



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!

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

This morning, we welcome Elias Darrell Koski as our brother in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Elias is the son of Kyle and Baylee Koski. Elias’ baptismal sponsors are Devin Ihnot and Alicia Weckwerth.

Welcome

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 **Faith and truth and life bestowing,
 Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
 Seed to life eternal sowing,
 Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, your Word receiving,
 Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
 Shallow earth or stony ground.**

- 2 **May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
 Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
 Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
 Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory
 Give us ears to hear your Word.**

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

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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! Thanks be to God!**

Kyrie

Spoken

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to

the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

This is the Feast

LSB 155

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).

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

LSB 591 (tune 554)

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
The water and the Word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow,
The seal both felt and heard.**
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
Comes from the Lord of breath;
The perfect Man from life was torn;
Our life comes through Christ's death.**
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
That we must die each day
To rise again by his design
As foll'wers of his way.**
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
For your baptismal pow'r
That washes us through all our days;
Lord, cleanse again this hour.**

Holy Baptism

P Holy Baptism is God's gift to us. In this Sacrament we become a part of the family of God as we are welcomed into the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Small Catechism says "Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's word and by God's command." God's living Word of promise works powerfully with the water. Baptism is the death of the old sinner and a rebirth into new life in Christ.

C *"I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (John 3:5; Mark 16:16a)*
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I

have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18b-20)

P *How is this child named?*

R Elias Darrell Koski

P *Elias, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified.*

P Today, Kyle and Baylee, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Elias in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you: will you faithfully bring this child to worship, teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creeds and the Commandments, place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith?

R We will, by God’s grace.

P On behalf of Elias, do you as his parents, reject the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R I do.

P Sponsors, will you pray for Elias, support his parents in his ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love him in a way that gives an example of Christ’s love?

R We will, with God’s help.

P Saints of God in this congregation, will you support Elias in his life in Christ?

C **We will, by the power of the Spirit of Christ.**

P I ask Elias’ parents, his sponsors, and the entire community to give witness to our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C **We do.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son...living and the dead?

C **We do.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church... life everlasting?

C **We do.**

Stand

P Let us join hands and pray as a family the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father who art in heaven...forever and ever. Amen.**

P Elias, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P *Let us pray: God, you make light to shine in the darkness. You bring new life from death. We are thankful that you have accepted Elias as your own. May he grow in faith and love and know always that he is part of your family and that you are his loving God. May we each know the abundant life you give in Jesus and remember how you joined water to Word to claim us forever.*

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Thanks be to God!

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and

give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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 4:17-30

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,**

Now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

Homily

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 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

☐ 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.

Choir

Praise to the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

God, Whose Almighty Word

LSB 979

- 1 God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
- 2 Lord, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!
- 4 Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,

Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

ELW 663

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our creator's call,
Heaven's gifts extend to all.
- 2 Tell our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.
- 3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 4 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gathering nations all
See your light and heed your call.

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.

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.

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in worship today

February 2, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Camille Kuntz

Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Hannah Schoenbauer 2/2, Richard Gerard 2/3, Julie Endorf 2/5, Andrew Kuntz 2/7, and Jim Weinhold 2/8.

Celebrating Baptisms: Wayne Chambard 2/2, Peter Welle 2/5, and Tim Welle.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Andrew and Leslie Kuntz 2/3 and Rick and Jonelle Welle 2/5.

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.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Board
	11:00 a.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:15 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Book Study
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Notes of Information

Voter's Meeting: There will be a voter's meeting held on Sunday February 16, 2025, at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Women's Coffee Group: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee meets on the third Wednesday of every month. We meet in the "Youth Room" from 10:00 am - Noon. All women of the congregation are invited. Each month it is a "Surprise" as to what we will be doing that morning. Any questions contact Beth Gerard.

Fellowship Afternoon Movie: Please join us in viewing the movie **Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin** following the voter's meeting on February 16. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. There will be a discussion following the movie. "As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer joins a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler, risking his faith and fate to save millions of Jews from genocide."

2024 Giving Summaries: Please check your mailbox in the Narthex for your 2024 giving statements.

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

February 24 – All the Little Hopes by Leah Weiss

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

Upcoming Book Study: In February, Pastor Jason will be hosting a 3-week study of C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, a fictional account of Lewis finding himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. This is the starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgement.

Copies of the book are available in the church office. The cost for the book is \$8. You may choose either Monday nights (Feb. 3rd, 10th, and 17th) from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm or Wednesday mornings (Feb. 5th, 12th, and 19th) from 11 am to 12pm. Session 1 will cover chapters 1-6 (pages 1-50), Session 2 will cover chapters 7-10 (pages 51-96), and Session 3 will cover chapters 11-14 (pages 97-146).

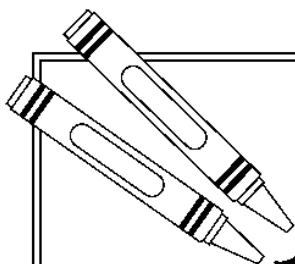
Evangelism Book Study: Mark your calendars for our upcoming book study of *Meaningful Outreach an Essential Guide for Churches* by Mark A. Wood. Sessions will be held on Saturday, February 8, and Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Copies are available in the church office.

Stewardship Note: “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

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	\$3862
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

Next Week’s Readings
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11



Just for

KIDS

LOVE IS...

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes about love. He tells us what love does and does not do. Let's find out about love!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

LOVE IS
16 1 20 9 5 14 20

LOVE IS
11 9 14 4

LOVE WITH THE TRUTH
18 5 10 15 9 3 5 19

LOVE
16 18 15 20 5 3 20 19

LOVE
20 18 21 19 20 19

LOVE
8 15 16 5 19

LOVE
16 5 18 19 5 22 5 18 5 19

... THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

12 15 22 5

Answer: PATIENT, KIND, REJOICES, PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES, PERSISTENT, LOVE

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

February 16th - Movie Matinee- Bonhoffer with discussion

February 25th -Game Night- Bring a snack and a game to share.

March 21st - Game Night- Bring a snack and a game to share.

April 28th- Game Night- Bring a snack and a game to share.

*“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another”- Hebrews 10:25-26*

If you have a fun idea for a fellowship event please let Laura Marquardt, Renee Chambard or Gary Burmeister know and we help you make it happen!



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