

**THE LORD**

**BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;**

**THE LORD**

**MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE  
UPON YOU**

**AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;**

**THE LORD**

**LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE  
UPON YOU**

**AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

**NUMBERS 6:24-26, ESV**



# 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!

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January 1, 2023

*First Sunday of Christmas*

## Welcome

### *O Sing of Christ*

*LSB 362*

- 1 **O sing of Christ, whose birth made known  
The kindness of the Lord,  
Eternal Word made flesh and bone  
So we could be restored.  
Upon our frail humanity  
God’s finger chose to trace  
The fullness of his deity,  
The icon of his grace.**
  
- 2 **What Adam lost, none could reclaim,  
And Paradise was barred  
Until the second Adam came  
To mend what sin had marred.  
For when the time was full and right  
God sent his only Son;  
He came to us as life and light  
And our redemption won.**
  
- 3 **He came to that which was his own,  
But he was not received;  
Yet still through him God’s glory shone,  
And some his name believed.  
To these he gave the right to be  
The heirs of heav’n above,  
Born not of human ancestry  
But born of God in love.**
  
- 4 **Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell  
Among us here on earth  
As God with us, Emmanuel,  
To bring this holy birth.**

**Though rich, you willingly became  
One with our poverty,  
That we might share your wealth and name  
For all eternity!**

*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** Let us confess our sins to God our 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.**

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

- 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 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.**

### **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**

### **Collect of the Day**

- P** Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

*Sit*

### **First Reading**

*Numbers 6:22-2*

<sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup>“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD bless you  
and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.”

<sup>27</sup> “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Galatians 4:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup>Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**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

*Luke 2:15-21*

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

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

<sup>21</sup>On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

## *Let All Together Praise Our God*

*LSB 389*

**1** Let all together praise our God  
Before his glorious throne;  
Today he opens heav’n again  
To give us his own Son,  
To give us his own Son.

**2** He leaves his heav’nly Father’s throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,

Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.

4 He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us his realm,  
His glory, and his name,  
His glory, and his name.

6 He is the key and he the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

## Homily

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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**

- 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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Proclamation of Christ**

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

### 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.*

### Days of Christmas

Choir

### What Feast of Love

WOV 701

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

LSB 366

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.
  
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’nly music floats  
O’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds  
The blessèd angels sing.
  
- 3 All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.
  
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God’s ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

*Away in a Manger*

LSB 365

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

*A Great and Mighty Wonder*

*LSB 383*

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*

*ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"*

- 2 The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*
- 4 Since all he comes to ransom,  
By all be he adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
- 5 All idols then shall perish  
And Satan's lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise his scepter,  
Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

- ☐** 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.

## *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!

## Announcement

## **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship This Morning

January 1, 2023

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Phil Marquardt

Justin Miller

### **Reader:**

Phil Marquardt

### **Usher:**

Sandy Elhardt

### **Organist**

Karine Platt

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jim Gunderson 1/4, Bridget Smith 1/6, Anna Brynteson 1/7 and Oliver Welle 1/7.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Breanna Smith 1/1, Georgia Kedrowski 1/1, Richard Gerard 1/1, Leona Stockwell 1/3 and Barb Bassing 1/7.

### **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	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study and Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

### **Notes of Information:**

**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 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.

**LWML Byte:** Educating Pastors in Africa Mission Central- God is calling African men to become pastors. Our LCMS missionaries have answered God’s call to support their African brothers in the faith. Mission Central has answered God’s call to support the missionaries and the mission. Please pray for and support the ongoing work in Africa. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-10](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-10).

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

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

**Readings for next week:**

Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17





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