



**“ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.”**

MATTHEW 16:18



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 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Choir & Band

Welcome

Talk About Suffering

Choir

Invocation

- P** When the Spirit revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God, Jesus celebrated this by announcing the role that Peter and the church would play in his earthly reign, saying:
- C** “...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
- P** In the Small Catechism, Luther describes this authority by saying:
- C** “The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to his church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent...this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us himself.”
- P** We come before the Lord together, acknowledging our sinful nature and our sins of thought, word, and action. We ask that the Holy Spirit would work repentance in us so that we might be comforted by the gift of absolution Jesus has promised.
- C** **Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, work in us the change of heart and mind that you desire. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and comfort us again with the assurance that his holiness is ours. Amen.**

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

- P** In John’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the work of the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit, saying “he will guide you into all truth...He will bring glory

to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.” The Spirit of Christ who lives in you shapes your life in repentance, and in God’s mercy unlocks the prison of your sin by giving you the righteousness of Christ. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in comfort and peace, “as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with (you) himself.”

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,

**Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
² look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.
³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.
⁴ “Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.
⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.
The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and

proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Working on a Building

Choir and Band

Homily

In God We Believe

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r

In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.

He graciously grants us our years and our days

And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

**In Jesus, the Savior, our how is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured.
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth, the church now, he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshipping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

Preface

spoken

- 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

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow thy name,
May thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread:
It is from thy bounty that all must be fed.**

Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know

**That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And thine be the glory forever! Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Lamb of God

LSB 550

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain**

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.

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Choir

Wayfaring Stranger

Trio

Steve Johnson, Toni Peterson and John Peterson

Bluegrass Accompaniment

Bluegrass Band

Dismissal

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.

Blessed Assurance

- 1 **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Ref This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

- 2 **Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

God is Good All the Time/Celebrate the Lord of Love

Choir

Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

I Saw the Light

- 1 **I wandered so aimless life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

*Ref I saw the light, I saw the light.
No more darkness, no more night.
Now, I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.*

- 2 **Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed as my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (Refrain)**

3 I was a fool to wander and a-stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now, I have traded the wrong for the right,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (*Refrain*)

Hand Picked-Ham Lake Bluegrass Band and Choir

Band:

Pete Henning: Banjo
Zach Harris: Guitar
Graydon Peterson: Bass
Zachary Scanlon: Fiddle
Steve Johnson: Harmonica
Lisa Yares: Rhythm
Blake Peterson: Sound Engineer

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Administration and Set Up:

Laura Marquardt

Technical:

Blake Peterson
Nathaniel Marquardt
Clayton Yares
Dave Martii

Ministers:

Congregation of Spirit of Christ

Choir:

Steve Johnson
Jodi Rose
Toni Peterson
Betsy Will
Renee Chambard
Robert Pajak
Sue Anderson
Peggy Bentley
John Bentley
Natalie Hofman
Gretchen Lynn
Susan James
Shari Pack
Wayne Chambard
Karen Callies
Kevin Zimmerman
Monica Lux
Phil Marquardt
Todd Anderson

Music Director:

John Peterson

Treats are provided following the service. All proceeds from free will offering for the treats will go towards the music fund at Spirit of Christ.

Serving in worship today

August 27, 2023

Elder:

Carl Schwanbeck
Chuck Johnson

Reader:

Karine Platt

Usher:

Art Hayden

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Oliva Eastlund 8/29 and Savannah Hofman 9/2.

Celebrating Baptisms: Shelby Parson 8/28, Sandy Elhardt 9/1, and Hunter Bellrichard 9/2.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Dale and Peggy Peterson 8/28, Dan and Jean O'Keeffe 8/30, Phil and Angie Hagel 8/31 and Wayne and Renee Chambard 9/2.

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/Christian Faith Class
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Notes of Information:

Thank you: Pastor Tom and Kathy Trapp thank all of you who shared well-wishes and affirmations on Sunday and for the nice potluck. We ask the Lord for continued blessing and peace on all of you and Pastor Jason in his ministry among you. We were touched by so many heartfelt personal comments of appreciation for our time with you. We will miss seeing you in worship.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: As we head into fall, Sunday School will be starting back up. We need teachers and substitute teachers for this year's classes. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Leslie Kuntz 763-592-9206.

Rally Day: Rally Day is Sunday September 10th. There will be a ministry fair during Sunday School hour and lunch provided by the Boards and Church Council afterwards. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship as we

celebrate a new year of learning.

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

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.

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.

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

**Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28**



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