



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!

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Lord, to You I Make Confession

LSB 608

- 1 Lord, to you I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.**
- 2 Yet, though conscience’ voice appall me,
Father, I will seek your face;
Though your child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me in your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Let your wrath not overtake me.**
- 3 For your Son has suffered for me,
Giv’n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus’ cross alone can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**
- 4 Lord, on you I cast my burden—
Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know your gracious pardon,
Cleanse me from iniquity.**

**Let Your Spirit leave me never;
Make me only yours forever.**

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** When the people of Israel sin and experience its consequences, God instructs Moses to fashion a fiery serpent and place it upon a pole. God says,
- C** **“Anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”**
- P** When we experience the consequences of sin, God calls on us to look upon the perfect sacrifice that has been made – God’s only son, Jesus, nailed to a tree. Jesus said,
- C** **“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”**
- P** In this Lenten season we acknowledge the curse of sin and death that covers us.
- C** **We grumble against God and seek our own way.**
- P** We abuse our brothers and sisters for our own ends.
- C** **We trust in our power, money, reputation, and abilities instead of God.**
- P** We seek the desires of the flesh instead of the work of the spirit.
- C** **In all this, Lord, we live in death.**
- P** Let us look upon the one who has been lifted up;
- C** **That we may have life.**

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

P “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace; you have received healing and salvation.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of your death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in

which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse

LSB 157

P Return to the Lord your God,

C for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into

the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Tree of Life

LSB 561

- 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by his grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in his name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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

- 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
May I in grace possess you.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address you.
Prepare me well for you, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me your grace and mercy.**

- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in you alone I seek,
To share your cup of healing.**

- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive you worthily,
Assured of your full pardon.**

- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That you receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands.
- 3 Your body and your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank you day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:

Often have your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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 powers 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.

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.

In Adam We Have All Been One

LSB 569 (tune 444)

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.
We fled thee, and in losing thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.
- 2 But thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent thine only Son
That we might hear his Shepherd's voice
And, hearing him, be one.

**O thou who, when we loved thee not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
O hear us when we call.**

- 3 Send us thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in thee.
Then shall our song united rise
To thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit thou art one.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 10, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Chuck Johnson
Wayne Chambard

Reader

Monica Lux

Acolyte

Zack Weinhold

Usher

Art Hayden

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Elaine Hayden 3/11, Breanna Smith 3/12, Brent Freundsuh 3/12, John Peterson 3/14, and Kayleigh O’Keeffe 3/15.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Joyce Kvalheim 3/13, Karen Zimmerman 3/14, Jeff Williams 3/15, and Gabriel Jauch 3/16.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elder 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

Notes of Information:

Women's Coffee Group: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee will be meeting on March 20th to celebrate "Everyone's Birthday!" We will have birthday cake, cakes and prizes. If you would like to participate in a "White elephant Gift Exchange" clean out that junk drawer, wrap up the prize you find and bring it with. We meet from 10:00 am- Noon in the Youth Room. Any questions contact Beth Gerard at 762-228-2077

Fellowship Bunco Night: Join us on March 22 at 6:30 PM for a fun night of Bunco. Please bring a snack to share.

Women's Ministry: Women's Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide treats, serve and clean up on the 4th Sunday of each month. 10% of funds raised are earmarked for missions while the remainder supports a variety of women's events at SOC, such as luncheons. Please see the sign-up sheets next to the mailboxes in the Narthex and find a time that works for you.

LWML Mite Boxes: An LWML mite box is set up in the Narthex on the fourth Sunday of each month and all funds gathered are sent directly to LWML MN South District to be used towards their mite ministries. In 2023 there was a 38% increase in the amount of mites SOC donated. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. For more information on how the funds are used on the district level please visit: www.mnslwml.org/mission_grants

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.

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:

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

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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**Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33**



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