



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!

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

LSB 843

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Stand

Invocation

P With upright heart God shepherded them and guided them;

Psalm 78:72

C He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, and rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. *Psalm 78:23,24*

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

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C Who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 124:8*)

P If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with you there is forgiveness: therefore you are feared. (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ saying: God be merciful to me a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 had 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 all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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).

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, 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

1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ While he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **5** ¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

John 6:35, 41-51

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him

because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB 706

- 1** Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May his will in us be done.
- 2** Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ’s humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.
- 3** Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life’s end.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

**G 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.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 618

**1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand**

To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely of your own.

With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

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.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love him in return.

- 3** Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.
- 4** Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours his holy peace.
- 5** Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, his only Son;
As members of his body joined
We are in him made one.
- 6** For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

- 1** Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift that you impart.
- 2** Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches

With alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting;

The gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory;

The Bridegroom is at hand.

- 3 The saints, who here in patience**
Their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,**
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Serving in worship today

August 11, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Zack Weinhold

Usher

Mike Voegele

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Robert Pajak

Nursery

Nicole and Nora Weinhold

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Cindy Johnson 8/11, Sandy Elhardt 8/12, Dave Hansen 8/13, Chase Carlson 8/14, and Les Geren 8/17.

Celebrating Baptisms: Kaleb Miller 8/12, Micah Miller 8/12, Tina Brynteson 8/13, Betsy Will 8/14, Gerry Anderson 8/15, Andrew Weinhold 8/16, and Emily Johnson 8/17.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Curt and Karen Olson 8/14 and Tom and Kathy Trapp 8/15.

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
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	TBD	Bluegrass Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information:

August Voter's Meeting: There will be a voter's meeting on Sunday August 25th at 10:30. This meeting will highlight the work of the church.

Bluegrass Rehearsals: Bluegrass rehearsals start this week. The rehearsal schedule is:

Tuesday August 13 th	7:00 p.m.
Thursday August 15 th	7:00 p.m.
Saturday August 17 th	Dress Rehearsal TBD

Women's Coffee: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee will meet on August 21st at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be helping our Board and Christian Education by cleaning the Sunday School rooms. Rally Day is right around the corner, please join us and help! Refreshments will be served and of course always good conversation! Questions contact Beth Gerard.

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:
 August 26-Light on Snow by Anita Shreve
 September 23- I Will Find You by Harlan Coben
 If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

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