



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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Reformation Sunday

As We Gather

Today in worship we celebrate the Protestant Reformation, and the call of Martin Luther for the church to return to the central truths of its faith. This call began with the nailing of the 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. However, the Reformation is intended to continue even today. One of the mottos of the Reformation – "ecclesia semper reformanda est" – (the church is always reforming) – reminds us of our understanding that God's grace alone, making us righteous through faith alone, with the church's teachings shaped by the witness of Holy Scripture alone, are at the heart of the church's life. We celebrate that God makes us righteous through Christ alone, and it is Christ who serves us today.

This morning we welcome Lucas Bruce Bryan as our brother in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Lucas is the son of Davis and Kassidy Bryan. Lucas' Baptismal sponsors are Morgan Bryan and Katelyn Koppes.

Welcome

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,**

**Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together to affirm the truths confessed during the Reformation. We are here to worship God because of his infinite grace in creating us, in saving us through the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord, and in working faith in our hearts so that we might receive his own righteousness. Indeed, without the promise of forgiveness, we would never admit to our failings but would, in our fallen nature, constantly flee from God. But with the gracious promise of full and free forgiveness, let us consider our sins and call on God for mercy.

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

P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. [*Psalm 103:8*]

C **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**[*Psalm 103:10*]

P Gracious God,

C **we confess that we have failed to rely completely on your grace for Jesus' sake. We have presented ourselves as deserving of your love; we have expected your blessings. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." [*Romans 3:23*] Forgive us, re-form us to trust only in your grace and mercy, and move us again to seek your will, letting our "light shine before others, so that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:16*]**

P "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ---by grace you have been saved." [*Ephesians 2:4-5*] "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." [*Ephesians 1:7*] 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).

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

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1 This is the Spirit's entry now:

The water and the Word,

The cross of Jesus on your brow,

The seal both felt and heard.

2 This miracle of life reborn

Comes from the Lord of breath;

The perfect Man from life was torn;

Our life comes through Christ's death.

3 Let water be the sacred sign

That we must die each day

To rise again by his design

As foll'wers of his way.

**4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
For Your baptismal pow'r
That washes us through all our days;
Lord, cleanse again this hour.**

Holy Baptism

P Holy Baptism is God's gift to us. In this Sacrament we become a part of the family of God as we are welcomed into the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Small Catechism says "Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's word and by God's command." God's living Word of promise works powerfully with the water. Baptism is the death of the old sinner and a rebirth into new life in Christ.

A *"I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."* (John 3:5; Mark 16:16a)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18b-20)

P How is this child named?

R Lucas Bruce Bryan

P Lucas, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Today, Davis and Cassidy, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Lucas in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you, parents: will you faithfully bring this child to worship, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds and the Commandments, place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith?

R We will, by God's grace.

P On behalf of Lucas, do you as his parents reject the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R We do.

P Sponsors, will you pray for Lucas, support his parents in his ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love him in a way that gives an example of Christ's love?

R We will, with God's help.

P Saints of God in this congregation, will you support Lucas in his life in Christ?

C **We will, by the power of the Spirit of Christ.**

P I ask Lucas' parents, his sponsors, and the entire community to give witness to our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C **We do.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son...living and the dead?

C **We do.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church... life

everlasting?

C We do.

P Let us join hands and pray as a family the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

C Our Father who art in heaven...forever and ever. Amen.

P Lucas, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray: God, you make light to shine in the darkness. You bring new life from death. We are thankful that you have accepted Lucas as your own. May he grow in faith and love and know always that he is part of your family and that you are his loving God. May we each know the abundant life you give in Jesus and remember how you joined water to Word to claim us forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Thanks be to God!

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 27:6-13, 18-25a, 30-36a

⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.'⁸ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. ¹⁰Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies."

¹¹Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. ¹²What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing."

¹³His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me."

¹⁸He went to his father and said, "My father."

"Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?"

¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

²⁰Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?"

"The LORD your God gave me success," he replied.

²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not."

²²Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."²³ He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. ²⁴"Are you really my son Esau?" he asked.

"I am," he replied.

²⁵ Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.”

³⁰ After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹ He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

³² His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”

“I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.”

³³ Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

³⁴ When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

³⁵ But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

³⁶ Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Genesis 32:6-12, 22-30

⁶ When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, “We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.”

⁷ In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. ⁸ He thought, “If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape.”

⁹ Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’ ¹⁰ I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. ¹¹ Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. ¹² But you have said, ‘I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.’”

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷ The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Psalm 46, antiphon: v.7

I Men

II Women

P The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

I God is our refuge and strength,

II a very present help in trouble.

I Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

II though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

I though its waters roar and foam,

II though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

I There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

II the holy habitation of the Most High.

