



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 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831

- 1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?
- 2 "To all the world," to ev'ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 "Lord, here am I:" your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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** Heavenly Father, your heart is for all of your creation and all of your children.
- C** **Forgive us for only being concerned with some of those who are yours – with those who look or sound like us or with those who we get along with or with those who we call friends and family.**
- P** Lord Jesus, you died for all humanity, and when you were lifted up from the earth you drew all people to you.
- C** **Forgive us for withholding forgiveness when you have not withheld it. Forgive us for missing opportunities to minister to the least, the last, and the lost, and therefore ministering to you.**
- P** Holy Spirit, we are parochial when you are catholic: we see your church within the limited scope of our congregation and denomination while you have called and gathered all your invisible church throughout all congregations and denominations.
- C** **Forgive us for acting as if we are the only Christians in the world. Forgive us for not seeking reconciliation and peace with our brothers and sisters but settling instead for a silent separation.**
- P** Triune God,
- C** **Forgive us for the times we have not shared your will and work that all would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.**

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

- P** In the beginning, God created a humanity that he redeemed in Jesus Christ. God brings newness of life to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Triune God is for all and for *you*. It is my joy and privilege as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in his stead and by his command, to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go forth forgiven, renewed, and sharing in the mission of God for all.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may live up your life to all the world through your Son, 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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 3:1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

Sit

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828 (tune 511)

- 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!

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 worshiping 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.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

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.

Choir

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Christ, The Word of God Incarnate

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,
Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;

Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.

3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into you, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.

4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear your voice alone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions,
There to share your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to you eternally.

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.

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere his creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How his own dear Son he gave
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

March 5, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt

Phil Hagel

Reader:

Robert Pajak

Usher:

Art Hayden

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Hunter Bellrichard 3/5, Dan O’Keeffe 3/8, Elaine Hayden 3/11.

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
	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Service 2
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
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

Notes of Information:

Ladies Bible Study: Our first Tues. study is this week, March 7th. at 10:30 a.m. We use studies from the LWML Quarterly. Each lesson is different. Come as you are, no preparation is necessary. This week we will consider, "*Our Changeless God- In the Changes of Our Lives*".

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.**

Camp Omega: a group of our girls is going to attend Camp Omega the week of July 9th to July 14th. This session is for youth ages 9 to 13. If you are interested in having your children attend Camp Omega during these dates, see Laura Marquardt for more information. There are plenty of great opportunities to be had at Camp Omega this summer. For more information go to their website: Campomega.org

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.

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.

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: *Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word -Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew) — \$100,000*

Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of Worship Anew. With an aging population, the need exists to have accessibility to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. The broadcast currently reaches areas of New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media wants to expand their broadcast area by securing on-the air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and enhance their online presence. The grant funds will be used to pay the broadcast fees and the internet expansion. 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	\$5810
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6662</i>

Readings for next week:

Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42



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