



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 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412

- 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath’ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv’n,
And on his shoulder ever rests
All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow’r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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** The people living in darkness have seen a great light;
- C** On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
- P** Jesus calls us to repent, turning from the darkness of our lives.
- C** His voice calls us to follow him and he leads us into the light of life.
- P** Lord, forgive us for the dark paths we have walked.
- C** Drive us from the shadows, and make a new day dawn in us.

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

- P** Jesus promises that he has already won forgiveness and rescued us from the darkness. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now he prepares us to share this good news with everyone God places in our path. He wants them to know that the darkness will not separate them from God. Jesus comes near through you, for all to know the joy he brings.
- C** Lord, let your light shine through our witness. 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 The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord, God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that comes through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness

a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation

and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."
13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
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 4:12-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.
13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon
called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for
they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out
to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his
brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets.
Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and
followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the
people.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.**
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.**
- 3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,**

Spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

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

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.

Bell Choir

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Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,

And we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

- 3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

- 4 “And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to thee!

“Away from Us!” the Demon Cried

LSB 541 v 1-2, 4-5 (tune 846)

- 1 “Away from us!” the demon cried
When Christ, the Lord, drew near.
“Our dark, disordered world is lost
When you, the Light, appear!”
But Jesus spoke with God’s own pow’r;
“Come forth!” was his command;
For evil cannot bear the Light
Nor sin the Truth withstand.

- 4 Drive out the doubt that cripples faith;
Expel our pride and greed
That we, from pow’rs that threaten us,
May, by your grace, be freed.
Then help us, Lord, to greet each day
With hearts and wills made new
And, when you call us forth to serve,
To rise and follow you.

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

**2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

**3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

**4 From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!**

**△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.**

**Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!**

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.

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856

- 1 **O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow you,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to you,
Find perfect liberty.**
- 2 **O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.**
- 3 **O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.**

**4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.**

Announcement

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

January 22, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Justin Miller
Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Wayne Chambard

Usher:

Jan Fuerst

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Opie Jellison 1/24, Doug Degler 1/26, Lincoln Bryan 1/27, and Adam Garland 1/28.

Celebrating Baptism: Chris Schoenbauer 1/23, Linda McCarty 1/23, and Mike Matheson 1/24.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
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:

Lay-Reader Training: Pastor will be holding a training for Lay Readers tonight at 5 PM. If you are interested in serving the congregation by reading during worship, we welcome you to come and learn more about it. If you are unable to make this training but would like to become a reader, please contact Laura or Pastor in the church office.

Apocrypha Sunday Night Study: 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.” 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: “Ends of Earth” Scholarship

The MOST (Mission Opportunity Short Term Ministries) team impact the world for Jesus by providing opportunities for individuals to be a part of a hands-on mission team. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through VBS, sports, music, or English language camps. Please pray for and support this mission grant as it will provide scholarship aid to mission team participants.

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 socl.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:
Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2, Matthew 5:1-12



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