





# 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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February 12, 2023

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

## Welcome

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

*LSB 707*

**1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!**

**2 Order my footsteps by thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.**

**3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget thy way,  
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.**

**4 Make me to walk in thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.**

*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 today's Gospel lesson, Jesus discusses the Second, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments.

The Second Commandment is: you shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by his name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

**P** The Fifth Commandment is: you shall not murder. What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

**P** The Sixth Commandment is: You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

**P** For our failure to live out these commandments, Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Lord, 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** 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 of 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** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals, we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup>You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? <sup>5</sup>What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup>I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

**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 5:21-37*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup>“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to

stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

<sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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

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

*Sit*

### ***God, When Human Bonds Are Broken***

*ELW 603*

- 1 God, when human bonds are broken  
And we lack the love or skill to restore  
The hope of healing,  
Give us grace and make us still.**
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit  
Come into our world of stress,  
For the sake of Christ forgiving  
All the failures we confess.**
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken:  
Hear us as we seek release from the pain  
Of earlier living  
Set us free and grant us peace.**
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,  
Humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing:  
Make us stronger and give us faith.**
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,  
Give us hope to be more true,  
Give us love to go on learning:  
God, encourage and renew!**

**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  $\ddagger$  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 worshiping 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.*

### Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

- 1** **Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,**

**Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from your holy face.**

**2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey your Word.  
Let what you will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4 Grant that I only you may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold you face to face,  
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

*Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky*

*LSB 870 (tune 595)*

**1 Now that the daylight fills the sky,  
We lift our hearts to God on high,  
That he, in all we do or say,  
Would keep us free from harm today;**

**2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;  
From anger's din would shield our life;  
From evil sights would turn our eyes,  
And close our ears to vanities.**

**3 So we, when this new day is gone  
And night in turn is drawing on,  
With conscience by the world unstained  
Shall praise his name for vict'ry gained.**

**4 "All praise to you, creator Lord!  
All praise to you, eternal Word!  
All praise to you, O Spirit wise!"  
We sing as daylight fills the skies.**

*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.

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

*LSB 617*

1 O Lord, we praise thee, bless thee, and adore thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before thee.  
Thou with thy body and thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, thy kindness did so constrain thee  
That thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us his grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded he make us;  
Give thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

*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.

### *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

*LSB 865 (tune 664)*

- 2 Help us your holy Law to learn,  
To mourn our sin and from it turn  
In faith to you and to your Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
- 3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
For needed help from day to day  
That as your children we may live,  
Whom you baptized and so received.
- 4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

### Announcements

## **Sending**

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

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

## Serving in Worship This Morning

February 12, 2023

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Phil Marquardt

Terry Elhardt

### **Reader:**

Peggy Peterson

### **Usher:**

Sandy Elhardt

### **Organist**

Karine Platt

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Joyce Kvalheim 2/13 and Jean O’Keeffe 2/16.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Doug Degler 2/16 and Andrew Kuntz 2/18.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Gary and Raelene Burmeister 2/14, Jerry and Bonnie Garland 2/15, John and Toni Peterson 2/16, Jim and Martha Gunderson 2/18 and Jerry and Marilyn Coleman 2/18.

### **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
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
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.	Quarterly Voter’s Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

## Notes of Information:

**Congregational Voter's Meeting:** Next Sunday, February 19, 2023, there will be a quarterly voter's meeting held following worship service at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

**Women's Ministry Event:** "Are you the missing piece?" Come and find out more on **Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9:15-11:00** Women's Ministry is hosting a Bagel/Fruit Bar, fellowship, a brief meeting and a presentation that will help you put the puzzle pieces together. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Easter Lilies:** If you would like to contribute towards decorating our church this Easter Season please take an envelope from the table in the Narthex and put your contribution in the offering basket. Single Lilies are \$10 and Double Lilies are \$20 per plant. If you have any questions, please contact Laura in the church office. Orders are due to the florist by March 22, 2023.

**Mission ideas needed:** Each month 1% of our giving is used for mission projects as directed by our congregation. If you have a mission project that is near and dear to your heart please reach out to Peggy Peterson, Sue Anderson, or Wayne Chambard on the Board of Stewardship to find how SOC can support that mission.

**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 cleaning 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*. 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:** **Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus- Belize Mission Society**  
The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic in a multipurpose building that is located in the village. This grant money would fund the building of a mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By

bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it will lead people to the Church and comment them with missionaries.

**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](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.

Average Monthly Offering	\$4976
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

**Readings for next week:**

Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9



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