



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 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

- 1 **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**
- 2 **Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.**
- 3 **We are God’s house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.**
- 4 **Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
And what his Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim**

**Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

- 5 **Grant, then, O God, your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ his message is bringing:
“I know my own; my own know me.
You, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

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 Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the

temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!
Amen.

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 14:13-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Church’s One Foundation

LSB 644

1 The Church’s one foundation

Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is his new creation

By water and the Word.

From heav’n he came and sought her

To be his holy bride;

With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

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.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

- 2 He who his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love you bless us now.**

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness
On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not: thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

ref Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,
Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed your call.

- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.

- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into you, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.

- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear your voice alone.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions,
There to share your wedding feast.

- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,

**Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to you eternally.**

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.

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

- 1 **Christ is our cornerstone,
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On his great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.**
- 2 **Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.**
- 3 **Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

August 6, 2023

Pastor:

Rev. Tom Trapp

Elder:

Wayne Chambard
Chuck Johnson

Reader:

Lois Spadgenske

Usher:

Art Hayden

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Josh Williams 8/7, Cassidy Bryan 8/8, Kelsey Bellrichard 8/8, Taylor Anderson 8/9, Bonnie Garland 8/10, Gary Burmeister 8/10, Cindy Johnson 8/11, and Sandy Elhardt 8/12.

Celebrating Baptisms: Alex Anderson 8/8, Nancy Tepley 8/8, Kaleb Miller 8/12, and Micah Miller 8/12.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Chris and Kati Schoenbauer 8/10 and Rick and Carol Dangers 8/10.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
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:

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 27th 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 Skenadore

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 Lutheran Women in Mission will use your mite offerings to support a Mobile Kitchen — Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. \$85,000

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	\$6387
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
I Kings 19:9-18, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33**



We had such a Stellar time at VBS this year!



Dear Beth and members of Spirit of Christ,

On behalf of HOPE 4 Youth, I wanted to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of 32 cases of water on July 18, 2023 to our organization. Your support is truly making a difference in the lives of youth experiencing homelessness.

At HOPE 4 Youth, our mission is to provide pathways to end youth homelessness. Through our one-on-one case management approach, we are able to address the individual needs and challenges that each young person faces. Your donation allows us to continue providing this personalized support, helping them find stable housing, access to education and employment opportunities, and ultimately, break the cycle of homelessness.

In addition to case management, we also provide essential basic needs to our youth. This includes access to nutritious meals, hygienic products, clothing, and a safe space to rest and recharge. Your contribution goes directly towards ensuring that these basic needs are met, providing a sense of stability and dignity to those who need it most.

Your gift is truly changing lives. It offers hope, support, and opportunities for a brighter future. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment to our cause and your belief in our work.

Once again, thank you for your generous donation. Your support is invaluable in our efforts to end youth homelessness. Together we can make a lasting impact and create a better future for these young individuals.

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Bluegrass Rehearsal Dates and Times

Tuesday August 15th at 7 pm

Thursday August 17th at 7 pm

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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