





## 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 9, 2024

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*LSB 657*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God’s only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat’ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.**

Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

*Stand*

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

- P** When our first ancestors rebelled against God and became aware of the deep change that sin had made in them, they hid from God.
- G** “But the LORD God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’” (*Gen. 3:9*)
- P** As human beings throughout time continued to be held prisoner under the power of sin, death, and the devil, God came into our world in Christ Jesus to rob those powers of their captives.
- G** “In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.” (*Mark 3:27*)
- P** Though we stand before God as those who have been set free, we acknowledge that we daily turn back to our old masters, hiding from God and rebelling against his reign.

- C** For our sins of body, mind and spirit, forgive us, Lord.  
For those we hurt and for those we fail to love, forgive us,  
Lord. For those times you are at work and we stand in the  
way, forgive us, Lord.

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

- P** “To those who believed in his name, he gave the right to  
become children of God” (*John 1:12*). We are Jesus’ brothers  
and sisters, and he stands before the Father on our behalf  
welcoming us into the forgiving love that is central to God’s  
nature. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and  
savior Jesus Christ, I announce to you the entire forgiveness  
of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. God has sought you and rescued you  
through Jesus. Worship the Lord in peace.

- C** 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).*

## 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** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same 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**

*Genesis 3:8-15*

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was

afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

<sup>13</sup> It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

**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 3:20-35*

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup> And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

<sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

<sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

<sup>33</sup> “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

<sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

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

*Sit*

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

*LSB 849*

- 1 **Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev’ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 **Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert’s burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**
- 3 **Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.**

**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.**

## 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.**

## 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.*

### ***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart***

*LSB 641 (tune 846)*

*ref You satisfy the hungry heart*

*With gift of finest wheat.*

*Come give to us, O saving Lord,*

*The bread of life to eat.*

**1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,**

**They know and heed his voice;**

**So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,**

**We follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

**2 With joyful lips we sing to you**

**Our praise and gratitude**

**That you should count us worthy, Lord,**

**To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain***

**3 Is not the cup we bless and share**

**The blood of Christ outpoured?**

**Do not one cup, one loaf, declare**

**Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

**4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,**

**No mortal tongue can tell:**

**Whom all the world cannot contain**

**Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

**5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;**

**Then selfless let us be,**

To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity. *Refrain*

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

*LSB 642 (tune 858)*

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me  
The treasures of your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

*O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near*

LSB 599

- 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.

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

LSB 632

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me thy body and thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good thou art!

- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Dismissal

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 181*

- 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

### *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*LSB 922*

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—  
You are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.**

**3 Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Serving in worship today

June 9, 2024

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Acolyte**

Eli Neel

## **Usher**

Mike Voegele

## **Elders**

Carl Schwanbeck

Kevin Zimmerman

## **Reader**

Wayne Chambard

## **Nursery**

Leslie Kuntz and Camille Kuntz

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Carl Schwanbeck 6/10 and Terry Elhardt 6/15.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Bob and Joan Marolt 6/10 and Jeff and Jennifer Williams 6/10.

## **This Week at a Glance**

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

## **Notes of Information:**

**Quarterly Voter's Meeting:** On Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship service there will be a quarterly voter's meeting held in

the sanctuary. During this meeting we will be voting to ratify the new board members and get updates on what each board is working on.

**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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