

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, resting on a sheet of musical notation. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is slightly out of focus. The background is a close-up of a musical score with various notes and stems on a five-line staff. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Greatness of Our God!

Spirit of
Christ Lutheran
Church
11th Annual
Bluegrass Service



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 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Greatness of Our God

Choir & Band

Welcome

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Jesus said, “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”
- C** **We confess that we crave food that spoils. We want our needs met, our desires fulfilled, and our goals achieved. We want security, comfort, and wealth. We want, and we want more.**
- P** Heavenly Father, forgive us for our sinful reliance on material and financial security.
- C** **Fill us with trust in Jesus, and give us contentment and satisfaction in him. Feed us with new life.**
- P** Lord, always give us this bread.
- C** **Lord, always give us this bread.**

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

- P** 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.” This same Jesus died and rose that you might be

forgiven and transformed, filled with the power of God and remade in his mercy and loving-kindness. 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. The bread of life is yours and you are his. Worship in peace, trusting in his power to provide everything you need for this life and the life of the world to come.

C Amen! Thanks be to God!

Everything

Choir

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 Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Come Thou Fount

Congregation & Choir

Sit

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house;

she has set up its seven pillars.

² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;

she has also set her table.

³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls

from the highest point of the city,

⁴ "Let all who are simple come to my house!"

To those who have no sense she says,

⁵ “Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 6:51-58

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

My Jesus

Choir & Band

Homily

In God We Believe

Congregation & Choir

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our how is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured.
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth, the church now, he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

Preface

spoken

- 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow thy name,
May thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread:
It is from thy bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And thine be the glory forever! Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your 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.

I Am Redeemed

Choir

Bluegrass Accompaniment

Bluegrass Band

Dismissal

Stand

Be Thou My Vision

Congregation & Choir

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.

G Amen.

Thrive

Choir

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Hand Picked-Ham Lake Bluegrass Band and Choir

Band:

Pete Henning: Banjo
Joel Shapira: Guitar
Graydon Peterson: Bass
Zachary Scanlan: Fiddle
Steve Johnson: Harmonica
Lisa Yares: Rhythm
Blake Peterson: Sound
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Mike Matheson

Music Director:

John Peterson

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for
Walking Tacos provided by the youth. All proceeds from
the offering will go toward mission trips and the 2025
National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.**

Serving in worship today

August 18, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Eli Neel

Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Wayne Chambard

Kevin Zimmerman

Reader

Peggy Peterson

Nursery

Kassidy Bryan and Lyla Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Carl Jauch 8/18, Kevin Zimmerman 8/19, Lyla Marquardt 8/20 and Linda Schwanbeck 8/24.

Celebrating Baptisms: Eva Johnson 8/21, Mark Endorf 8/22, Hannah Schoenbauer 8/23 and Liz Degler 8/24.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jay and Jody Rose 8/21, Jeff and Deb Parson 8/21 and Dave and Arlene Martti 8/22.

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	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee Group
	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:

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.

LWML Mission Byte: Women in Mission- Mission Grant Mites to be collected Sunday, August 25th. Lutheran Ministries Media — Worship Anew nurtures and strengthens the faith of aging adults by creating biblical resources that address the concerns and difficulties experienced in this stage of life. The grant for \$100,000 will enable Worship Anew to develop and expand the distribution of resources to people throughout the United States. Thank you for your support of this Gospel-filled, encouraging work. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-17 or ask Linda Schwanbeck

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

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	\$6674
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6973</i>



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proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.

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