



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!

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 833

ref Leader:

Listen,

All:

*listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy.*

1 Leader:

Jesus gave his mandate:

All:

Share the good news

Leader:

That he came to save us

All:

And set us free. Refrain

2 Leader:

Let none be forgotten

All:

Throughout the world.

Leader:

In the triune name of God

All:

Go and baptize. Refrain

3 Leader:

Help us to be faithful,

All:

Standing steadfast,

Leader:

Walking in your precepts,

All:

Led by your Word. Refrain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P We begin our worship in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and ternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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 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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

This is the Feast

LSB 171

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Sharing of the Peace

- P** On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples gathered together. And because they were afraid of reprisals from the Jewish leaders, they had locked the doors to the place where they met. But suddenly Jesus appeared among them and said,
- C** **Peace be with you.**
- P** Then he showed them the wounds of his hands and his side – they were overjoyed to see the Lord with their own eyes! Jesus repeated his greeting,
- C** **Peace be with you.**
- P** Then eight days later, Thomas and all the others were in the house together. And even though all the doors were locked, Jesus suddenly stood before them and said,
- C** **Peace be with you.**
- P** As Christ’s body in this place, we share his peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far

from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being. ’As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day

you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

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.

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.

Prayers of the Church

Sit

Presentation of the Offering

P Gracious Lord, what can we give to thank you for the gift of eternal life? You do not need our sacrifices, for as the scripture says, "Every animal of the forest is yours, and the cattle on a thousand hills." (*Psalm 50:10*) Yet we bring before you our offerings not only as tokens of gratitude but as signs that the treasures of a people bound by sin and death will not hold power over those who have been given new life. Accept these gifts, we pray, and use them to support the sharing of your good news that many more may rejoice in your resurrection.

C Amen.

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 178

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
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 180

- 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,
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. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by

the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

Seek Ye First

Bell Choir

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.**

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before your throne,
Intent to serve you all our days
And make your glory known.**

- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.**

- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by his death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,**

That all may honor Christ today
And follow him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth you give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Dismissal

Stand

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.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

- 1** I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2** He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3** He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4** He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5** He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6** He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7** He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8** He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Announcements

Sending

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Serving in worship today

May 14, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Terry Elhardt

Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Wes Spadgenske

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Andrew Weinhold 5/14, Rick Dangers 5/14, Raelene Burmeister 5/18.

Celebrating Baptism: Owen Smith 5/16, Mike Voegle 5/20, and Suzanne Geren 5/20.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Alex and Sara Anderson 5/17 and Wes and Lois Spadgenske 5/19

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	8:15 a.m.	Youth Group Plant Sale
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Tuesday	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
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Private Party
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study

Notes of Information:

Annual Youth Plant Sale: Thank you for supporting the Youth and their missions by purchasing plants this year. We still have plants available if you didn't make it out yesterday!

Envelope Giving FYI: Gifts given via envelope and marked "Improvement" will go into the 2023 Building Improvement Project Fund. There is also a designated category in Vanco if you prefer to give electronically.

Alaska Mission: The Alaska Mission Bake Sale was a wonderful success. The support from our Women's Ministry, and our community of faith, was amazing! We are certainly not lone rangers. There is so much joy in serving and giving, and in our lives together in Christ. To him be the glory!

New Members/Christian Faith Class: There will be a Christian Faith Class starting the second Sunday of June during Education hour. If you are interested in becoming a member or in taking the faith class alongside our new members, please contact Pastor Jason or Laura in the church office.

Lawn Mowing help needed: If you are interested in serving this summer by keeping our grounds looking their best, there is an opportunity to serve by mowing the grass this summer. Training on the shiny new tractor is included. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Kuntz.

Activity Bags Available: There are activity bags for young children located at the back of the sanctuary. We would like to thank Beth Gerard and Diane Weinhold for refreshing the bags.

Spirit of Christ Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

May 22 – Book in a Bag from the library

June 26 – Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

July 24 – The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs personal hygiene, and diapers for both adults and children. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them into the Narthex and place them in the box. Toni Peterson 763-434-5665

LWML Mission Byte: Outreach & Language Learning tools to Reach Hispanic Community for Jesus Christ (Trinity First Lutheran School, Minneapolis. The goal of Trinity First is to reach into the lives of the Hispanic community of the Phillips Neighborhood with the Gospel, specifically using educational opportunities for the students and parents that build connection and relationship.

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.

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	\$6998
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

Readings for next week:

Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11



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