





## 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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December 29, 2024

*First Sunday after Christmas*

### Welcome

#### *Once in Royal David’s City*

*LSB 376*

- 1 **Once in royal David’s city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.**
- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**
- 3 **For he is our childhood’s pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.**
- 4 **And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heav’n above;**

**And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.**

- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars his children, crowned,  
All in white, his praise will sound!**

## **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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **We have celebrated the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in this joyous time of year we fall far short of the life to which our Savior calls us. We are sinners who cannot save ourselves. We have been hard-hearted, unkind, proud, arrogant and impatient. We have complained and held grudges. We confess all of our sin to you, Lord, both that of which we are aware and that which is not known to us. We plead for your mercy and forgiveness, as you have promised. Amen.**

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

**P** Salvation unto us has come! 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. Jesus was born into the world to fulfill the Father's will that the world not be condemned by Him, but saved. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another as you have been forgiven."

## Sharing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** 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

*1 Samuel 2:18-20,26*

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD." Then they would go home. <sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3:12-17*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and

admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:41-52*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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

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

*Within the Father's House*

*LSB 410*

- 1 Within the Father's house  
The Son has found his home,  
And to his temple suddenly  
The Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law  
Gaze on the wondrous child  
And marvel at his gracious words  
Of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n  
The mighty truth to know,  
To lift the earthly veil that hides  
Incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord  
Escapes each human eye,  
And faithful pond'ring hearts await  
The full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit thou our souls  
And teach us by thy grace  
Each dim revealing of thyself  
With loving awe to trace
- 6 Till we behold thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

**Homily**

**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**

### **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 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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.*

**From Heaven Above to Earth I Come** LSB 358 v 1,3-4,8,13

1 "From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,

Whereof I now will say and sing:

- 3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High,  
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.
- 4 “He will on you the gifts bestow  
Prepared by God for all below,  
That in his kingdom, bright and fair,  
You may with us his glory share.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That you might share your joy with me.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For you to dwell within my heart.

*Let All Together Praise Our God*

*LSB 389*

- 1 Let all together praise our God  
Before his glorious throne;  
Today he opens heav’n again  
To give us his own Son,  
To give us his own Son.
- 2 He leaves his heav’nly Father’s throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form he hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all he humbly cloaks  
The splendor of his might,  
The splendor of his might.

- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us his realm,  
His glory, and his name,  
His glory, and his name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than he,  
No truer friend than he.
- 6 He is the key and he the door  
To blessèd paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.
- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise you evermore.

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

LSB 366

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,

And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

3 All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of him the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

*A Great and Mighty Wonder*

LSB 383

1 A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure!

*ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:*  
*"To God on high be glory*  
*And peace to all the earth!"*

2 The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*

3 While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*

- 4 Since all he comes to ransom,  
By all be he adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
- 5 All idols then shall perish  
And Satan's lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise his scepter,  
Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

### 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.
- G** Amen.

### *Joy to the World*

*LSB 387*

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

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

# Serving in worship today

December 29, 2024

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Acolyte

Camille Kuntz

## Usher

Art Hayden

## Nursery

Kassidy Bryan

## Elders

Eric Skogerboe

Chuck Johnson

## Reader

Phil Marquardt

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Linda McCarty 12/23 and Jonathan Weinhold 12/26.

**Prayers for healing:** Terry Elhardt, Julie Endorf, and Randy and Cheryl Herschman.

## This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
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.	Education Hour

## Notes of Information.

**Stewardship Note:** "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:7*

**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.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6689
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6973</i>







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