



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!

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

- 2 **As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
By your silent hours of pain,**

**Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.**

*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** Jesus speaks with authority. He calls us to listen to him. Yet we often listen to the world, our own sinful nature, or the temptations of the devil. Though we confess that Jesus is our Lord, often we do not bow to his authority. We confess our sins:
C **Father in heaven, I confess my sins to you:
I have not listened to you as I should.
I have sinned against you in my thoughts.
I have sinned against you in my desires.
I have sinned against you in my actions.
Have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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

- P** Jesus spoke with absolute authority when he announced, “It

is finished!” He died to forgive every sin of thought, desire, and action. And so, in his name and by his authority, I declare to you: you are forgiven all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C** Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

- P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583 (tune 686)

- 1** God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world’s despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:

**God is king, his throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.**

- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.**
- 3 God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, his Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.**

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. 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 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us 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.

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.**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy name.**

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.**

- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606 (tune 858)

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

LSB 846

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise you evermore.

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.

G Amen.

God, Whose Almighty Word

LSB 979

- 1 **God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

- 2 **Lord, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!**

- 3 **Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

- 4 **Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,**

**Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

January 21, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Mike Voegele

Acolyte

Miriam Miller

Usher

Art Hayden

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Adam Garland 1/28, Spencer Anderson 2/1, and Hannah Schoenbauer 2/2.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Eden Miller 2/1, Phil Hagel 2/1, Renee Roessler 2/1, and Wayne Chambard 2/2.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Andrew and Leslie Kuntz 2/3.

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 |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Middle and High School Youth- Tubing at Elm Creek |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Everyone His Witness Study |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |

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Notes of Information:

BIG THANK YOUS: To the anonymous donor that provided the much-needed new kitchen divider. It looks beautiful and works but does not provide sound proofing. Please be respectful of your kitchen voices if there is a group in the fellowship hall.

The Youth room has been refreshed and updated! A BIG THANK YOU to Beth Gerard, Deb Parson and Sandy Elhardt for painting, Diane Weinhold for providing the new shades, Richard Gerard for installing the shades, Justin Miller for removing and disposing of some of the furniture. The large wood table from the Fellowship Hall is now in this room, making it also available for other small groups as a meeting place. Take a peek!

Everyone His Witness: The Everyone His Witness class will be held **TONIGHT at 5:30**. This is part two of a two-week session on witnessing to the “Nones”.

Youth Group Tubing Adventure: **TODAY** the middle school and high school youth groups will combine to have some fun in the snow. We plan on leaving following education hour and head to Elm Creek to do some snow tubing. Please dress for the weather and bring \$20 to cover the cost of tubing. (If we get more snow on the ground we will switch to sledding at a local hill)

Camp Omega Plunge: The SOC youth groups are plunging to support Camp Omega on February 25th. You can support them in a couple of ways: You can jump with them, or you can support them with a pledge. If we raise over \$5000, one of the Elders will jump with the kids. This past year, MN South, has pulled its funding from Camp Omega and this may impact the ability for Camp Omega to continue to bring their programming to children across

the state. Camp Omega provides 1,500 kids each year with a Christ centered camp experience at an affordable rate for families. Camp Omega also offers retreats for groups like LWML and family camps throughout the year. **If we reach our goal of raising \$10,000 Pastor Jason will join us and jump in the lake. Camp Omega has offered that they would keep \$2,500 and give \$7500 to the youth group.** To donate you can give your pledge through VANCO, please choose the youth option or directly to the youth.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible study group would like to invite all women of SOC to join us as we begin a new study titled "Equipped: The Armor of God" by Christopher Kennedy. Based on Ephesians 6 it is a practical guide to understanding, recognizing, and using the tools God gives us to defend ourselves against dark forces and their attacks in our daily lives. It also provides insight on how to use these tools for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month, 10AM at church, beginning February 6th. The cost is \$12.00 per book. We hope to see you there.

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

February 26 The Chemist by Stefanie Meyer

March 25 The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

April 22 The Unsinkable Molly Brown

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

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs new socks in all sizes. You can leave nonperishable food and other donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

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.

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 | \$6973 |
| <i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i> | \$6662 |

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39



Sunday, February 25th, 2024

- 1:00-2:00 PM REGISTRATION/
PRE-GAME "WARM UP"
- 2:00-2:30 PM INTRODUCING THE
TEAMS/JUMPERS PARADE
- 2:30 PM FIRST PLUNGER
- 3:30 PM GO HOME & THAW OUT!

ALL EVENTS AT CAMP OMEGA

**First one held here*

Fundraiser for Camp Omega

❄️ ❄️ **GOAL: 50 TEAMS OF JUMPERS** ❄️ ❄️


Each team will raise funds and compete for "traveling trophies" awarded to teams with the highest pledges/sponsorships!

- 50-50 split arrangement for youth groups/sports teams
- Name your team and dress in costumes (have fun with it!)
- Changing areas provided--but come prepared--bring towels
- Shoes must be worn and bring a "safety first mentality"
- Everyone must sign a "release waiver" to participate

**\$100
Channel Inn Gift
Certificate for
"Best Dressed"
Team!**

***For more information, and/or to
pre-register a team of jumpers
contact Russ@CampOmega.org
or call/text 507-384-7947***



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