



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!

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome

‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

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** On a mountain 3,300 years ago, God gave Moses the law.
- C** **But the people did not obey that law, and they broke the covenant God made.**
- P** On a mountain 2,900 years ago, God instructed Elijah to speak his word to the people.
- C** **But the people did not listen to that word, and they worshipped other gods.**
- P** On a mountain 2,000 years ago, God told the disciples to listen to his beloved Son,
- C** **And everything disappeared from their sight except Jesus.**
- P** Lord, let all sin and rebellion disappear from our lives,
- C** **Forgive our sin and help us to see nothing but Jesus.**

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

- P** Through Jesus' death on a different mountain, God has made peace with you forever. He has welcomed you into his family and embraced you with his forgiving love. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus lives in you, and his perfect love will drive out your fear and fill you with joy in the good news.
- 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 Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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 9:2-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583 (tune 700)

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

P The Lord be with you.

LSB 160

- 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.

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

LSB 416 (tune 540)

- 1** **Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed his eyes.**

- 2** **Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

- 3** **Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by your will.**

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 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.**

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
And I hear his invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of his sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
That I taste his love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
With a robe of white he hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,

**Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

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.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.**
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,
Grant us, blessed trinity,
At the last to keep thine Easter**

**With thy faithful saints on high;
There to thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

February 11, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Phil Hagel

Phil Marquardt

Reader

Mike Voegele

Acolyte

Ryan Weinhold

Usher

Jan Fuerst

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Joyce Kvalheim 2/13, Jean O’Keeffe 2/16, Rita Matheson 2/17.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Bob Marolt 2/15 and Doug Degler 2/16.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Gary and Raelene Burmeister 2/14, Jerry and Bonnie Garland 2/15, and John and Toni Peterson 2/17.

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	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	6:45 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 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
	5:30 p.m.	Everyone His Witness

Notes of Information:

Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us this Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. for Ash Wednesday Service

Quarterly Congregational Meeting: Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on February 25 at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity to keep up to date on what is happening at Spirit of Christ. Be involved!

Easter Flowers: You have an opportunity to beautify Spirit of Christ by purchasing flowers for the altar for Easter. You can purchase an Easter Lily (\$9.00), Tulips in Red, Purple or Yellow (\$9.00) or Hydrangeas - pink (\$16.50). There are envelopes on the table in the narthex to be completed. Please return your completed envelope and payment to Karen Zimmerman's mailbox. Contact Karen at 612/388-5827 if you have any questions. All orders are due by **MARCH 3, 2024**.

Everyone His Witness: The Everyone His Witness class **will not be held tonight**, but will resume next Sunday at 5:30 pm. This class is part two of a two-part series on witnessing to Dechurched Adult Children.

Feed My Starving Children: Calling all families and youth (elementary through high school) we will be packing meals on Saturday February 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We will meet at church at 3:45 pm to carpool to FMSC. There is a sign up in the Narthex. Children 5-10 years need an adult with them to pack meals.

Soup in a Jar : Please join Women's ministry on Saturday February 17th at 9 am to pack soup jars for NACE.

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.

Average Weekly Offering	\$3363
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

**Readings for next week:
Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15**



**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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