



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 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424 (tune 856)

- 1 **O Christ, you walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.
No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us see your living Word,
The food your grace imparts.**

- 2 **No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In your unswerving love.
When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek your kingdom first;
Our wills with yours align.**

- 3 **O Christ, you walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.
No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.**

**Lord, help us place our trust alone
In your unswerving love.**

*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 Father,

C **You are holy and just. We deserve your wrath and
judgment because of our sin and rebellion against you.**

P But you have made a covenant with all life on earth,
promising that you will not cut us off or destroy us. We thank
you for the sign of your bow aimed at the heavens, reminding
us that your wrath will be against God, though it should be
against us.

C **Trusting in your mercy, we confess our sin and cry out
for your help and salvation.**

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

P Our loving Father meets our sinful lives with his promise
through Jesus. He heals and delivers us as he makes peace
with us now and eternally. In the stead and by the command
of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Worship the Lord in the peace because his promise is for
you: take heart and do not be afraid.

C **Amen! We thank you, Lord!**

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 Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the

rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

G 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

Mark 1:9-15

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the

water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken *LSB 521 (tune 711)*

- 1 **Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken**
 By the devil’s seething rage,
 Thwarts the plan of Satan’s minions;
 Wins the strife from age to age;
 Conquers sin and death forever;
 Slams them in their steely cage.
 Conquers sin and death forever;
 Slams them in their steely cage.

- 3 **Long on earth the battle rages,**
 Since the serpent’s first deceit;
 Twisted God’s command to Adam,
 Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
 Then the curse of God was spoken:
 “You’ll lie crushed beneath his feet!”
 Then the curse of God was spoken:
 “You’ll lie crushed beneath his feet!”

- 4 **Jesus came, this word fulfilling,**
 Trampled Satan, death defied;
 Bore the brunt of our temptation,
 On the wretched tree he died.

Yet to life was raised victorious;
By his life our life supplied.
Yet to life was raised victorious;
By his life our life supplied.

- 6 Jesus, send your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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

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.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Restore the Joy of Your Salvation

John Peterson

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839 (tune 664)

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice
And in your fold with us rejoice.**
- 2 Fill with the radiance of your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to you be giv'n
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.**

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544 (tune 595)

- 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.**

Restore in Us, O God

ELW 328 (tune 975)

- 1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.**
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.**

- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.
- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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 Lord, throughout These Forty Day *LSB 418 (tune 554)*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
And fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

February 18, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Phil Marquardt

Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

Acolyte

Eli Neel

Usher

Jan Fuerst

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Ryan Weinhold 2/19, Zack Weinhold 2/19, Leon Mager 2/24, and Renee Chambard 2/24.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Andrew Kuntz 2/18, Jonathan Weinhold 2/18, Julie Endorf 2/18, and Carl Jauch 2/23.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jim and Martha Gunderson 2/18 and Jerry and Marilyn Coleman 2/18.

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
	5:30 p.m.	Everyone His Witness
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee Group
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper (hosted by

		youth)
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek 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.	Quarterly Congregational Meeting
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Everyone His Witness

Notes of Information:

Women's Coffee Group: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee will meet this Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. All women are welcome! This week we will be doing some cleaning in the nursery and brainstorming for some fellowship ideas for kids, teenagers, young adults, old adults, families AND always have time for visiting and having coffee. Any questions contact Beth Gerard 763-228-2077

Lenten Midweek Service and Soup Supper: Join us Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for soup supper preceding Lenten Midweek Service at 6:45 p.m.

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.

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

Readings for next week:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:27-28



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