





## 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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August 4, 2024

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

*LSB 540*

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,  
Light and life you bring to all;  
Light our path with your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,  
Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given,  
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven,  
Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water  
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant  
From the stump of Jesse’s tree;  
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches  
To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into you, O Savior;

**Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in your vineyard  
Till eternal life we gain.**

- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to you eternally.**

*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** Lord Jesus, like the twelve who followed you we become so caught up in the things of the world that we lose sight of your care.
- C** **Gather us to you so that we may have your peace and rest.**
- P** Lord Jesus, like the crowds that came to hear you we become lost and aimless, adrift in the world and in need of your guidance.
- C** **Shepherd us with your teaching so that we may have purpose and direction.**

**P** Lord Jesus, like the people you taught we are hungry and in need of daily bread.

**C** **Feed us again so that we may be strengthened to see the needs of our brothers and sisters in the world and give them something to eat.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we confess that we are confused, lost, broken, and sinful. We come before you as beggars, pleading for your mercy and forgiveness. Do not leave us in our sin, but rescue us and deliver us into the Eternal Life that you promise.

**C** **Lord, have mercy on us.**

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

**P** “When Jesus...saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them.” (*Mark 6:34*) This same Jesus who is risen from the dead and acting as Lord of his church has compassion on you, and meets your need with his gifts. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our Lord’s compassion on us move us to be his instruments of love and care for the world he loves.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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** O God, you are eternal goodness, immeasurable love. You place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with life that comes only from you, 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**

*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

<sup>2</sup>In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup>While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” <sup>13</sup>That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to

keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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

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

*Stand*

## ***Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy***

*LSB 774*

**1** **Feed thy children, God most holy;  
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.  
O thou Bread of Life from heaven,  
Bless the food thou here hast given!  
As these gifts the body nourish,  
May our souls in graces flourish  
Till with saints in heav’nly splendor  
At thy feast due thanks we render.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:24-35*

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

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

<sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” <sup>35</sup> 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.

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

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

*Sit*

*Christ the Eternal Lord*

*LSB 829*

**1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before your throne,**

**Intent to serve you all our days  
And make your glory known.**

**2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.**

**3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow him as Lord.**

**5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call your children home at last  
To know as we are known.**

## **Homily**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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

**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.*

## ***I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table***

LSB 618

**1** I come, O Savior, to thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

*ref* *Lord, may thy body and thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

**2** Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to thee. *Refrain*

**3** Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet thou thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now thy guest. *Refrain*

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread* LSB 625 (tune 596)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess you.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address you.  
Prepare me well for you, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me your grace and mercy.

2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in you alone I seek,  
To share your cup of healing.

3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive you worthily,  
Assured of your full pardon.

4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;

In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That you receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.
- 2 He who his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us now.

*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.

## 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

## *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

*LSB 918*

- 1** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar

**Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

## **Serving in worship today**

August 4, 2024

### **Pastor**

Jason Neel

### **Acolyte**

Eddie Kothrade

### **Usher**

Mike Voegele

### **Elders**

Phil Marquardt

Eric Skogerboe

### **Reader**

Mike Voegele

### **Nursery**

Leslie Kuntz

Camille Kuntz

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Leona Stockwell 8/5, Josh Williams 8/7, Kassidy Bryan 8/8, Kelsey Birkholz 8/8, Bonnie Garland 8/10, and Gary Burmeister 8/10.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Nancy Tepley 8/8

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Chris and Kati Schoenbauer 8/10 and Rick and Carol Dangers 8/10.

### **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	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

### **Notes of Information:**

**VBS THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who participated, volunteered and supported our VBS this past week. We were able to bring the gospel to 30 kids.

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

Tuesday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday August 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday August 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	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

**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)**.

**Offerings via Give+:** Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6873
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

11th Annual

Bluegrass

Sunday

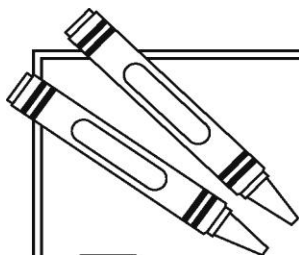
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# Just for **KIDS**

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

### JOHN 6:35

#### WORD LIST

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bread comes I in  
he hungry go He  
life me me never  
to never the of will  
who will thirsty who

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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV



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