



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 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

LSB 599

- 1 **O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To these, your children gathered here;
The Spirit’s gift in them renew:
The gift of faith that clings to you.**
- 2 **Sustain the work you have begun
In these united to your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus’ blood.**
- 3 **Deliver them from ev’ry wile,
From all that would their hearts beguile,
From worldly ways and Satan’s lies,
That they may not your Word despise.**
- 4 **Lord, keep them firm in their intent
To you, your Word and Sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share
And make them strong, each cross to bear.**
- 5 **O Father, grant that by your grace
They may your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death your name confess.**
- 6 **Then robed in white before your throne,
Your holy saints, by you foreknown—
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.**

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 terrible failure 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 Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the LORD has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.

⁹ But if I say, "I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,"

his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

¹⁰ I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends
are waiting for me to slip, saying,

"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,

let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD!
Give praise to the LORD!

He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside

your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735

- 1** Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2** Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3** Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4** Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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 Living Bread From Heaven

LSB 642 (Tune 858)

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,

The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In His mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them His grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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.

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.

All for Christ I Have Forsaken

LSB 753

- 1 All for Christ I have forsaken
And have taken up my cross;
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune,
Now I count as worthless dross.
- 2 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus?
No good thing in him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow
Where he leads me . . . why look back?
- 3 Gone the past, unknown the future—
Grace supplies my daily breath;
Strong in Christ through death's dark valley,
Firm and faithful unto death.
- 4 When God takes me home to heaven,
Should this be the day I die,

**God will keep my spouse and children
As the apple of his eye.**

- 5 Though the road ahead be thorny,
 Though dark clouds all light obscure,
 Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper,
 With the Lord, I am secure.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

June 25, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Terry Elhardt

Jeff Williams

Reader:

Betsy Will

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Erik Zeitz 6/25, Jerry Coleman 6/25, Linda Riebe 6/25, Alex Williams 6/28, and Tina Brynteson 6/30.

Celebrating Baptisms: Marilyn Coleman 6/28, Randy Herschman 6/26, and Angie Hagel 7/1.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Roger and Betsy Will 6/25, Ryan and Breanna Smith 6/25, Phil and Laura Marquardt 6/26, Ralph and Jan Fuerst 6/30, and Terry and Sandy Elhardt 6/30.

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
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
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.	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 Hagel at pahagel@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:

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: International Outreach- Hope Lutheran Church-Winona- The school has started an international program complete with housing for four years, resident directors, house supervisors, and programming. Their goal is to share the Gospel with students and their families from all for the world who do not know Christ our Savior. A grant from LWML will enable and assist this enormous endeavor.

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:
Jeremiah 28:5-9, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42**

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.

Picture Directory

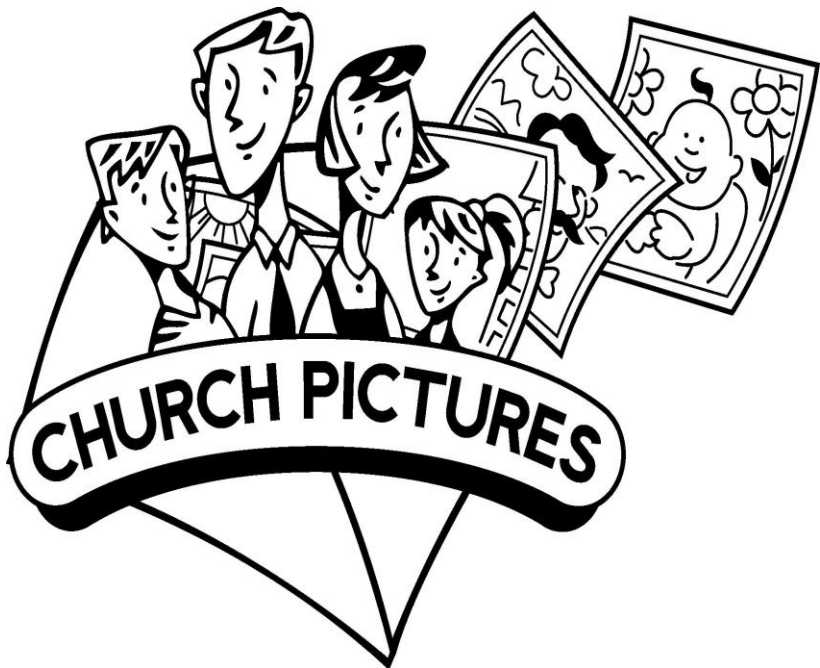
If you have not already done so, please have your picture taken and check your information with the church office.

We are creating a new picture directory which will be out in September of 2023. We need your help to make sure that it has the correct information.

We especially need emails and phone numbers updated!

Pictures can be taken on Sundays by Nathaniel Marquardt following service.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura in the church office.





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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