



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 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome

O Son of God in Galilee

LSB 841

- 1 **O Son of God, in Galilee
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessèd Lord, be near.**
- 2 **O listen to the silent prayer
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on you their care;
Your grace to them make known.**
- 3 **The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.**
- 4 **Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear
Of steadfast faith impart,
And let your Word bring light and cheer
To ev’ry troubled heart.**
- 5 **Then in your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst’ries we shall understand,
For you will make them 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.
- G** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** When Jesus went to the home of Simon and Andrew and was told that Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, he went to her.
- G** **Jesus took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.**
- P** We, too, experience that the power and effects of sin impede God's servant work in our lives.
- G** **We are weighed down by fear and insecurity, by selfishness and self-doubt, by broken hearts and broken bodies.**
- P** We need your forgiveness and healing, Lord, to free us for your work in the world.
- G** **Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and make us new.**

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

- P** The same Jesus who met Simon's mother-in-law with healing and salvation has promised to be present where two or more are gathered. He is with us, and he means to make us whole. Through Jesus' power we can live as his friends in ministry, his co-workers in God's kingdom, and his body in 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. God has met you with a promise of freedom from sin and from everything that binds you. Serve the Lord in joy!
- G** **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** Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the end of your creation, through 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted,

no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ “To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am

simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her.

³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door,

³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up,

left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

When to Our World the Savior Came

LSB 551

- 1 **When to our world the Savior came
The sick and helpless heard his name,
And in their weakness longed to see
The healing Christ of Galilee.**

- 2 **That good physician! Night and day
The people thronged about his way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul,
“The touch of Christ has made us whole!”**

- 3 **His praises then were heard and sung
By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know
The healing Christ of long ago.**

- 4 **Of long ago: yet living still,
Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave,
His healing hands stretched forth to save.**

- 5 **His sov’ reign purpose still remains
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev’ry tongue confess his praise,
The healing Christ of all our days.**

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

☩ 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.

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*

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!

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

1 Gracious God, you send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. *Refrain*

*ref Lord, we pray that we, your people
Who your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of your blessings
May bring glory to your name.*

2 By your Word you formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. *Refrain*

3 In his earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

- 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

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.

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.**
- 4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

February 4, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Monica Lux

Acolyte

Sophia Lease

Usher

Randy Herschman

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Richard Gerard 2/4, Julie Endorf 2/5, Andrew Kuntz 2/6, Jim Weinhold 2/8, and Mike Voegele 2/10.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Peter Welle 2/5 and Tim Welle 2/5.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Rick and Jonelle Welle 2/5.

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 Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
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:

Everyone His Witness: The Everyone His Witness class will be held **tonight**, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. This class is part one of a two-part series on witnessing to Dechurched Adult Children. *There will **not** be class on February 11th, the second part of the class will be held on February 18th.*

BIG THANK YOU: 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!

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

Readings for next week:
2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9



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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