





## **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!

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June 2, 2024

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Welcome**

#### ***Gather Us In***

*ELW 532*

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**
  
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst’ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist’ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.**
  
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt of the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;**

**Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away-  
Here is this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*Stand*

## **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
**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.

## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the risen 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).*

## Kyrie (Spoken)

LSB 168

**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.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 171

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, 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**

*Deuteronomy 5:12-15*

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup>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 ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup> So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

LSB 173

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 2:23-3:6

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the second chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup> He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

**3** Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

### *How Firm a Foundation*

*LSB 728*

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 **“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**
- 4 **“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**
- 5 **“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;**

**And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

## **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**

- P** Strengthened by the Spirit who shapes our hearts and words, let us bring our hopes and needs to our heavenly Father.

*Silence for individual prayer.*

- P** Almighty God, you send your people into the world as beacons of light and hope. Bless the ministry of churches everywhere as they cling to the promise of your constant presence. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** With a word, you brought forth the majesty of creation: rolling hills, fragrant meadows, thundering seas. Inspire us to cherish and preserve them as stewards of your creation. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** Be with those in the path of violence and war. Guard them against harm and give them a future with hope. Send your peace to the places that need it the most. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** Give strength to those bearing heavy burdens: addiction, mental illness, loneliness, and grief. Heal those whose bodies and souls are hurting. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** Enable this congregation to support all families. Strengthen all who nurture, so that they guide with wisdom, gentleness, and grace. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** We give thanks for all the saints who rest eternally in your loving care. Enliven our witness by their example. Let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all

things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

## 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.  
own body and blood, given and shed for us.

### 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

#### *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.*

## **Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

*LSB 684*

- 1   **“Come unto Me, ye weary,  
      And I will give you rest.”**  
      **O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
      Which comes to hearts oppressed!**  
      **It tells of benediction,  
      Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
      Of joy that hath no ending,  
      Of love that cannot cease.**
- 2   **“Come unto Me, ye wand’rers,  
      And I will give you light.”**  
      **O loving voice of Jesus,  
      Which comes to cheer the night!**  
      **Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
      And we had lost our way;  
      But Thou hast brought us gladness  
      And songs at break of day.**
- 3   **“Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
      And I will give you life.”**  
      **O cheering voice of Jesus,**

**Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.**

- 4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to thee!**

***Thy Strong Word***

*LSB 578*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia without end!**

**4 From the cross thy wisdom shining**  
**Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;**  
**From the cross forever beameth**  
**All thy bright redeeming light.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise to thee who light dost send!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia without end!**

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,**  
**Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,**  
**Throats that shout the hope that fills us,**  
**Mouths to speak thy holy name.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**May the light which thou dost send**  
**Fill our songs with alleluias,**  
**Alleluias without end!**

**6 God the Father, light-creator,**  
**To thee laud and honor be.**  
**To thee, Light of Light begotten,**  
**Praise be sung eternally.**  
**Holy Spirit, light-revealer,**  
**Glory, glory be to thee.**  
**Mortals, angels, now and ever**  
**Praise the holy Trinity!**

***Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee***      *LSB 573 (tune 848)*

**1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose thee;**  
**That, I know, could never be;**  
**For this heart would still refuse thee**  
**Had thy grace not chosen me.**  
**Thou hast from the sin that stained me**  
**Washed and cleansed and set me free**  
**And unto this end ordained me,**  
**That I ever live to thee.**

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above thee;  
For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

3 Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*LSB 411*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

*ref In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

## Thank the Lord

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Benediction

*LSB 183*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give † you peace.

**C** Amen

## *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

*LSB 496*

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;

**Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

# Serving in worship today

June 2, 2024

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Acolyte**

Zack Weinhold

## **Usher**

Mike Voegele

## **Elders**

Chuck Johnson

Phil Marquardt

## **Reader**

Carl Schwanbeck

## **Nursery**

Leslie Kuntz and Camille Kuntz

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Kristina Kostrade 6/4 and Peter Setness 6/6.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Miriam Miller 6/5 and Phyllis Bartholdi 6/6.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Kevin and Karen Zimmerman 6/7 and Steve and Cindy Johnson 6/7.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study

## **Notes of Information:**

**LWML:** Thanks for the donation of new or gently used shoes and socks for The Orphan Grain Train ingathering. We will be transporting them to the MN South District Convention in Mankato on June 20th, 2024. Thanks again for your generosity!! The collection box is still available in the narthex through June 16th.

**VBS Needs:** We need some items to build the set for VBS this year. We need Styrofoam peanuts, plastic water/soda bottles (empty), plastic easter eggs in bright colors, plastic bottle caps (milk jug or smaller) and egg cartons. If you would like to donate these items, please leave them below the VBS bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie.

**SOC Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee:** We will meet on Wednesday June 19th at 10:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall. This month we are going to help out VBS and make "Tissue Paper flowers" for part of their decorations. If you do not want to make flowers, come have coffee and visit, the more the merrier! Questions contact Beth Gerard 762-228-2077

**Hope 4 Youth:** 1,257 bottles of water were collected in ONE week! Thank you!

**NACE:** North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of items for "weekend pack" that are sent home with children from area schools. They need things like dried fruit, fruit cups, oatmeal packs, easy mac, shelf stable milk and other small snack items. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

**Book Club:** Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:  
June 24 – The Keepsake Sisters by Lori Wilde  
July 22 – What She Left Behind by Ellen Marie Wiseman  
If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

**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](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)**.

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