





## 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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November 12, 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

### Welcome

#### *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

*LSB 515 (tune 893)*

- 1 **Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.**
  
- 2 **The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as he approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.**
  
- 3 **The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him  
Their diadems of gold.**

**4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets your people free!**

*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 the 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).*

*Nursery care for small children is offered from this point in the service through Holy Communion. Children may meet their caregiver in the back of the sanctuary.*

*Sit*

### **First Reading**

*Amos 5:18-24*

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who long  
for the day of the LORD!  
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?  
That day will be darkness, not light.  
<sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a lion  
only to meet a bear,  
as though he entered his house  
and rested his hand on the wall  
only to have a snake bite him.  
<sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—  
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?  
<sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;  
your assemblies are a stench to me.  
<sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them.  
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,  
I will have no regard for them.  
<sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your harps.  
<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!  
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Second Reading**

*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**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 25:1-13*

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

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

<sup>1</sup> “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup> “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

*The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

*LSB 514 (tune 660)*

- 1    **The Bridegroom soon will call us,**  
      **“Come to the wedding feast.”**  
      **May slumber not befall us**  
      **Nor watchfulness decrease.**  
      **May all our lamps be burning**  
      **With oil enough and more**  
      **That we, with him returning,**  
      **May find an open door!**
- 2    **There shall we see in glory**  
      **Our dear Redeemer’s face;**  
      **The long-awaited story**  
      **Of heav’nly joy takes place:**  
      **The patriarchs shall meet us,**  
      **The prophets’ holy band;**  
      **Apostles, martyrs greet us**  
      **In that celestial land.**
- 3    **There God shall from all evil**  
      **Forever make us free,**  
      **From sin and from the devil,**  
      **From all adversity,**  
      **From sickness, pain, and sadness,**  
      **From troubles, cares, and fears,**  
      **And grant us heav’nly gladness**  
      **And wipe away our tears.**
- 4    **In that fair home shall never**  
      **Be silent music’s voice;**  
      **With hearts and lips forever**  
      **We shall in God rejoice,**  
      **While angel hosts are raising**  
      **With saints from great to least**  
      **A mighty hymn for praising**  
      **The Giver of the feast.**

**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**

*LSB 160*

- 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.*

#### Morning has Broken

Bell Choir

#### Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

LSB 640 (tune 878)

- 1** Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,  
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2** In this memorial of thy death, O Lord,  
Thou dost thy body and thy blood afford:  
Oh, may our souls forever feed on thee,  
And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,  
 Didst pierce thyself to give us living food;  
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
 Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:  
 Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;  
 Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
 The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
- 5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
 May what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
 To gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,  
 The vision of thy glory, and thy grace.  
 Amen.

*When Peace, like a River*

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*ref It is well (It is well)  
 with my soul, (with my soul),  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.*

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
 Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
 Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 575

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

*ref* *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before his throne! *Refrain*

*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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G** Amen.

### *On What Has Now Been Sown*

*LSB 921*

1 On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To thee our wants are known,  
From thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to thy Word a blessing give.

**3 O grant that each of us,  
Now met before thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When thou and thine appear  
And follow thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

## **Announcements**

## **Sending**

## Serving in worship today

November 12, 2023

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Carl Schwanbeck

Wayne Chambard

### **Reader:**

Carl Schwanbeck

### **Usher:**

Mike Voegele

### **Acolyte**

Eli Neel

### **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Phil Hagel 11/14, Jacob Brynteson 11/18, and Jacob Mathiason 11/18.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Autumn Degler 11/12, Judah Neel 11/13, Paula Bryan 11/17, and Cassidy Bryan 11/18.

### **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
	11:30 a.m.	Operation Christmas Child
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee Group
	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
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
	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Youth Group

## **Notes of Information:**

**Notice of Congregational Meeting:** There will be a quarterly congregational meeting on **NEXT** Sunday November 19, 2023, following worship service. At this meeting the yearly work plan will be ratified.

**Operation Christmas Child:** **TODAY** 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

**Soup Suppers:** There will be our traditional soup suppers prior to Advent services this year. If you are willing to provide a crock pot of soup for our community dinner, please reach out to Jonelle Welle. We typically have three pots of soup each week. Dates of Advent Services this year are December 6, December 13, and December 20 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Year End Giving:** Phase I of the 2023 Building Project raised \$65,000. Our approved loan amount of \$325,000 was lowered to \$260,000 resulting in a sizable long-term savings. Phase II will run until the end of 2023. Any additional offerings would cover overages or unforeseen costs. If there are no overages, the additional offerings will be used per the resolution passed at a Special Congregational Meeting on April 16, 2023. The resolution states, "If the project comes in under budget, we will either pay down our mortgage, or use these funds for Capital Improvements, to be decided by the congregation."

Phase II of this process continues! If you feel led to gift to the 2023 Building Project you may do so through your giving envelope or Vanco.

**Middle School Youth Group:** Middle School Youth Group will meet next Sunday following Education hour. All our youth who are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. This week we will be working in the kitchen to prep for hosting Soup Supper on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Change in Sunday worship on December 24:** Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, please note that there will **NOT** be Sunday morning worship on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to worshipping with you on Christmas Eve at our 4 pm or 9 pm services.

**Youth Fundraising Calendars and Christmas Greeting Cards:** 2024 calendars, Christmas greeting cards and magnetic notepads are here. Cost of Calendars is \$10, cost for cards is \$10, and cost for magnetic note pads \$5. Items will be available in the Narthex following service.

**Volunteer Opportunities at Hope4Youth:** HOPE 4 Youth provides

meaningful one-time and long-term volunteer opportunities that allow you to make a difference in the lives of the young people we serve. We welcome your help with donating meals, sorting supplies, mentoring and more. For more information on volunteering at HOPE 4 Youth please visit [www.hope4youthmn.org/volunteer-3/](http://www.hope4youthmn.org/volunteer-3/) or contact Beth Gerard at 763-228-2077 or [rgberard@comcast.net](mailto:rgberard@comcast.net)

**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.

**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](http://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](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

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

**Readings for next week:**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30**



**Advent Season begins Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Midweek Advent Worship will begin at 6:45 pm on Wednesday nights. Soup Supper will be held at 6pm. We hope you will join us for fellowship before service.**

**December 6, 2023, at 6:45 pm  
December 13, 2023, at 6:45 pm  
December 20, 2023, at 6:45 pm**



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**Save the date! The annual youth group bake sale will be held on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate and donate your baked goods, please have them at church by Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>.**



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