his only Son;
As members of his body joined
We are in him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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 worshiping 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.

We Now Join in Celebration

ELW 462

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

Love in Christ is Strong and Living

LSB 706

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May his will in us be done.

- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

1 I come, O Savior, to thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

ref Lord, may thy body and thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to thee. *Refrain*

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet thou thy lamb wilt banish never,
For thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now thy guest. *Refrain*

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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.

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

December 4, 2022

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Hagel and Jeff Williams

Reader:

Monica Lux

Usher:

Art Hayden

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Betty Meyers 12/4, Deb Parson 12/4, Steve Johnson 12/4, Monica Lux 12/6, Jeff Parson 12/7, and Jennifer Dangers 12/7.

Celebrating Baptism: Ally Brynteson 12/5, Ben Johnson 12/5, Breanna Whipps 12/5 and Olivia Eastlund 12/6.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Art and Elaine Hayden 12/9.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

- 1. Prayer Chain:** Lord, thank you for teaching us to come to in prayer in all things. We are grateful to have a space where we can lift each other up in prayer.
- 2. Snowplow Drivers:** Father, thank you for equipping our communities with the ability to remove the snow from our roadways and making them safe for travel.
- 3. Illnesses and health concerns:** Father, hold everyone who is experiencing illness or health concern in your hands. Bring them comfort and relief. Thank you for all the people and technology you have provided to help care for people when they are ill.
- 4. Retail Workers:** Thank you lord, for all the retail workers and their families, who sacrifice long hours during this busy season to staff stores and stock shelves. Help us remember to be kind and cheerful to these workers. Father, help us to remember the truest gift of the season which is your son Jesus. Guide our actions and words to reflect Christ living inside of us.
- 5. Giving Tree:** Father, we ask that each recipient on our giving tree this year has their needs filled and can hear your story through our gifts to them. Bless our endeavor as we bless your people in our community.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bake Sale part 1
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Lease Private Party
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	<i>Choose</i> Binge
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Youth Baking part 2
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Bake Sale part 2
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information:

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study will be held on Tuesday December 6 at 10:30 am. We will continue our study on the Lord's Prayer. Please join us as the Lord teaches us to pray.

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.

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

Youth Bake Sale: Due to illness and schedules, the bake sale will look different this year. There are treats available for purchase today and the youth will be baking again at church on Saturday, December 10th from 12pm to 7 pm. If you are a youth in 6th grade or above, please join us for fun days 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 10th. The sale will happen following worship service on today and next Sunday, December 11. 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 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 are some individuals whose needs list includes 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 and support the publication of the books for children in Ghana. Editions of *A Children's Garden of Bible Stories* and *Luther's Small Catechism* in their language are made possible by Lutheran Heritage Foundation and the mite offerings. For more information on the "Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children" mission grant, go to www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-3

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.

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!

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 4, 2022	
Average Offering	\$6409
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:
Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11**



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