



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!

November 3, 2024

All Saints Day

Since the persecution of the Early Church, those who have died in the faith have been remembered. The custom of a formal commemoration of all the martyrs on a single “memorial day” goes back to at least the third century.

“Saint” means “sacred one” or “holy one.” All those who are in Christ are holy, in heaven and on earth.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther taught that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint; a sinner because of our sinful nature and a saint because of the love, forgiveness, and eternal life Jesus Christ has already attained for each of us.

Even in a world where accidents, disease, and violence are all around, death can find us unprepared. The remembrance of loved ones lost to this life takes on added significance. The promise of eternal life in Christ gives this present life purpose and hope. That purpose and hope in Christ is the focus of our worship and celebration.

Welcome

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow’rs,**

Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

“Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Invocation

P We begin our worship 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.*

Opening

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:13-14

P Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who
are they, and where did they come from?”

C I answered, “Sir, you know.”

P And he said, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C in your righteousness deliver me.

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C and to the Holy Spirit;

P as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are guilty of many sins. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in what we have thought, said, and done. We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive our sins. Lead us out of darkness to walk as children of your light. Amen.

P In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (*1 Peter 2:9-10*)

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).

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory Reading

1 John 3:1-3

- P** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;
- C** **And so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.**
- P** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears
- C** **We shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**
- P** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

⁷ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. ² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. ¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ 'The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

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

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

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along

with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

For All the Saints

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All For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cong. Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old

And win with them the victor's crown of gold!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily

For All the Saints

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All And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cong. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayers of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and

resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with him at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our thanks for all the departed Saints and for the blessings you bestowed on them in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with them we may see you face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks that by his death he destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us

from your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Time of Remembrance

Peggy Bentley

October 20, 1945 to February 27, 2024

Leonard Clark

March 10, 1944 to November 17, 2023

Wendell Dreyer

February 28, 1933 to May 15, 2024

Mel Hunnicut

September 10, 1969 to August 2, 2024

Ed Jones

May 3, 1931 to May 4, 2024

Rebecca Jordon

Jenni Lallas

July 17, 1976 to October 21, 2024

Dallas Rathe

December 20, 1941 to August 27, 2024

Lilly Rathe

June 19, 2024

Michael Sass

October 18, 1951 to October 26, 2024

Judy Van De Walker

July 7, 1945, to November 26, 2023

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 507

- C** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 550

- C** Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Bell Choir

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 676

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.**
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.**

- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with his Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!**

We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

LSB 678

- 1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.**
- 2 Though uninscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.**
- 3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received**

**A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.**

Sing with All the Saints of Glory

LSB 671 (tune 848)

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

Dismissal

Benediction

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.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Serving in worship today

November 3, 2024

Pastor

Jason Neel

Organist

Karine Platt

Acolyte

Ryan Weinhold

Usher

Jan Fuerst

Nursery

Leslie and Camille Kuntz

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Lois Spadgenske

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Chuck Kolk 11/4, Jude Miller 11/8 and Phil Marquardt 11/9.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Pat and Linda McCarty 11/3.

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	6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Operation Christmas Child: Operation Christmas Child provides children around the world with shoe boxes filled with hygiene items such as soap and toothbrushes, small toys, socks, and God's word. Spirit of Christ will be packing shoe boxes on Sunday November 17th following the Education hour. Lunch will be provided by Thrivent. There is a need for small toys and socks that would be geared toward boys. If you would like to help offset the cost of shipping the boxes, donations would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Kati Schoenbauer.

Commitment Cards: On November 10th the Stewardship Board will be handing out 2025 Commitment Cards. We encourage you to take one home and prayerfully consider as a family what your commitment to your Lord will be in 2025. We ask that you bring your card back on 11/17 or any subsequent Sunday and place it face down in the offering tray. Your commitment is a private matter between you, your family, and your Heavenly Father. This is not a commitment to Spirit of Christ; it will not be tallied or tracked in any way. Rather, it is a tangible exercise meant to help you as you pray over God's gifts in your life and how you can use that to help further his Kingdom.

Feed My Starving Children: "The meals you packed at our Coon Rapids, MN location on September 28, 2024 were shipped to:

- Reach Now International in Burkina Faso on Wednesday October 16, 2024

Precious children will be eating a nourishing meal soon because of you. Thank you. You've made an incredible difference."

The Youth have another session scheduled for Feed My Starving Children on November 16 from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. If you would like to join us, we'd love the company. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

LWML Byte: EXPANDING GOSPEL OUTREACH TO HISPANICS — U.S. Lutheran Hour Ministries | \$100,000
"Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics — U.S.," a \$100,000 mission grant, will allow Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) to reach

an estimated five–six million Hispanics living in the United States. They will hear God’s message of salvation through various Spanish resources, strengthening and encouraging them to faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-22. Thank you for your support and prayers.

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.

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

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

December – Book Club does NOT meet.

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	\$6636
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6973

Next Week’s Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44



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