I God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

II God will help her when morning dawns.

I The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

II he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

I Come, behold the works of the Lord,

II how he has brought desolations on the earth.

I he makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

II he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots with fire.

I "Be still, and know that I am God.

II I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and

Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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 22:31-32

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.’”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God of Grace and God of Glory

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1 God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow’r;
Crown your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

- P** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?
- C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that he has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.
- P** 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. What does this mean?
- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness,

innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

P I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

Prayers of the Church

P Justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Silence for reflection.

P For the Church throughout the world: where it is weak or corrupt, reform it; where it is strong and right, strengthen it. Embolden the church to witness to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all those whose lives are affected by war--- military personnel and their families, civilians, and enemy combatants: that the peace of God which surpasses understanding may overcome all hatred, heartache, violence, and despair. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who are stricken with illness, especially [names]: that they may be restored to health and wholeness. For the chronically or terminally ill: that they find comfort and hope in the promise of our eternal inheritance in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who travel: that they may arrive safely at their destinations. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For parents: that they raise their children to love and fear God. For children: that by the riches of God's grace, they grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those who are estranged from life in the Church: that by the work of the Holy Spirit they may return and enjoy with us the joy and freedom of sins forgiven. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for those who have died in Christ: that we may follow their example of living by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, in

your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For this congregation: that we use our reformation heritage not as a cause of undo pride, but humbly as an opportunity for baptismal living---daily dying to sin and being raised to live anew in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All of our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we entrust to you, O Lord. Hear them for the sake of him who by his death and resurrection set us free from captivity to sin, death, and the devil, and who calls us to live in communion with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Presentation of Offering

Stand

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

I Men

II Women

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us his body to eat and His blood to drink.

II **Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do,**

I **for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

II **But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves.**

P Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that he might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you."

I **It is as if he said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you my body to eat."**

P In the same way also he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

- II Again, it is as if he said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into myself all your iniquities.
- I I give myself into death, shedding my blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation.
- II As a pledge of this, I give you my blood to drink.”
- P Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.
- II We should also do this in remembrance of him, showing his death—that he was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification.
- I Giving him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow him and, according to his commandment, love one another as he has loved us.
- P For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup.
- II For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ.
- I Because of him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.
- P May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by his Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.
- C Amen.

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.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

LSB 750 tune 590 v 1-4, 7

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And his discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for his own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,

He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own his loving care.

- 7 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust his Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted him indeed.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642 tune 858

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

O God of Love, O King of Peace

LSB 751 tune 344

- 1 O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The rage of nations now restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 2 Remember, Lord, thy works of old,
The wonders that thy people told;
Remember not our sins' dark stain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 3 Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on thy faithful Word?
None ever called on thee in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 4 Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heav'nly chain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Stand

Dismissal

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give ✠ you peace.
- C** Amen.

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

- 3** Thine the truly thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4** Thine the kingdom thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5** Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

October 29, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Chuck Johnson
Wayne Chambard

Reader:

Robert Pajak

Usher:

Art Hayden

Acolyte

Ryan Weinhold

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Alyssa Voegele 10/29, Ally Brynteson 10/29, Kyra Bellrichard 10/29, and Chuck Kolk 11/4.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Justin Zimmerman 11/4

Celebrating Anniversaries: Pat and Linda McCarty 11/3

This Week at a Glance

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Sunday Night Bible Study |
| 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 |
| Sunday | 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 |

Notes of Information:

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration: On November 3rd, Pat and Linda McCarty will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have provided cake this morning in celebration of this milestone.

Notice of Congregational Meeting: There will be a quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday November 19, 2023, following worship service. At this

meeting the yearly work plan will be ratified.

All Saints' Day: Next Sunday, November 5, 2023 is All Saints' Sunday. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and want them to be remembered by the congregation, please send an email with their birth date and death date to Secretary@soclc.org

Operation Christmas Child: On November 12, 2023, at 11:30 (following education hour) the congregation is invited to help fill Christmas shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to contribute money towards the shipping costs it would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Kati Schoenbauer 651-302-2824

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.

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.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs cereal and boxed side such as Mac and Cheese, Rice a Roni, potatoes, and pasta. NACE is collecting items that can be included in their Thanksgiving Dinner baskets, especially stuffing. They need gently used, clean winter coats. Items for donation to NACE can be left in the box in the Narthex. 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:

November 27 *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

December The book club does not meet.

January 22 – Zorro: A Novel by Isabel Allende

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.

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| Average Weekly Offering | \$5904 |
| <i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i> | \$6662 |

**Readings for next week:
Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12**



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