



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!

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

ELW 398 v 1-2 LSB 496 v 3-5

- 1 **Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

- 2 **Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire;
purge me with your holy fire.**

- 3 **Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.**

- 4 **Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.**

- 5 **Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,**

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** Jesus says “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.” Indeed, God’s law works powerfully in our lives, as the hymn “The Law of God is Good and Wise” tells us:
 - C** *The law of God is good and wise and sets his will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness and dooms to death when we transgress.*
Its light of holiness imparts the knowledge of our sinful hearts That we may see our lost estate and turn from sin before too late.
- P** Indeed, the law shines light on our sinful lives and calls us to turn to a different way. And yet, we cannot obey that call. We do not have the power to transform our lives, and so the law’s power serves to condemn instead of save:
 - C** *The law is good; but since the fall its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die and has no power to justify.*
 - P** What then, sinners against God and saints of God, shall we do?
 - C** *To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at his throne, saved by his grace through faith alone.*
 - P** Let us do so together. Lord, have mercy on us, forgiving our sin.
 - C** **Lord have mercy on us, forgiving our sin.**

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

- P** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus has done what the law cannot!
- C** *It bears to all the tidings glad and bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers and banishes their guilty fears.*
- P** Jesus has become sin so that our sin might be forgiven, and he is risen from death that we too might live a new life. 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.
- 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 Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion
and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

² For day after day they seek me out;
they seem eager to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that does what is right
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions
and seem eager for God to come near them.

³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,
‘and you have not seen it?’

Why have we humbled ourselves,
and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please
and exploit all your workers.

⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,
and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today
and expect your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for people to humble themselves?
Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,

and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.

¹² Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

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 5:13-20

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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 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.

Choir

Choir

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 852

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

- 1 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only thee;
Trusting thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting thee for pardon;
At thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

- 3 I am trusting thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting thee to make me holy
By thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which thou thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting thee forever
And for all.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from you, dear Master,
Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
Still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 O make your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old!
O teach your wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see you face to face!

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.

Fourth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

- 1 **Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**
- 2 **King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3 **Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4 **Christ's are our lips, his Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**
- 5 **We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship This Morning

February 5, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Jeff Williams

Justin Miller

Reader:

Phil Marquardt

Usher:

Art Hayden

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Julie Endorf 2/5, Andrew Kuntz 2/7, Jim Weinhold 2/8, Lauren Pack 2/9, and Mike Voegle 2/10

Celebrating Baptism: Tim Welle 2/5 and Peter Welle 2/5

Celebrating Anniversaries: Rick and Jonelle Welle 2/5

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.	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
	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*. 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: Mission & Outreach to the Least of These- Victory Lutheran Church , K.I. Sawyer Community.

Victory Lutheran Church is an inner-city church located in the unincorporated area of the K.I. Sawyer Community in Gwinn Michigan. This inner-city church is a means of providing mercy ministries that spread His Word to all people, to all people, especially “the least of these.” The purchase of a new and larger van will allow them to bring children to hear the love of Jesus and provide a safe place to learn. Please pray for and support this LWML Mission Grant.

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.

Average Monthly Offering	\$4976
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	\$6662

Readings for next week:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37



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