

Arise!



Plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Micah 6:1, 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!

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

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** In the Beatitudes, Jesus describes the nature of blessing in the Kingdom of God.
- C** We know that Jesus' way is different than our own.
- P** Jesus says "Blessed are the meek,"
- C** But we are often superior and unbending.
- P** Jesus says "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"
- C** But we hunger for what is right in our own eyes.
- P** Jesus says "Blessed are the merciful,"
- C** But we cry for justice and fairness.
- P** Jesus says "Blessed are the peacemakers,"
- C** But we justify conflict and value force as a solution.
- P** Lord Jesus, for the ways in which our lives do not follow your design,
- C** Have mercy upon us.

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

- P** Jesus blesses those who are persecuted and insulted because of righteousness. He himself endured persecution and insult and did so to speak an eternal word of blessing to sinners like us. In his death and resurrection, he makes us righteous. 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. Go forth as his holy ones, made righteous through Jesus.
- 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.**
- P** Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Listen to what the LORD says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

²“Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

³“My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

⁵ My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-22

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. ¹⁹ For it is written:
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” ¹ And so it was with me,

brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God,² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

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 5:1-12

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431 (tune of 975)

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing his bleeding 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 \dagger 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.**

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.

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852 (tune 560)

- 1 **O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in thy sight,
To live our lives in thee.**
- 2 **And thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to thee.**
- 3 **Teach us the lesson thou hast taught:
To feel for those thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought
May work a work for thee.**

4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto thee!

6 And may thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in thee.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.

Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642 (tune 858)

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

- 1 The spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

- 2 **We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free:
where hope is dim,
to share a dream and help the blind to see.**
- 3 **We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed and all our days,
to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
- 4 **Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

January 29, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Hagel

Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Carl Schwanbeck

Usher:

Randy Herschman

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Spencer Anderson 2/1, Hannah Schoenbauer 2/2, Richard Gerard 2/4, and Kennadi Peterson 2/4.

Celebrating Baptism: Christopher Elhardt 1/29, Eden Miller 2/1, Phil Hagel 2/1, Renee Roessler 2/1, and Wayne Chambard 2/2.

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	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	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:

Backup Funeral Coordinator Needed: There is a need for someone to act as backup funeral coordinator when Jonelle is on vacation. The funeral coordinator acts as a point of communication for the family, orders food for the luncheon, and organizes help for set up, serving and clean up for the funeral luncheon (from a list of volunteers). If you have more questions, please contact Jonelle Welle at 763-767-1392.

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.

- February 27 – Home Again by Kristin Hannah
- March 27 – The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks

LWML Byte: Sharing Jesus' Love in India Lutheran Braille Workers
 Luther Braille Workers is the world's largest non-profit producer of braille, specialized large print and audio Christian materials. They have provided braille Bibles to India for over 40 years. To better serve the blind and visually impaired people of India with Bibles written in English, Malayalam, and other languages needed in the country, a new production and distribution center in being built in India. Mite offerings will help purchase printing supplies and provide training for staff. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-19.

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.

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

Readings for next week:
 Isaiah 58:1-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20



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