



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!

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

Seek Ye First with Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB 712 and 973

- 1 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!**

- 2 ***Refrain***
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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- 3 **When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end *Refrain***

- 4 **I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end *Refrain***

- 5 **Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!**

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** Seeing Jesus approach him, John says “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” We know that we are part of that world and need our sin taken away.
- C** **We sin in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. We sin by what we do and what we fail to do.**
- P** We do not love God with all our heart and mind and soul,
- C** **And we do not love our neighbor as ourselves.**
- P** Our sin threatens to separate us from God.
- C** **We pray for the sake of Jesus that God would look upon the Lamb and forgive us, making us new.**

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

- P** God gave Jesus to reconcile you to himself, no longer counting your sin against you. The Lamb bore responsibility for your sin and you are truly absolved. In the stead and by the command of the Lamb of God I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. When the disciples ask where Jesus is staying, he tells them that if they come they will see. We see that he is staying with us, and there he has made his home forever.
- 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

Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
⁶ he says:

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

⁷ This is what the LORD says—
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:

“Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to
be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and
with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among
you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that
you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who
has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

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

John 1:29-42

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

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

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

Sit

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 **Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.**

- 2 **Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water**

To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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 catholic 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

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.**

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your peace.**

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

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 Elijah

Choir

Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees

Praise Band

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,
Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into you, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear your voice alone.

Stand

Dismissal

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.

Almighty

Praise Band

Chorus:

*Almighty, most Holy God;
Faithful through the ages
Almighty, most Holy Lord;
Glorious, Almighty God.*

- 1 The beasts of the field, the birds of the air
Are silent to call out Your Name
The earth has no voice and I have no choice
But to magnify God unashamed
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day
Let the whole world sing out, let the people say *Chorus*
- 2 Time marches on, with the innocence gone
And a darkness has covered the earth
But His Spirit dwells, He speaks, "it is well,"
And the hopeless still offered new birth
He will break the leash of death, it will have no sting
Let the prisoner go free, join the dance and sing. *Chorus*

Announcement

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

January 15, 2023

Pastor:

Rev. Tom Gundermann

Elder:

Terry Elhardt
Phil Hagel

Reader:

Monica Lux

Usher:

Sandy Elhardt

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jan Johnson 1/20

Celebrating Baptism: Jeff Parson 1/16, Sue Anderson 1/19, and Nora Weinhold 1/20.

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
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 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 tonight, 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: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on the following dates In the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. to review the below listed books. All are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

- January 23 – China Dolls by Lisa See
- February 27 – Home Again by Kristin Hannah
- March 27 – The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks

LWML Byte: Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado.

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR), located in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, strives to show God’s grace and glory through his creation to youth attending summer camp. Providing scholarships and transportation for young people from inner-city Denver. This will show the love of Jesus to children who otherwise would not have the means to attend.

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

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.

December 18, 2022	
Average Offering	\$6350
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

Readings for next week:
 Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23



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