



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 18, 2023

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722

- 1 **O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore every human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God’s vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to
write God’s love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

- 2 **As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind, so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another’s pain as though it were our own.**

- 3 **O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours, that,
joined by faith with your great heart, become love’s open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that
through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

- 4 **O love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow’s fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant
ways, whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

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 God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

C **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** (*Rom. 5:8*)

P We are tempted to believe that God gives us what we deserve, and our blessings are a result of faithful service. We struggle to meet God's expectation for Israel:

C **"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."** (*Exodus 19:5*)

P But this word is not for you! St. Paul explains that God has established his relationship with us not by our works but by our trust in his grace.

C **"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand."** (*Rom. 5:1-2*)

P So we know that in prosperity and in suffering, God graciously loves us.

C **Father, forgive our trust in our own righteousness instead of yours.**

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

P By the power of the Holy Spirit, we trust that God's peace and forgiveness given through Jesus are the bedrock of his relationship with us. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Worship in confidence because our God loves sinners and proclaims them saints!

C **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

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 God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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

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

Praise Band

C 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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

C 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.

Make Me a Servant

Praise Band

1 Make me a servant
Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up
Those who are weak
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant

Make me a servant

Make me a servant today. (*Repeat 2 times*)

Will You Let Me be Your Servant

Praise Band

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time on your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579 (Tune 848)

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This is my body, this is my blood."
Let us all for earth's true glory, daily life lift heavenward, asking the world around us share your children's liberty:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring may we serve as you intend and ,
amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576 (Tune 660)

- 1 We all are one in mission:
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ,
The Lord of all.
A single great commission
Compels us from above to
Plan and work together that all may know
Christ's love.

- 2 We all are called for service,
To witness in God's name..
Our ministries are diff'rent;
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel
God's warm embrace.

- 3 Now let us be united,
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by
Christ, the Lord of 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.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

June 18, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Kevin Zimmerman

Justin Miller

Reader:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Todd Anderson 6/18, Emily Johnson 6/19, Abby Weinhold 6/20, Lois Spadgenske 6/24.

Celebrating Baptisms: Anora Kuntz 6/22, Carl Schwanbeck 6/22, Morgan Holleman 6/23, and Lucy Eastman 6/24.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jerry and Jan Berg 6/22 and Les and Suzanne Geren 6/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
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.	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class

Notes of Information:

Congregational Meeting: Please join us **TODAY @ 10:30am** 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!

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!

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:

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: Nigerian Seminary Tuition Assistance. This grant allows five men to attend the Jonatan Ekong Memorial seminary in Obot Idim, Nigeria for four years.

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
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39**



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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