





## 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!

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August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

### Welcome

#### *When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

*LSB 615*

- 1 **When in the hour of deepest need  
We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
No help or counsel yet have brought,**
- 2 **Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before your throne;  
To you, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.**
- 3 **For you have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children’s cries in time of need  
Through him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.**
- 4 **And so we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before you lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.**
- 5 **O from our sins, Lord, turn your face;  
Absolve us through your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev’ry ill.**
- 6 **So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to your Word,  
And now and ever praise you, Lord.**

*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** Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law:
- C** “The person who does these things will live by them.”
- P** When we are honest with ourselves and before God, we acknowledge that we have not done the things commanded in God’s law.
- C** **We have sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved God and our neighbor as we ought.**
- P** Like Peter, we are drowning in our sin. We have no other recourse but to cry out:
- C** **Lord, save me!**

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

- P** God makes us right not by the law, but through our trust in God to rescue us. Paul quotes Hebrew scripture, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame” and “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” You have called on him today for forgiveness and salvation, and God delivers. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have life- not by your keeping God’s law, but by trusting in the Word made flesh. Go forth in that faith to be his witnesses in the world!
- 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** O God our defender, storms rage around us and within us and cause us to

be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*1 Kings 19:1-18*

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> Jehu will put to death any who escape the

sword of Hazeal, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.  
<sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Romans 10:5-15*

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**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 14:22-33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Sit*

### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*LSB 739*

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

### **Homily**

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### **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.*

### ***Be Still my Soul, before the Lord/O God, to You I Cry in Pain***

*LSB 771 v 1,3 ACS 1021 v 1,4 tune 554*

- 1 Be still, my soul, before the Lord,  
For God is always near.  
Before your mind is moved to pray,  
God listens and will hear.**
  
- 3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence,  
Your anxious thoughts at rest.  
God knows your needs before you ask  
And works for what is best.**
  
- 1 O God, To you I cry in pain  
When sickness makes me weak,  
When mind and body out of tune  
Bring fears I cannot speak.**
  
- 4 Allow my mind to rest in you,  
And let your peace pervade.  
To hold me in your greater pow'r  
And not to be afraid.**

### ***Come unto Me, Ye Weary***

*LSB 684*

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,**

Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’rers,  
And I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to thee!

*Entrust Your Days and Burdens*

*LSB 754 tune 478*

1 Entrust your days and burdens  
To God’s most loving hand;  
He cares for you while ruling  
The sky, the sea, the land.  
For He who guides the tempests  
Along their thund’rous ways  
Will find for you a pathway  
And guide you all your days.

2 Rely on God your Savior  
And find your life secure.  
Make his work your foundation  
That your work may endure.  
No anxious thought, no worry,

No self-tormenting care  
Can win your Father's favor;  
His heart is moved by prayer.

3 Take heart, have hope, my spirit,  
And do not be dismayed;  
God helps in ev'ry trial  
And makes you unafraid.  
Await his time with patience  
Through darkest hours of night  
Until the sun you hoped for  
Delights your eager sight.

4 Leave all to his direction;  
His wisdom rules for you  
In ways to rouse your wonder  
At all his love can do.  
Soon he, his promise keeping,  
With wonder-working pow'rs  
Will banish from your spirit  
What gave you troubled hours.

5 O blessèd heir of heaven,  
You'll hear the song resound  
Of endless jubilation  
When you with life are crowned.  
In your right hand your maker  
Will place the victor's palm,  
And you will thank him gladly  
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;  
With joy our spirits bless  
Until we see the ending  
Of all our life's distress.  
And so throughout our lifetime  
Keep us within your care  
And at our end then bring us  
To heav'n to praise you there.

*On Eagles' Wings*

LSB 727

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

*ref And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain**

**3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. Refrain**

**4 For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

*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.

### *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

*LSB 467*

**1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.**

**2 The foe in triumph shouted  
When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed,  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—  
What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son  
In love for me has won.
- 5 The world against me rages,  
Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages,  
Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free,  
No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play,  
And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever  
To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never,  
Whate'er he passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain;  
He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell's grim thrall;  
I follow him through all.

## Announcements

## Sending

## Serving in worship today

August 13, 2023

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Phil Hagel  
Carl Schwanbeck

### **Reader:**

Mike Voegele

### **Usher:**

Sandy Elhardt

### **Organist:**

Karine Platt

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Dave Hansen 8/13, Chase Carlson 8/14, Les Geren 8/17, Carl Jauch 8/18, and Kevin Zimmerman 8/19.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Tina Brynteson 8/13, Betsy Will 8/14, Gerry Anderson 8/15, Andrew Weinhold 8/16, Emily Johnson 8/17, and Tim Endorf 8/19.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Curt and Karen Olson 8/14 and Tom and Kathy Trapp 8/15.

### **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
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Bonfire -Fellowship
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:**

**Bonfire Fellowship Opportunity:** Come and join us on Friday night to celebrate summer! We will have a bonfire in the back by the barn, starting at 6 p.m. Bring a chair! You can drive back to the barn and park in the grass.

**Congregational Meeting:** You're invited Sunday, August 20 @ 11:30 (**note time change, after Pastor Trapp's last 10:30 Bible Study**), for an opportunity to find out what is and will be happening at Spirit of Christ and hear the update of the 2023 Building Project.

**Women's Ministry Meeting:** Women's Ministry members will be meeting on Saturday, August 26 at 10am to plan our fall gathering. If you would like to assist in planning activities, a healthy meal, or other aspects of the event, please join us at this meeting. In the meantime, please invite family and friends to join you on Saturday, Sep 30. Signup sheets will be under the Women's Ministry Bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are eligible, you can specifically choose an organization, such as Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church. Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. To direct those dollars, log onto <http://www.thrivent.com>. Under **What We Offer**, choose the **Generosity** tab. Then choose **Choice Dollars**.

**Bluegrass Sunday is coming!** Save the date! Bluegrass Sunday will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We challenge each family to invite at least one friend or neighbor to join us! Due to the building improvements, Bluegrass will be held indoors this year.

**Shredright4Good Youth Fundraiser:** Every day, America uses enough paper to wrap around the earth 20 times! Why not put some of that paper to work raising funds for Spirit of Christ's Youth while protecting the environment and your identity. The Youth have two locked containers here at church to collect confidential paper. Shredright4Good will pick it up to shred and turn it to recycled paper products. Nice and easy, just bring in your freewill offering with your paper. Start protecting your identity, the environment and building up the Youth of Spirit of Christ. We thank you for your support.

**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:

August 28 The Second Life of Mirelle West by Amanda Skenandore

September 25 Me Before You by JoJo Moyes

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** Upheld by God’s Hand, Mental Health Outreach

— LCMS Life Ministry \$96,500

**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](http://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](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

**Change in Average Weekly Offering:** Due to a mistake involving Thrivent, our average weekly offering has been corrected. Currently we are averaging \$6387 per week. We need \$6662 to meet our 2023 workplan.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6402
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6662</i>

**Readings for next week:**

**Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-20**

## **Bluegrass Rehearsal Dates and Times**

**Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm**

**Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Dress Rehearsal Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> (TBD)**

**Bluegrass Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> warmups begins at 8 am**



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