



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 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

- 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.**

*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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful
and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly
deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,
renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

*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 for 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.

Kyrie

Spoken

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious 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).

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to the glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7, 15-19

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

¹⁹ Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only

to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-28

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the

whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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 177

- 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 178

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

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

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, 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.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

- ref Lord, may thy body and thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet thou thy lamb wilt banish never,
For thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now thy guest. *Refrain*

- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562 (tune 571)

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.

- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;

**In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.**

**3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.**

**4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.**

**5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.**

**6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.**

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697

**1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.**

**2 To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.**

**3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.**

**4 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Day *LSB 418 (tune 744)*

**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.**

Stand

Benediction

☐ 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.

☒ Amen.

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near *LSB 599(tune 883)*

**1 O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To these, your children gathered here;**

**The Spirit's gift in them renew:
The gift of faith that clings to you.**

- 2 Sustain the work you have begun
In these united to your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**
- 3 Deliver them from ev'ry wile,
From all that would their hearts beguile,
From worldly ways and Satan's lies,
That they may not your Word despise.**
- 4 Lord, keep them firm in their intent
To you, your Word and Sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share
And make them strong, each cross to bear.**
- 5 O Father, grant that by your grace
They may your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death your name confess.**
- 6 Then robed in white before your throne,
Your holy saints, by you foreknown—
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

February 25, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Renee Chambard

Acolyte

Eddie Kothrade

Usher

Art Hayden

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Tyler Mathiason 2/25, Coen Voegele 2/26, Karen Zimmerman 2/27, Morgan Bryan 2/27, Betsy Will 2/28, Debbie Walden 2/28, Autumn Degler 3/1, and Libby Schoenbauer 3/1.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Julia Gunderson 2/27, Collin Mathiason 3/1, Dan O'Keeffe 3/1, and Les Geren 3/1.

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.	Quarterly Congregational Meeting
	11:30	Camp Omega Plunge
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Everyone His Witness
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper

	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
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Everyone His Witness

Notes of Information:

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

Everyone His Witness: Everyone His Witness will resume tonight at 5:30. The topic the second session on dechurched adults.

Stewardship Bible Study: God's Gifted People- Did you know that our Lord has specifically gifted you? You are invited to meet in the sanctuary March 3, 10, and 17 at 10:30 a.m. to discover what Spiritual Gifts are, how they are used, and why they are important to our daily lives, and the life of the church. "There are different kinds of gifts, but he same Spirit; different service but the same Lord; different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-5.

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.

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**.

First Communion Class: Pastor Jason would like to schedule a first Communion class, if you are interested, please let him know.

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**.

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Average Weekly Offering	\$6471
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6973</i>

**Readings for next week:
Exodus 30:1-17, 1Corinthians 1:18-31, John 2:13-22**



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