



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!

June 11, 2023

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

- 1 Today your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.
- 2 Today your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessèd angels gather
Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father’s home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without you

**When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.**

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** Our help is in the name of Lord,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**
P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

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

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
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.
C Amen.

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 are the source of life and ground our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair
until they have borne their guilt
and seek my face—

in their misery
they will earnestly seek me.”

¹ “Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces

but he will heal us;

he has injured us

but he will bind up our wounds.

² *After two days he will revive us;*
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.

³ *Let us acknowledge the LORD;*
let us press on to acknowledge him.

As surely as the sun rises,

he will appear;

he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ “What can I do with you, Ephraim?

What can I do with you, Judah?

Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.

⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
I killed you with the words of my mouth—
then my judgments go forth like the sun

⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ It 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. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means

nothing and the promise is worthless,¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, 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. ¹⁷ As 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.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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 9:9-13, 18-26

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

²² Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

ELW 588 (tune LSB 540)

- 1 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty.
There is a place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement giv’n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 ‘Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Maker our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Homily

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow you,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to you,
Find perfect liberty.**

- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.**

- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways**

Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in thy sight,
To live our lives in thee.
- 2 And thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to thee.
- 3 Teach us the lesson thou hast taught:
To feel for those thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought
May work a work for thee.
- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in thee!
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto thee!

- 6 And may thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in thee.

Jesus Sinners Doth Recieve

LSB 609 v 1-3,6

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In his arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for his salvation.
With healing balm our souls he fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy he is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade

His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of his might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

4 He never shall forsake his flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads his own, his chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are yours.

LSB 711

- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
Early let us do your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

June 11, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt

Jeff Williams

Reader:

Phil Marquardt

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Terry Elhardt 6/15, Dave Martti 6/16, Joan Mager 6/16 and Logan Parson 6/17.

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
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Elder Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Directory Photos
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class

Notes of Information:

Thank you! Scripture tells us "In everything give thanks." What a great way Spirit of Christ chose to express gratitude to God for what ministry He has worked in my life for 50 plus years. God's Word will be proclaimed thru Main Street Living on cable. The cards and flowers are very expressive of the love Spirit of Christ continues to share. You are a very special congregation family. Thank You!----Pastor Kolk
May God be praised, and Christ lifted up in all that we do!

New Members/Christian Faith Class: There will be a Christian Faith Class starting TODAY 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.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us **Sunday, June 18 @ 1030pm** to elect our new SOC board members and officers. We will have an update on the 2023 Building Project, *along with new information about additional parking spaces/lot that need to be voted on*. Have your voice heard and be a part of what is happening at Spirit of Christ!

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.

Benevolence Fund: Did you know that SOC has a benevolence fund in which gift cards are given by Pastor's discretion to those in need in our community? The gift cards assist in purchase of food, personal care items, and gas. After learning of the balance of \$15 in the account and an immediate need for funds to purchase more gift cards, Spirit of Christ's Women's ministry donated \$70 and plan to add a percentage of their monthly treat money to the fund. We would encourage other organizations and individuals to donate as well to ensure a balance is available when a need arises.

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:

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: Growing & Sowing for Christ! (Concordia Classical

Academy, N. Mankato. God has blessed the school with many new families and students. With that great blessing comes a number of challenges, which include purchasing and upgrading their Christ-centered curriculum. With the help of the LWML they will be able to provide a quality, life-changing, Christian education for their students.

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

**Readings for next week:
Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8**



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!



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