





## 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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September 22, 2024

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *Before the Throne of God Above*

*LSB 574*

- 1 Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.**
- 2 My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav’n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**
- 3 When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.**
- 4 Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.**
- 5 Behold him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!**

**6 At one with him, I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

*Stand*

### **Invocation**

**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.**

**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.**

**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, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

**P** Almighty God,

**C** **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in his mercy has 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 you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **This Is the Feast**

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **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, our teacher and guide, you draw us near to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, 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**

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. <sup>19</sup> I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”

<sup>20</sup> But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously  
and test the heart and mind,  
let me see your vengeance on them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading**

*James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**4** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**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 9:30-37*

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

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

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

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

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

*Sit*

## *The Tree of Life*

*LSB 561 (tune 550)*

**1** The tree of life with ev’ry good  
In Eden’s holy orchard stood,

And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.

2 The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.

3 What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

## 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*

- 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.*

### ***Just as I am, without One Plea***

*LSB 570*

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed* LSB 560

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

*The Lamb*

LSB 547

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

*ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!*

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. *Refrain*

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, his will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 He sighs, he dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me his own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 He rose, he rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to him belong. *Refrain*

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

*LSB 423*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see you wounded, bleeding,  
See your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for you;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

## 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

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LSB 525

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love.  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,

**Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.**

- 5 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns  
As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For he is king of all.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

# Serving in worship today

September 22, 2024

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Acolyte

Eli Neel

## Usher

Jan Fuerst

## Nursery

Kelsey Bellrichard

## Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Chuck Johnson

## Reader

Peggy Peterson

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Joan Marolt 9/23, Judah Neel 9/25, and Riley Mathiason 9/28.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Bonnie Garland 9/22, Savannah Hofman 9/23, Abby Weinhold 9/25, Amelia Kedrowski 9/27, and Tracy Carlson 9/27.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Doug and Liz Degler 9/22 and Dan and Kris Mathiason 9/28.

## This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Youth Lock In/FMSC
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

## **Notes of Information**

**LWML Mission Byte:** ZOE'S HOME — A MATERNITY AND PARENTING HOME Zoe's Home | \$75,000.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Missouri, is the recipient of a \$75,000 LWML Mission Grant. The grant will ensure housing, food, clothing, transportation, life skills education, and staffing for Zoe's Home. Zoe's Home will enable women at risk of seeking an abortion or losing their parenting custody a place to overcome their current life situations. The Women in Mission mite box is available in the narthex today for your contributions. THANKS!

**Thank-You:** Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$116.00 to Feed My Starving Children is providing 400 Manna Pack Meals to those around the world who need it most. Though poverty is complicated, we know that hunger is fixable - one reliable meal at a time. Thank you for feeding hungry kids.

From Trinity First Lutheran School: We are so blessed as we begin a new school year this month. Thank you for your donation of \$462.24. Your gift of God, sent to us, gives us encouragement to face the coming months with resolve and joy! We hope you are as encouraged as we are by a loving heavenly Father who provides ALL we need and equips us to meet each day in His care!

Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$255.35! Your thoughtful donation is a special blessing to Concordia Seminary. Your belief in our mission inspires us to strive for excellence in our service to the Gospel every day.

**Women's Bible Study:** Please join the women's morning Bible study as we begin a new book. Starting Tuesday, October 1st we will begin a book study titled "Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change" by Rev. Christopher Kennedy. By studying the prophet Samuel and the difficult changes he endured we can see how we can trust God to guide us through our life changes. The book is available through Concordia Publishing House. We will also have a few available for purchase at the first session.

**NACE:** North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of boxed sides, including stuffing, pastas and potatoes.

They are no longer taking summer clothing items but are looking for new socks and underwear in all sizes and gently used fall/winter children's clothing. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson.

**Pastor Appreciation Lunch:** Please join us on October 6<sup>th</sup>, following Education hour for a Spaghetti lunch to celebrated Pastor Jason's 20 years serving at Spirit of Christ. **Please sign up in the Narthex so that we may plan for food.**

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** We need Sunday School Teachers. Curriculum is provided and we are willing to pair you with a co-teacher. The future of our congregation is in our youth (and they are really a fun group), please consider becoming a Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please reach out to Leslie Kuntz.

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

September 23 – I Will Find You by Harlan Coben

October 28 – Purgatory Ridge by William Kent Krueger

November 25 – It's All About Him by Denise Jackson

December – Book Club does NOT meet.

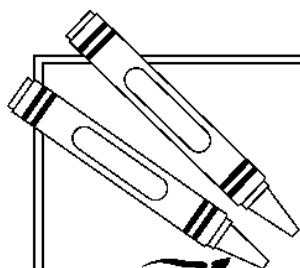
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Average Weekly Offering	\$6678
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

### Next Week's Readings

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50**



Just for

**KIDS**

## *A harvest of...*

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

“But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.”

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4th Annual Spirit of Christ

Oct  
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4 PM to  
6 PM

# Trunk or Treat

Games, Walking Tacos, Candy and  
Community.

Hosted by Board of Youth and  
Board of Evangelism

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church  
2749 Bunker Lake Blvd

[www.spiritofchristhamlake.org](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)

Please consider joining the Board of Youth and the Board of Evangelism by sponsoring a trunk for this community event. You are welcome to decorate your trunk or parking space and hand out candy to kids who visit from the community. The more trunks we have the more fun for everyone! If you are interested, please sign up with Laura.



Join Us

# FELLOWSHIP GAME NIGHT

Free for everyone! Join us for a  
fun game night with family,  
friends, and neighbors.  
Invite everyone!

BRING A GAME TO SHARE OR  
USE GAMES PROVIDED! FUN  
FOR ALL AGES.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 11**  
7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
See the Bulletin for more information



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