



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!

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

- 1 **The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.**

- 2 **The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant’s form puts on
 To set his servants free.**

- 3 **O Zion’s daughter, rise
 To meet your lowly King,
 Nor let your faithless heart despise
 The peace he comes to bring.**

- 4 **As judge, on clouds of light,
 He soon will come again
 And his true members all unite
 With him in heav’n to reign.**

- 5 **Before the dawning day
 Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.**

- 6 **All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,**

**With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.**

Stand

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P St. Paul prays that the Lord would “make [our] love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.”

C **We acknowledge that we hold back God’s forgiving love from others when we hold on to resentments and hurts and deal with our neighbors with a spirit of judgment and criticism. We hold back God’s servant love from others when we focus on our own agendas and our own wants and needs. We hold back God’s steadfast and patient love from others when we love them only when they love us and treat us well.**

P For our failure to let your love pour out through us,

C **Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.**

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

P Paul’s next words to the Thessalonians are these: “May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.” Indeed, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, you are blameless and holy. His love is steadfast and forgiving, and he has served us by taking on the consequences of our sin and giving us his righteousness. 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. Worship the Lord in joy and peace, because his love has transformed you eternally.

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).

Kyrie (*Spoken*)

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

15 “In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

16 In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and 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

Luke 21:25-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first
chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth,
nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing

of the sea.²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348 (tune 697)

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
 And light triumphant breaks,
 When beauty gilds the eastern hills
 And life to joy awakes.**
- 2 Not as of old a little child,
 To bear and fight and die,
 But crowned with glory like the sun
 That lights the morning sky.**
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
 When Christ, victorious, rose
 And left the lonesome place of death**

Despite the rage of foes.

- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

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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 worshipping 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

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

**☐ 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. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

Come Thou Precious Ransom Come

LSB 350

**1 Come, thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!**

Open are to thee all portals.
Come, thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, thy merit through thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation he doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe he brings;

Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is he
Who comes to set his people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to thy name.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334 (tune 660)

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly

- All that may please you best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before you
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore you
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For you with praises new
And from your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused your incarnation;
Love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led you to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot his love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by his grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations

And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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 suff'rings 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!

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.
- C** Amen.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Sit

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

December 1, 2024

Pastor

Rev. Tom Trapp

Acolyte

Eden Miller

Usher

Sue Anderson

Nursery

Kassidy Bryan and Lyla Marquardt

Elders

Eric Skogerboe

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Sara Neel 12/1, Gwen Mikish 12/2, Georgia Kedrowski 12/3, Betty Meyer 12/4, Deb Parson 12/4, Steve Johnson 12/4, Monica Lux 12/5, and Jeff Parson 12/7.

Celebrating Baptisms: Carol Jauch 12/1, Ally Brynteson 12/5, Ben Johnson 12/5, Breanna Whipps 12/5 and Olivia Eastlund 12/6.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper (Youth Serve)
	6:45 p.m.	Advent Midweek One
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Youth Baking Day
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Bake Sale

Notes of Information

Evangelism: Would you like to learn about outreach? Would you like to learn what it means to reach out into our community and open our doors to our unchurched neighbors? The Board of Evangelism is offering an opportunity to every member of Spirit of Christ to learn what it means for our congregation to be active in our community in meeting the needs of our neighbors. To start learning about outreach we would like you to read the book *Meaningful Outreach: An Essential Guide for Churches* by Mark A. Wood. The book is available to read whether you attend the classes or not. The book is being offered early for those who would like to read it, and perhaps re-read it, prior to, and in preparation for the classes. The book is available in the Church Office for \$12 or as an e-book from the Concordia Publishing House website (www.cph.org). Thank you.

Portals of Prayer: The new portals of prayer are available in the Narthex.

Women's Bible Study-Evening: We will continue our study of Galatians tonight at 7 pm at Perkins in Blaine.

Women's Bible Study-Tuesday Morning: There will be the women's bible study at 10:00 am Tuesday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Baking Day: Youth will be baking on Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am to 6 pm. Youth will be expected to participate in part of the day. Please let Laura or Jeff know when you can participate.

Youth Bake Sale: The annual youth bake sale will be held next Sunday, December 8th. Please come ready to fill your bags with the goodness the youth will be putting together for you. All proceeds from the bake sale will go towards mission projects and this summer's trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of boxed sides, including stuffing, pasta 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.

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	\$6543
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

Next Week's Readings
Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



Please Join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:45 PM for Advent Midweek Service. We will be serving a soup supper at 6:00 PM prior to the service.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Early Candlelight Service – 4 PM

Late Candlelight Service- 9PM

Christmas Day Service

Worship Service 9 AM



A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS ADVENT READING PLAN



Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the **KING OF KINGS.**

1 Isaiah 7:14 	2 Isaiah 9:6-7	3 Malachi 3:1	4 Micah 5:2-4	5 Luke 1:5-7	6 Luke 1:10-15	7 Luke 1:18-22
14 Luke 2:15-20	13 Luke 2:8-14	12 Luke 2:6-7	11 Luke 2:1-5	10 Luke 1:30-33	9 Luke 1:26-29 	8 Luke 1:24-25
15 Matthew 1:18-21	16 Matthew 1:22-25	17 Matthew 2:1-3	18 Matthew 2:4-6	19 Matthew 2:7-9	20 Matthew 2:10-12 	21 Romans 15:13
	23 Philippians 2:8-11	22 Galatians 4:4-5 	24 James 1:16-18	25 John 3:16		



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proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.

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