



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!

October 22, 2023

Twenty First After Pentecost

Welcome

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.

**Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.**

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)
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

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

- 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 Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

"This is what the LORD says to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut:

² I will go before you
and will level the mountains;

I will break down gates of bronze
and cut through bars of iron.

³ I will give you hidden treasures,
riches stored in secret places,
so that you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

⁴ For the sake of Jacob my servant,
of Israel my chosen,

I summon you by name
and bestow on you a title of honor,
though you do not acknowledge me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you,
though you have not acknowledged me,

⁶ so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting
people may know there is none besides me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form the light and create darkness,
I bring prosperity and create disaster;
I, the LORD, do all these things.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,

⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and

Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

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

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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.

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.**
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands.**
- 3 Your body and your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at your table, Lord,
In blest reality.**
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.**
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.**
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank you day and night
For your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.**

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

We Give Thee but Thine Own

LSB 781

1 We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us,
To thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.

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.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

LSB 854 tune 664

- 1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.
- 4 Give me to bear thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.
- 5 For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heav'n.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

October 22, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Hagel
Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Betsy Will

Usher:

Jan Fuerst

Acolyte

Sophia Lease

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Ralph Fuerst 10/22, Roger Will 10/22, Jeff Williams 10/25, Phyllis Bartholdi 10/26, Paula Bryan 10/27, and Mike Matheson 10/28.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Kris Mathiason 10/22, Raegan O’Keeffe 10/22, and Taylor Anderson 10/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Board Meeting
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat Set-Up
	4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
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Notes of Information:

LWML Mission Byte: ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVANT CENTER

Orphan Grain Train | \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, is the recipient of a \$100,000 LWML mission grant. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to the U.S. and 70 other countries. The Gospel is shared as gifts are distributed. The grant will help fund the update and expansion of the warehouse facility in Norfolk. To learn more, visit www.ogt.org or ask an LWML member. MITES will be collected this week October 22nd.

Trustee Helpers Needed: The board of trustees is looking for volunteers to help with seasonal projects such as snow removal and mowing as well as volunteers for the occasional project around the church. If you are willing to serve the congregation in this way please reach out to Gerry Anderson or Rick Welle.

Save the Date: The first ever Minnesota South District God First! Ministry Conference will be held at Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN on April 19-20, 2024. Pastor, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the encouragement and inspiration of this two-day event. Break-out sessions will be led by individuals and congregations involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the Go First! areas of Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration. For more information, please visit <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative>

Women's Ministry Soup in Jar Event: Save the date of November 4th to make soup in a jar mix to be donated to NACE.

Notes for the Library: *Grace Under Pressure: Responding Faithfully to Stress* Author: Christopher M. Kennedy Age: Adult
Life can be hard! Circumstances press upon our sinful nature and push us over the edge. We express God-given feelings in ungodly ways. With God's help we can respond gracefully to life's stressful moments.
Pastor Kennedy identifies the pressures and temptations we often feel today. Using scripture as well as Christ's seven last words from the cross he helps us find grace and strength for a Gospel-driven way to deal with our daily challenges. *Grace Under Pressure* is a scripture based, easy to read, and relatable guide that encourages us look to the cross, living our lives as a response to our Savior. Jesus sustains us with grace that propels us forward. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter can be used for individual study or group discussion.

Nursery Staff and Greeters Needed: We need volunteers to greet people at the door and provide hospitality prior to worship service and volunteers to staff the

nursery during a part of worship service. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles, please reach out to Kevin Zimmerman. 0

Trunk or Treat: The youth will be hosting the 3rd annual SOC Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28th from 4 PM to 6:00 PM. The youth need your help to make this event a success. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and provide treats for our visitors. Other volunteer opportunities are an adult to supervise the bonfire and characters to perform scripted acts on the Reformation Trail. If you are interested in helping with this event, please reach out to Raelene Burmeister 763-229-4112

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs cereal and boxed side such as Mac and Cheese, Rice a Roni, potatoes, and pasta. They need clean lightly used winter coats. If you would like to donate, please bring items into the Narthex, and place them in the box. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

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**.

Spirit of Christ Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

October 23 *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

November 27 *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

December The book club does not meet.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

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	\$5904
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36**

FILL A BOWL, FILL A NEED

Free Will
Donation

**October 26th, 2023
5:30pm - 8:00pm**

St. Patrick's Church
19921 Nightingale St NW
Oak Grove, MN

Hand Crafted Bowls with:
Soup - Chili - Mac & Cheese & desserts

Live & Silent Auctions
Raffle
Wine Pull
Designer Purse Sale

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EMPTY BOWLS

Fundraiser for N.A.C.E. Food Shelf



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