



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!

August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589

- 1 **Speak, O Lord, your servant listens,
Let your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife,
Wars against your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor
That I cling to you forever!**

- 2 **Oh, what blessing to be near you
And to listen to your voice;
Let me ever love and hear you,
Let your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden
You give words of peace and pardon.**

- 3 **Lord, your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
Through death’s cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!**

- 4 **As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e’er be near me**

**That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.**

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 God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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 15:21-28

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

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

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

1 **Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

2 **My loving Father, here you take me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here you make me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat’ning clouds around I see.**

3 **My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.**

O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.

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.

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of The Lord

LSB 935 tune 917

- 1** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

LSB 640 tune 878

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2 In this memorial of thy death, O Lord,
Thou dost thy body and thy blood afford:
Oh, may our souls forever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
Didst pierce thyself to give us living food;
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
- 5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:
To gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory, and thy grace.
Amen.

How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535

- 1 **How wide the love of Christ!**
 It knows not class or race
 But holds our one humanity
 Within its broad embrace.
- 2 **How long the love of Christ!**
 Its patience will not cease
 Until this broken world is bound
 In everlasting peace.
- 3 **How high the love of Christ!**
 Beyond all thought it soars,
 And yet upon our passing lives
 Unmeasured mercy pours.
- 4 **How deep the love of Christ,**
 Descending to a cross!
 He bears within his wounded hands
 All human pain and loss.
- 5 **All praise to you, O Christ,**
 For love whose depth and height,
 Whose length and breadth fill time and space
 With endless life and light!

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653 tune 528

- 1 **In Christ there is no east or west,**
 In him no south or north,
 But one great fellowship of love
 Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 **With God there is no tribe or race;**
 In him we all are one.
 He loves us as his children through
 Our faith in his dear Son.
- 3 **So, brothers, sisters, praise his name**
 Who died to set us free
 From sin, division, hate, and shame,
 From spite and enmity!
- 4 **Join hands, disciples of the faith,**
 Whate'er your race may be;
 Who serves my Father as his child
 Is surely kin to me.

- 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;
In him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

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.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.**
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found.**
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

August 20, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Monica Lux

Usher:

Sandy Elhardt

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Lyla Marquardt 8/20 and Linda Schwanbeck 8/24.

Celebrating Baptisms: Eva Johnson 8/21, Mark Endorf 8/22, Hannah Schoenbauer 8/23, and Beth Degler 8/23.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jay and Jody Rose 8/21, Jeff and Deb Parson 8/21, Dave and Arlene Marti 8/22, and Jake and Kristina Kotherade 8/25.

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
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Potluck Celebrating the Trapps
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cleaning Party
	10:00 a.m.	Bluegrass Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Bluegrass Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Class

Notes of Information:

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.

Kitchen Clean-Up: SOC Women's Ministry is hosting a kitchen cleaning and organizing event this Saturday, August 26, at 9:00 am. The goal is to clean out the kitchen cupboards and do a deep clean and organization reset of the kitchen area, many hands make light work. If you can help, your service would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Renee Chambard for more information.

Bluegrass Sunday: Join us next Sunday for the 10th annual Bluegrass Worship Service. Due to the ongoing building improvement this year Bluegrass will be held in the Sanctuary.

SOC Women: We've been invited to a Mission Impossible Event: The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia." It is hosted by the Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries in Arden Hills.

WHEN: Saturday, October 14th, 2023, 9:00 - 11:30 AM \$10.00 lunch included. I'll be driving and can provide a ride if needed. Please let me know if you are interested Linda Schwanbeck 651-508-1680

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**.

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.

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: Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. The LWML mission grant highlighted this week was awarded in the amount of \$100,000 to the Expansion of the Gospel Worldwide- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

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.

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 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20**

FAREWELL, FRIENDS!

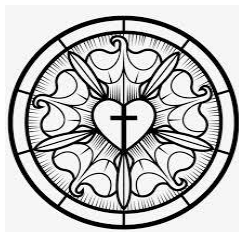
Dear Pastor Tom and Kathy,

Thank you for all the love and care you have provided for our community over the years. We have learned so much from your Bible studies, your wisdom, and your presence. You will be greatly missed, (especially while singing the hymns on Sunday morning!)

Blessings and prayers to you in your new home.

The Congregation of Spirit of Christ
Lutheran Church- Ham Lake

Please join us in fellowship following the congregational meeting for a potluck and cake in honor of the Trapps.



2023 Commemorates Pastor Trapp's 50th year in Ministry.

⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

-Isaiah 6:7-8

Bluegrass Rehearsal Dates and Times

Tuesday August 22nd at 7 pm

Thursday August 24th at 7 pm

Dress Rehearsal Saturday August 26th (TBD)

Bluegrass Sunday August 27th warmups begins at 8 am



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