



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 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431 (tune 649)

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.**
- 2 But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.**
- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.**
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.**
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing tis bleeding 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.
- G** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** We trust in our own understanding, but God says:
- G** **“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise.”**
- P** We trust in our own knowledge, and in our certainty of right and wrong, but God says:
- G** **“The intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”**
- P** We believe we know God’s law and how to follow it. We know what makes a good and successful life. But St. Paul reminds us that what we think we know is a trap. “Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”
- G** **Lord, forgive our arrogance and our false certainty that we have all the answers. Through the weakness and foolishness of Jesus, save us from the emptiness of our own wisdom and strength.**

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

- P** In the deep wisdom of God, the world does not know him through human wisdom. Instead God takes pleasure in saving those who believe the foolishness of the message we preach. We preach Christ crucified: the power of God and the wisdom of God. It is not by your own wisdom or strength that you are reconciled to God, but only by the shamed, wounded, and broken Messiah whose execution means abundant life for us. 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.
- G** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Kyrie

- 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** Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law?

Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

No Temple Now, No Gift of Price

LSB 530 (tune 698)

- 1 No temple now, no gift of price,
No priestly round of sacrifice,
Retain their ancient pow’rs.
As shadows fade before the sun
The day of sacrifice is done,
The day of grace is ours.**
- 2 The dying Lord our ransom paid,
One final full self-off’ring made,
Complete in ev’ry part.
His finished sacrifice for sins
The covenant of grace begins,
The law within the heart.**
- 3 In faith and confidence draw near,
Within the holiest appear,
With all who praise and pray;
Who share one family, one feast,
One great imperishable Priest,
One new and living way.**
- 4 For Christ is ours! With purpose true
The pilgrim path of faith pursue,**

**The road that Jesus trod;
Until by his prevailing grace
We stand at last before his face,
Our Savior and our God.**

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.
- 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

☩ 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.

Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563 1-4

**1 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;**

**Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**3 Lord, I believe thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.**

**4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

LSB 565 (tune 912)

**1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fear depart. *Refrain***

*ref To whom save thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?*

**2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain***

**3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God. *Refrain***

4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few. *Refrain*

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of thee. *Refrain*

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus *LSB 529 tune 435*

1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus,
Bears the name above all names,
Reigning Son of God, surpassing
Other titles, pow'rs and claims—
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed,
Let us hold our witness fast!

2 Since we have a priest who suffered,
Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
Who like us was tried and tempted,
Unlike us, without a stain—
Since He shared our lowly place,
Let us boldly seek his grace.

3 Sacrifice and suff'ring over,
Now he sits at God's right hand,
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast,
His preeminence long-planned;
Such a great High Priest we have,
Strong to help, supreme to save.

4 Love's example, hope's attraction,
Faith's beginning and its end,
Pioneer of our salvation,
Mighty advocate and friend;
Jesus, high in glory raised,
Our ascended Lord be praised!

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.

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 **As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**
- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 3, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders

Phil Hagel
Carl Schwanbeck

Reader

Gretchen Lynn

Acolyte

Sophia Lease

Usher

Jan Fuerst

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Virginia Henkle 3/3, Natalie Hofman 3/4, Ryan O’Keeffe 3/4, Hunter Bellrichard 3/5, and Dan O’Keeffe 3/8.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Jean O’Keeffe 3/3.

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	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service
	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
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:

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have a Thrivent Account, please

consider designating Spirit of Christ for your Thrivent Choice dollars. The deadline to allocate your dollars is March 31st. More information can be found at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.

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:

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

**Readings for next week:
Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21**



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