



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!

November 19, 2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.**
- 4 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.**
- 5 **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen**

**Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

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** Zephaniah speaks of the coming judgment on the “day of the LORD.” He challenges those “who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.’”
- C** **Lord, forgive us for the times we forget that you are present everywhere, that you see everything, and that you are not content to ignore sin.**
- P** “Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath.”
- C** **Lord, forgive us for putting our trust in money and material possessions instead of in you.**
- P** “I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the LORD.”
- C** **Have mercy on us, Father, for the sake of Christ, and let your judgment on sin in Jesus make us righteous in your sight.**

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

- P** Zephaniah says, “The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.” Indeed, Jesus came into our world to be the sacrifice for sin prepared by God. God has set you apart to live in faith, trusting in his grace and mercy and proclaim his wondrous love to the world. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. “In this way,” says 1 John, “love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.” Live out your holy lives in confidence, for Jesus has cleansed you from your sin.
- C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 caregivers in the back of the sanctuary.

Sit

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, "The LORD will do nothing,
either good or bad."

¹³ Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.

Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near—
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;

the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—

¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.

¹⁷ “I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD.

Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath.”

In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on
them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should
surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the
day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like
others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong
to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the
hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to
receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that,
whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore
encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

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 25:14-30

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

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

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.

Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

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

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

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

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

Homily

Stand

Apostles' Creed

☩ 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

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your peace.**

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.

Choir

Good, Good Father

Praise Band

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Praise Band

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

- 1** **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!**
- 2** **The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.**
- 3** **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.**
- 4** **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5** **When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.**

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 the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

- 1 **Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**
- 2 **King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3 **Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4 **Christ's are our lips, his Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**
- 5 **We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

November 19, 2023

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Chuck Johnson

Phil Marquardt

Reader

Wayne Chambard

Acolyte

Camille Kuntz

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Justin Miller 11/19, Cheryl Herschman 11/20, and Carol Jauch.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Riley Mathiason 11/19 and Jerry Coleman 11/25.

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.	Middle School Youth Group
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	6:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Bible Study
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:

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting **TODAY**, following worship service. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Please join us for Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving Bible Study: Pastor Jason will be leading a bible study on Thursday morning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Adopt-A-Student: Our Concordia St. Louis Seminary student has started his one-year vicarage. Jonathan and his wife, Stephanie, moved to Moorhead, Minnesota this summer. They are at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the 2023-24 academic year. Then, they will return to the Seminary for his final year. Jonathan is the recipient of 1% of our monthly Mission Offering thru Seminary Advancement. Their most recent newsletter is posted on the Missions board in the narthex. If you would like to send a card or letter over the holidays, their address is:

Jonathan and Stephanie Chapa
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
1000 14th. Street South
Moorhead, MN. 56560-3762

Prayer Cards/Prayer Box- Please find in the narthex blue prayer request cards, and a small slotted black box for your requests. A need for continuing prayers for healing of body, mind, and spirit, was identified at our recent Women's Wellness Day. A Prayer Partner will privately and confidentially pray for you, and those in your life in need of healing. Names are optional. You may write on the back of the card if needed. Jesus promises that those who ask will receive, those who seek will find, and to those who knock, the door will be opened. Come with confidence to the prayer box.

LWML BYTE: A HEALING SPACE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota | \$100,000

A specialized chapel has been designed to provide hope and healing for at-risk children, ages 10 to 18, in the care of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, North Dakota, campus. Children at this facility have faced severe trauma in their lives, and need healing that only Jesus can give. This mission grant will help with building costs of the new chapel and provide spiritual care for these children, their families, and the Ranch staff. Next Sunday is Mite Sunday, please bring your Mite offerings to be collected.

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.

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 24th. 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/ or contact Beth Gerard at 763-228-2077 or 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.

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	\$5953
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6662

Readings for next week:
Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46



Advent Season begins Sunday December 3rd. 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 p.m.
December 13, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.
December 20, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.**



December 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Middle School and High School Youth
December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
December 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.



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



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