



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 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

This morning we welcome Anthony Darrel Smith as our brother in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Anthony is the son of Ryan and Breanna Smith. Anthony’s Baptismal sponsors are Abigail Young, Brent Freundsuh, and Ryan Freundsuh.

Welcome

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** Of his “bona fides,” or the things on his résumé that might impress God, St. Paul says:
- C** **“If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more.”**
- P** We try to play the law game with God, confident that we have done enough that he should be happy.
- C** **We cling to our worship attendance, our faithfulness in prayer, our offerings, our service to others, our keeping of the commandments, and more. We believe God should weigh the balance sheet in our favor.**
- P** St. Paul speaks the truth about his own balance sheet – it is self-righteous garbage, and God is not interested in our résumé. God is interested in who we know, not what we have done.
- C** **“I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.”**
- P** God means for us to leave our résumé at the door. We find his approval only in our trust in Jesus. So we confess together that we have clung to an empty résumé and ask God to forgive us, putting us to death and raising us to live with Jesus. Heavenly Father,

C Let us only be found in Jesus. Amen.

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

P God has promised that Christ Jesus has taken hold of you, and that you are righteous before God because of your trust in him. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit of Christ will continue to make you like Jesus, and you have your Father's eternal approval. Worship God in peace.

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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lend us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

ref **Father welcomes all his children
To his fam'ly through his Son.
Father giving his salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

1 Little children, come to me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

2 In the water, in the Word,
In his promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*

- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain**

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 Anthony Darrel Smith

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

Today, Ryan and Breanna, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Anthony 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 Anthony, 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 Anthony, 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 Anthony in his life in Christ?

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

Stand

P I ask Anthony’s 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 Anthony, 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 Anthony 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

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland,

neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

- 1** When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2** Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3** See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Homily

Stand

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

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.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain***

*ref Lord, may thy body and thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to thee. *Refrain***
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet thou thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain***
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now thy guest. *Refrain***
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain***

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.

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- 1 In thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest,
Our bonds thou breakest;
Who trusts thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see thy shining,
Dying or living
To thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Since he is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of his glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise him
And still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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.

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world himself he came.

- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
For us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
For us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

October 8, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Carl Schwanbeck

Chuck Johnson

Reader:

Mike Voegele

Usher:

Sue Anderson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Justin Zimmerman 10/8 and Lily Kuntz 10/12.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Paul and Melissa Zeitz 10/11

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
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Reviewal for Don Nelson
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral for Don Nelson
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
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Bible Study

Notes of Information:

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.

Women's Coffee Group: Wednesday Morning Coffee. Ladies of SOC please join us on October 18th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship for our SECOND meeting of the "Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies". This month we will be making

"Prayer Journals". Please join us for a little crafting or just for Coffee and good conversation. Any question contact Beth Gerard at 612-328-2324

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.

Notes from the Kitchen: Thank you to all who helped clean the kitchen recently. Please label and date all items that are placed in the refrigerator and freezer. If items are not labeled, they will be thrown away. If you have borrowed a roaster recently, please return it to the kitchen. Beth Gerard has volunteered to serve as the kitchen coordinator. If you have questions or requests, please contact Beth at 612-328-2324.

Reserving Church Space: To keep the calendar as up to date as possible, it is important to let the office know when you are using church space for meetings, events and set up of events, so that they can be put onto the calendar. The calendar will be set using a first come, first served basis. The only exception to this policy is if a funeral is held. Please email the church office with your scheduling needs at secretary@soclc.org.

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

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**.

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	\$5901
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

**Readings for next week:
Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-13**

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

*Sponsored by
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EMPTY BOWLS

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



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