



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!

July 2, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

- 1 **Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**
- 2 **Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3 **Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what you will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4 **Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

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

Romans 7:13-25

- P** We know that the law is holy.
C But I am not. I have been sold to be a slave of sin.

P I don't understand what I do.

C **I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate to do.**

P I do what I don't want to do. So I agree that the law is good. As it is, I am no longer the one who does these things. It is sin living in me that does them.

C **I know there is nothing good in my sinful nature.**

P I want to do what is good, but I can't.

C **I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do.**

P I do what I don't want to do. But I am not really the one who is doing it. It is sin living in me. Here is the law I find working in me. When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. Deep inside me I find joy in God's law. But I see another law working in the parts of my body. It fights against the law of my mind. It makes me a prisoner of the law of sin. That law controls the parts of my body.

C **What a miserable person I am! Who will save me from this sin that brings death to my body?**

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

P I give thanks to God. He will do it through Jesus Christ our Lord. God was not content to have sin be the death of us or death the end of us. Instead, Jesus the Messiah becomes our end and our new beginning, and Jesus the Messiah becomes the death of death and the Word of life. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Who has delivered you from your body of death?

C **Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P We share Christ's peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," 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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us unto a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶He said, “Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD’s house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. ⁷Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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

Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.

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

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568

- 1 If your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin’s power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression.
- 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
Despair no more reigns o’er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died
That, reconciled, I might abide
With you, my God, forever.
- 3 I trust in him with all my heart;
Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through him I now obtain;
He washes me from ev’ry stain,
And pure I stand before him.
- 4 All righteousness by works is vain;
The Law brings condemnation.
True righteousness by faith I gain;
Christ’s work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice,

**Has paid the all-sufficient price;
In him my hope is anchored.**

- 5 My guilt, O Father, you have laid
On Christ, your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, you my debt have paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
The good in me to you I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me.**

Homily

Stand

Apostles' Creed

- ☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

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 208

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

- 1** At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,

Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced 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 thou 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!

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where he is, there is no loss.

Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
There to live with you on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head.
We are your own living members;
Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly,
Living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.

- 3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him
Who gave his life for all.

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Announcements

Sending

Angels Watching Over Me

“Take this man to prison” the man heard Herod say and then four squads of soldiers came and carried him away. Chained up between two watchmen Peter tried to sleep but beyond the walls an endless prayer was lifting for his keep. Then a light cut through the darkness of a lonely prison cell and the chains bound the man of God just opened up and fell. Running to his people before the break of day there was only one thing on his mind. Only one thing to say; Angels watching over me, every move I make, every step I take angels watching over me.

God only knows the times my life was threatened. Just today, a reckless car ran out of gas before it ran my way. Near misses all around me and near misses all through the night, when the enemy is closing in. I know sometimes they fight to keep my feet from falling. I'll never turn away. If you're asking what's protecting me then I am going to say; “Got his angels watching over me, every steal I take, every move I make angels watching over me.”

Though I never see with human eyes the hands that lead me home I will know his angels are watching over me.

(drafted from the song Angels Watching Over Me by Amy Grant)

We give thanks to God for the hands that fold and lift prayers for our keep as we travel to Alaska.

Thank you for praying for us:

Gideon Burmeister, Isabelle Burmeister, Jason Burmeister, Evalie Kasella-Lance, Lindy McCarty, Lynn McCarty, Peggy Peterson, Dana Rossow, Carl Schwanbeck, Linda Schwanbeck and Raelene Burmeister.

Serving in worship today

July 2, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Carl Schwanbeck
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Robert Pajak

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Nancy Anderson 7/2, Jody Rose 7/3, and Carol Dangers 7/8

Celebrating Baptisms: David O’Keeffe 7/2

Celebrating Anniversaries: Todd and Sue Anderson 7/2

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class

Notes of Information:

Opportunity to Reduce LCEF Loan: We have been notified by LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) that we can reduce the amount we need to borrow until early July. If you are moved to give a gift toward the 2023 building project, please consider doing so before July 7th. You can write on your check or on your envelope that the gift is designated for the 2023 Building Improvement Project.

Women’s Ministry: Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a SOC Women’s Ministry event to be held **Saturday, Sep 30** with a guest speaker connecting spiritual, emotional and physical health. We will be inviting ladies from neighboring congregations to join us and can use your help! If you would like to assist in the advertising, registration, or name tags, please contact Angie Hagemel at pahagemel@usfamily.net. If you would like to help plan and/or serve a

healthy meal, help plan the day's activities, or assist with other aspects of the event, please contact Linda Schwanbeck, Linda McCarty, or Raelene Burmeister.

VBS Registration: Registration is open on the SOC website. Click the button on the top banner of the homepage to get registered to go have a Stellar time with us at VBS this July. Dates for VBS are Sunday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 27th. There is also a QR code in the Narthex on the VBS bulletin board which will take you to the registration page.

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.

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.

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:

July 24 The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

August 28 The Second Life of Mirelle West by Amanda Skenandore

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: Orphan Grain Train Servant Center — Orphan Grain Train, U.S. \$100,000 Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has carried out the mission of the Lord as they have assisted orphans, carried out domestic disaster relief, gathered, sorted, packed, and distributed food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, and educational materials for those experiencing poverty in the U.S. and internationally. They need to build an additional facility to increase their mission capacity and increase the safety level for volunteers. This grant will help OGT complete their building. Give as you are able!

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 Weekly Offering	\$6881
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

June 18, 2023, Congregational Meeting Update

At the June 18th Congregational Meeting the following were discussed:

- Slate of new board members and officers was approved
- Contracts have been signed for the building improvement project. (Roofing and siding, concrete work, pavement/parking lot, and signs/monument/logo.)
- On April 16, 2023, the congregation approved to refinance our mortgage to add an additional \$325,000. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund's application for this refinancing has been completed. **We have been notified by the LCEF that we have until early July to reduce the amount we need to borrow. Therefore, our mortgage can be reduced until that time with any gifts given to the 2023 Building Project which would have long-term benefits.**
- Parking Lot - A Motion was made at the May 22, 2022, congregational meeting to shelve discussion to proceed with additional parking spots in the front of the church. We now have additional information:
 - We currently have 66 parking spots in the front, some will be designated for handicapped use
 - The City of Ham Lake, The Watershed District and Anoka County have already signed off if we want to proceed
 - The cost to add 20 new spots would be \$18,185
 - Because our Building Project came in under budget, we could now consider adding additional parking spaces. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with adding 20 parking spots to the west side of the front driveway. Motion passed.



Register for Vacation Bible School and give the QR code you your friends and neighbors so that they can join in our intergalactic fun this summer! Sunday July 23, 2023, to Thursday July 27, 2023, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Free!





Next Sunday is Food for the Poor Sunday at
Spirit of Christ!

Join us as we hear about the important work that
this organization is doing around the world to
alleviate hunger and fill people with the hope of
Jesus Christ.



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