



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 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Praise Band

- 1 **Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord!
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord!
And he shall lift you up
Higher and higher and he shall lift you up.**
- 2 **Serve one another in the sight of the Lord!
Serve one another in the sight of the Lord!
And he shall lift you up
Higher and higher and he shall lift you up.**
- 3 **Love one another in the sight of the Lord!
Love one another in the sight of the Lord!
And he shall lift you up
Higher and higher and he shall lift you up.**
- 4 **Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord!
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord!
And he shall lift you up
Higher and higher and he shall lift you up.**

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 eternal 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

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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 O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Peace, to Sooth Our Bitter Woes

ELW 381 (tune LSB 761)

1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;

Jesus bought our peace with God
with his holy, precious blood;
Peace in him for sinners found
is the gospel's joyful sound.

- 2 Peace within the church still dwells
in our welcomes and farewells;
And through God's baptismal pow'r
peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
now and through eternity.

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." (*Psalms 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

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

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

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your 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.

Breathe

Choir

When Peace, Like a River

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**1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

*ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain***

- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

The Power of Your Love

Praise Band

- 1 Lord I come to you
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in you.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of your love.
- 2 Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you
Your Spirit leads me on
- 3 In the power of your love.
Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love
As you live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my eyes
In living every day
by the power of your love
- 4 Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you

Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love. (*repeat*)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 475

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,

**Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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.**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

- 1** **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** **The Lord of life is ris'n this day;**
Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** **Praise we in songs of victory**
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,**
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

May 21, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Kevin Zimmerman

Justin Miller

Reader:

Renee Chambard

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Marilyn Coleman 5/23, Jan Kuehl 5/25, Eden Miller 5/26, and Arlene Martti 5/27.

Celebrating Baptism: McKenzie Williams 5/26.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Apocrypha Study
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	LWML Meeting – Library
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Private Party- Fellowship Hall
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Gift in Honor of Pastor Kolk: A \$500 gift was given to Main Street Living Ministries in honor of Pastor Chuck Kolk’s 50th year in ministry. Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The broadcast has two parts. Remastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries “This is the Life” program was originally aired from the 1950’s to the 1980’s. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format. The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. 9+ Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

VBS Group Leaders Needed: Group Leaders are needed for VBS this summer. As a Group Leader, you get to experience VBS alongside the kids and get to have fun getting to know our youngest members. If you are interested in helping at VBS, please contact Leslie Kuntz.

Thank-You Hoffman Sod: Last year, Hoffman sod provided the seed for the front lawn following the removal of the hill, this year, they provided the fertilizer at no cost to our congregation. We are thankful for their generosity.

May Book of the Month: *Ten Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible*

Author Andrew R. Jones

Ages: teen to adult

The Holy Bible is a treasure that tells us the grand narrative of God's grace, love, and mercy in Jesus Christ. Sometimes, however, the scriptures can be downright confusing! The author has created a list of questions that can bring understanding to text and context, and that connect the scripture to our lived experiences. Some questions will help us see how our lives are still applicable to God's Word (not the other way around); how God continues his actions and story among us.

The Bible is filled with situations of both joy and difficulty that we can relate to. It is filled with messy relationships and reconciliation, suffering and care, hope and love. Digging deeper when reading familiar scripture or verses we haven't read before will enable us to deepen and broaden our understanding of who God is.

Annual Youth Plant Sale: Thank you for supporting the Youth and their missions by purchasing plants this year. We still have plants available.

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.

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.

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: Bible Books for Indonesia’s Muslim Public Schools-\$12,000. With this grant, Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) will translate, print and distribute Bible storybooks, Luther’s Small Catechism, catechism workbooks, and other books that teach the Lutheran faith to children in Indonesia. By doing so, LHF will help missionaries, evangelists, and searching Christians build a firm foundation of faith for decades, even centuries to come. Amazingly, every \$5 produces a book- which means the funds received from the LWML MN South District will make a huge impact! Imagine...every \$5 gives a family a Bible storybook or Small Catechism life-changing gifts that can transform lives with hope in Christ for generations to come. (www.LHFmissions.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.

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	\$6975
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

Readings for next week:

Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39



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