



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!

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW 519

- 1** Open your ears, O faithful people
Open your ears and hear God’s word.
Open you hears, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Ref **God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!**
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

- 2** They who have ears to hear the message,
They who have ears, now let them hear;
They who learn the ways of wisdom,
Let them hear God’s word. *Refrain*

Confession and Absolution

P When Jesus taught in his hometown synagogue, many who listened took offense at him. Essentially, they were saying:

C **Where does he get this stuff? Who does he think he is?**

P In a world where everything is on demand and made to order,

we also are unimpressed with the way God does business. We want results. We want displays of power. We want immediate solutions to our problems and visible evidence that this Jesus can fix the problems in our lives.

C We become disillusioned with a God whose strength is made perfect in weakness. We remain unsatisfied by a God who works through patient suffering. We want relief, fixes, and solutions, and instead we have a God who moves us to “delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecution, in difficulties.” (2 Cor. 12:10)

P “And he was amazed at their lack of faith.” (Mark 6:6a)

C Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

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

P When we are weak, then we are strong. As we name our lack of faith before God, we are met by God’s promise that in Christ Jesus he has put to death our unbelief and raised us to a life of confident trust in a God whose ways are not our ways. His authority has been given to you, his Church, so as your representative in his stead and by his command I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go out into the world in his name, proclaiming the power of Christ to bring healing and salvation.

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).

Sit

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P God of covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of 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

Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day.⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also

to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

LSB 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-11

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

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

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

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- 1 O Christ, our light, O radiance true,
Shine fourth on those estranged from you,
And bring them to your home again,
Where their delight shall never end.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of your grace
The wanders lost in error’s maze.
Set free all those whose hearts and minds
Some deep delusion haunts and binds.
- 3 Lord, open all reluctant ears
And take away the needless fears
Of those who tremble to express
The faith their inmost hearts confess.
- 4 Lord, let mercy’s gentle ray
Shine down on others strayed away.
To those in conscience wounded sore
Show heaven’s waiting, open door.
- 5 Make theirs with ours a single voice
Uplifted, ever to rejoice
With wond’ring gratitude and praise to you,
O Lord, for boundless grace.

Homily

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

Sanctus

LSB 208

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is he who comes in the name of our Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

God Has Spoken by His Prophets *LSB 583 (tune 848)*

- 1** God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.
- 2** God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.
- 3** God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, his Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

As Rebels, Lord Who Foolishly Have Wandered

LSB 612 (tune 878)

- 1** As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered
Far from your love—unfed, unclean, unclothed—

Dare we recall your wealth so rashly squandered,
Dare hope to glean that bounty which we loathed?

- 2 Still we return, our contrite words rehearsing,
Speech, that within your warm embrace soon dies;
All of our guilt, our shame, our pain reversing
As tears of joy and welcome fill Your eyes.
- 3 A feast of love for us you are preparing;
We who were lost, you give an honored place!
“Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more despairing—
Here taste again the treasures of My grace.”

O God of Light *LSB 836 (tune 917)*

- 1 O God of light, your Word, a lamp unfailing,
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
And show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,
Though we rebelled, you gently sought again
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
To sinful hearts your justice and your grace;
And questing spirits, longing for your healing,
See your compassion in the Savior’s face.
- 4 To all the world your summons you are sending,
Through all the earth, to ev’ry land and race,
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
May praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve *LSB 856*

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow you,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear your call

To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to you,
Find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

Dismissal

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

- 1 **On what has now been sown**
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do thou in grace the harvest raise,
And thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 **To thee our wants are known,**
From thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 **O grant that each of us,**
Now met before thee here,
May meet together thus
When thou and thine appear
And follow thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Announcements

Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Serving in worship today

July 7, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Zach Weinhold

Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Eric Skogerboe
Wayne Chambard

Reader

Gretchen Lynn

Nursery

Leslie and Camille Kuntz

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Carol Dangers 7/8, Rebecca Hanson 7/8, Diane Weinhold 7/9, Eli Voegele 7/10, Kristy Johnson 7/10, Peggy Peterson 7/10, Lori Miller 7/13, and Micah Miller 7/13.

Celebrating Baptisms: Grace Zimmerman 7/10, Rita Matheson 7/11, and Nancy Anderson 7/12.

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.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
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:

Women's Coffee Group: Ladies "Wednesday Morning Coffee" is coming up again July 17th at 10:00 am. This month we are going to "reminisce". I would like you to bring a picture of yourself 20 or younger and then we are going to share "stories". If you do not want to bring a picture please come anyway and just visit. Questions talk to Beth Gerard.

LWML Mission Byte: LWML Mission Grant #13, Water and the Word, for \$80,000, will assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to provide clean water and pastoral care to students in 12 rural elementary and middle schools. About 10,000 lives will be impacted by this grant. The grant will also help cover the travel expense for pastors to travel to the schools every three to four months to check on the water systems and provide pastoral care. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-13 or ask Linda Schwanbeck. The Mission Mite box will be available for your donations on Sunday July 28th.

Kitchen Refrigerator: The refrigerator in the kitchen needs to be replaced. The Board of Trustees have researched and found a refrigerator. The cost of the replacement will be approximately \$1,000. If you would like to help defray the cost of the replacement, please place your donation in the offering marked as "refrigerator fund"12.

Directories available: The current directory is available in the Narthex. We will no longer be publishing emails and phone numbers in the bulletin. If you have questions, please contact Laura in the church office.

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.

Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

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**.

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	\$7293
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973



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