



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 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome

Lord, to You I Make Confession

LSB 608 (tune 420)

- 1 Lord, to you I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble in your sight.
For your son has suffered for me,
Gave himself to give me life.
- 2 Yet, though conscience’ voice appall me,
Father, I will seek your face;
Though your child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me in your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Let your wrath not overcome.
For your son has suffered for me,
Gave himself, your will is done.
- 3 For your Son has suffered for me,
Giv’n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus’ cross alone can vanquish
These dark fears that burden me.
Jesus’ cross alone can vanquish

Jesus' blood does set me free.

- 4 Lord, on you I cast my burden—
Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know your gracious pardon,
Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let your Spirit leave me never;
Make me only yours alone.
For your Son has suffered for me,
Jesus rescues me, it's done!

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!

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 Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

¹⁰ “I the LORD search the heart
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

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 6:17-26

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801

*Ref Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.*

**1 You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;**

This is what I pray. *Refrain*

- 2** You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
This is what I pray. *Refrain*

Homily

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.

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 worshiping and receiving communion with us today.

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

Praise Band

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

C Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your 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.

You Say

Choir

What Feast of Love is Offered Here

WOV 701

- 1** What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!
- 2** What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.

**Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

- 3 What wine of love is offered here,
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628 (tune 975)

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.**
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands.**
- 3 Your body and your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at your table, Lord,
In blest reality.**
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.**
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.**
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank you day and night
For Your true body and true blood,**

O God, my peace and light.

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

LSB 613 (tune 377)

- 1 To thee, omniscient Lord of all,
In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to thee:
O God, be merciful to me!
- 2 O Lord, my God, to thee I pray:
O cast me not in wrath away!
Let thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let him draw to thee my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!
- 3 O Jesus, let thy precious blood
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, thy guest away,
But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken

WOV 966 (tune 848)

- 1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
By the Galilean shore.
Jesus, bread of Life from heaven,
Was their food forevermore.
- Ref* *By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured
Jesus feed again your people.
Be our host, our life, our lord.*
- 2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
In a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,

Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain*

**3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
As in faith we gather here.**

Jesus speaks across the ages:

“I am with you; do not fear!” *Refrain*

**4 By the loaves you break and give us,
Send us in your name
To share bread for which the millions hunger,
Words that tell your love and care. *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.

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704 (tune 664)

**1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what you will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4 Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Serving in worship today

February 16, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Eden Miller

Usher

Sue Anderson

Elders

Chuck Johnson

Phil Marquardt

Reader

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jean O’Keeffe 2/16, Rita Matheson 2/17, Zack Weinhold 2/19, and Ryan Weinhold 2/19.

Celebrating Baptisms: Doug Degler 2/16, Andrew Kuntz 2/17, Jonathan Weinhold 2/18, and Julie Endorf 2/19.

Celebrating Anniversaries: John and Toni Peterson 2/16, Jim and Martha Gunderson 2/18, and Jerry and Marilyn Coleman 2/18.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Voter’s Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Bonhoeffer Movie
	6:30 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Coffee Group
	11:00 a.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
	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	10:00 a.m.	Pillowcase Dresses for Africa
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study

Notes of Information

Voter's Meeting: Please stay after worship service today for the quarterly Voter's meeting. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m.

Movie Matinee: Join us for lunch and a movie following the voters meeting. We will be viewing *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin* with a discussion to follow.

Pillowcase Dresses: On Saturday February 22, starting at 10 am, Spirit of Christ Women's ministry is joining with Family of Christ Women's ministry in a joint venture to sew pillowcase dresses for children in Africa. Please join us for fun, fellowship and mission, even if you can't sew there are plenty of opportunities to help and engage in fellowship.

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.

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 Weis
- March 24 -*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

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. Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Copies are available in the church office.

Stewardship Note: “He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord.” –Proverbs 19:17

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	\$8084
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

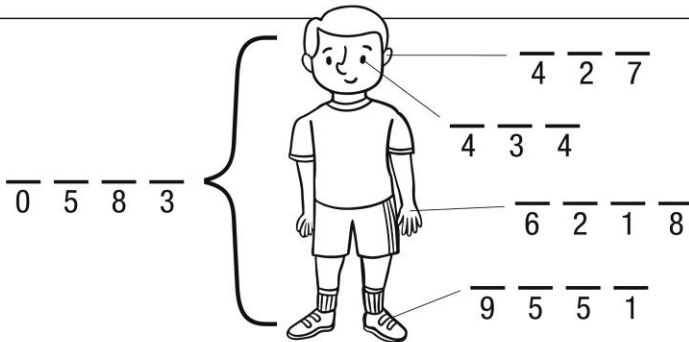
Next Week’s Readings
Genesis 45:3-11, 15, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50,
Luke 6:27-28



WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God’s purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the 20 should say, “Because I am not a 17, I do not belong to the 16,” ... And if the 13 should say, “Because I am not an 11, I do not belong to the 16,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the 16. If the whole 16 were an 11, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole 16 were an 13, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one 16.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house

Blooms that have petals

Spring precipitation

Puffy and white in the sky

Soil

Lawn

Must be weeded and tended

Tiptoe through these

Baby sheep

We need food and this

God made this from nothing

A sign of God's promise

These, in April, bring May flowers

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	27	15		61	73	13		4	18	19	30	26	22	49		22	9		
30	63	26		1	47	55	72	78	39	26		60	77	59		5	74	23	
	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
5	63	23		75	18	10	47		1	76		72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26		1	43	55	72	78	76	24		2	7	13		5	22	23		75	73
22		12	59	39	45		64	63	52		9	22	58		5	70	42		
52	44	10	47		10	2	23	35	73										

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers. "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."



Sewing Pillowcase Dresses

Date: February 22, 2025

Where: Spirit of Christ – 2749 Bunker Blvd NE Ham Lake, MN

Time: 10:00 am - ?

We will be joining and having fellowship with Spirit of Christ women. We will be making dresses for girls that live in Uganda, Africa.

Dresses are made from:

Pillowcases - standard, king size, sheets or cotton material

Elastic – ¼”

Ribbon – for draw strings

Lace – for the bottom of some of the dresses, or top of pockets

Buttons – can be put on for decorations

Scissors

Yard sticks

Sewing machines if you can transport it.

If you cannot sew, there is always cutting and measuring of things.

It will be fun just for the fellowship.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

February 16th - Movie Matinee- Bonhoeffer with discussion

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

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

April 25th- 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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