



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!

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

- 1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?**

- 2 **Some take up his task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.**

- 3 **For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth his promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.**

- 4 **Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,**

When with his angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls his grace has garnered
Shall enjoy his Sabbath peace.

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** We stand in the promises we hear in the first verse of Romans 5:
C **We have been made righteous through faith. We have peace with God.**
- P** This is the truth about you. Our Lord Jesus has made you God's own forever.
C **This is the truth about me. I am righteous, and I have peace with God.**
- P** Yet, we also acknowledge that we are sinners. As we read in First John,
C **If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If I claim I have not sinned, I make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in my life.**
- P** But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from unrighteousness.
C **Father, help us to worship in the Spirit and in truth. Help us to worship in truth by acknowledging our sin, and help us to worship in the Spirit by trusting your word of forgiveness.**

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

- P** What the Samaritans say about Jesus is the truth: "This man really is the Savior of the world." While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In the stead and by the command of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He has given you the Holy Spirit, a spring of water welling up to eternal life, so that you are empowered to confess the truth:
C **I am justified by his blood. I am reconciled to God. I am saved from God's wrath. I am forgiven and loved.**
- P** This is most certainly true. Now, in that truth, worship your gracious Father, your brother Jesus, and the Spirit who lives in you and makes you Holy.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

P Return to the Lord, your God,

C for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her,

“Will you give me a drink?”

⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him,

C “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?”

(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her,

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said,

C ¹¹ “Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³ Jesus answered,

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him,

C “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ He told her,
“Go, call your husband and come back.”

C ¹⁷ “I have no husband,”

she replied. Jesus said to her,
“You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

The woman said,

C ¹⁹ “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus replied,
²¹ “Woman, believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said,

C “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared,
“I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

C ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him,

C “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them,
“I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other,

C “Could someone have brought him food?”

Jesus said,

³⁴ “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman,

C “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus’ glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

**Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.**

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

Lamb of God

LSB 550

- 1** **Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain**

*ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!*

*O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

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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Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.
- 2 He who his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love you bless us now.

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!

Not What These Hand Have Done

LSB 567

- 1 Not what these hands have done
 Can save this guilty soul;
 Not what this toiling flesh has borne
 Can make my spirit whole.
- 2 Not what I feel or do
 Can give me peace with God;
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
 Can bear my awful load.
- 3 Thy work alone, O Christ,
 Can ease this weight of sin;
 Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
 Can give me peace within.
- 4 Thy love to me, O God,
 Not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 Can rid me of this dark unrest
 And set my spirit free.
- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

Dismissal

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.

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828 (tune 924)

- 1 We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets
In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt his power,
Saw the way he lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures
Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior
Honor him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.
- 5 To each coming generation
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended,
Till the Savior comes again—

**Till the saints are all united
Under Christ's eternal reign!**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

March 12, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Terry Elhardt

Justin Miller

Reader:

Wayne Chambard

Usher:

Randy Herschman

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Brent Freunds Schuh 3/12, John Peterson 3/14, Kayleigh O’Keeffe 3/15, Jake Kothrade 3/17, and Sierra Carlson 3/17.

Celebrating Baptism: Joyce Kvalheim 3/13, Karen Zimmerman 3/14, Jeff Williams 3/15, Gabriel Jauch 3/16, and Lincoln Bryan 3/17.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Service 3
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Ministry Event
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

Notes of Information:

March Book of The Month: *The Gates of Zion* by Bodie and Brock Thoene
First of five books in The Zion Chronicles series

Historical fiction, appropriate for teens and adults

It's November 1947. The British Mandate of Palestine is carved into Arab and Jewish states and Israel is in constant upheaval. Politicians promise peace, but those who remember the prophecies know the truth. Has God forgotten his promises to the Jewish nation? An American photojournalist documenting the

struggles in the streets of Jerusalem snaps photographs of ancient scrolls, unaware she has entered a world-shaking conflict. Filled with intrigue, danger, and suspense, this book is a real page turner! You'll want to read the entire series!

Come and browse the library for this and many other faith-based novels, biographies, Bible studies, and books on Christian living.

Soup Supper: Starting on Wednesday February 28th, we will be having soup supper before Lenten Worship Service. Please join us for supper before worship.

Women's Ministry Event: Women of SOC, join us for a morning of socializing, storytelling, and prayer. Linda McCarty will be sharing a story and a method of prayer called the Examen. **Save the date - Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9a-11a.**

Monthly 1% Mission Outreach: As God's Stewards, we are called to serve. A great way to do this is to apply for the Monthly 1% Mission Outreach offering. Simply fill out a request form, state your outreach ministry, and how the funds will be used. Then return your request to the Stewardship Board. Some past activities have included homeless kits, backpacks for World Relief, diaper kits, shopping for food shelf items, and holiday baskets for families. Be creative! Our Lord will use the talents and gifts He has given you to bless others.

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.

March 27 – The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks

LWML Byte: *Missionaries to America Project-Mission Nation Publishing* — **\$88,000** The United States is populated by people from all corners of the world. The purpose of Mission Nation's "Missionaries to America" project is to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing will be able to provide opportunity and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to ethnic groups other than our own, through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective journeys to faith. 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 soclc.org to sign up or learn more.

Average Monthly Offering	\$5810
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6662</i>

Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41



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