



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 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire

LSB 553 (tune554)

- 1 **O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire,
 Creation’s mighty Lord,
 Redeemer of the fallen world,
 By holy love outpoured:**
- 2 **How vast your mercy to accept
 The burden of our sin
 And bow your head in cruel death
 To make us clean within.**
- 3 **But now the bonds of death are burst,
 The ransom has been paid;
 You now ascend the Father’s throne
 In robes of light arrayed.**
- 4 **O let your mighty love prevail
 To purge us of our pride
 That we may stand before your throne
 By mercy purified.**
- 5 **Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
 Our future great reward;
 Our only glory, may it be
 To glory in the Lord!**

△6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!

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).

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-53

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 (tune 609)

1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense

And my Savior, now is living!

Knowing this, my confidence

Rests upon the hope here given,

Though the night of death be fraught

Still with many_an anxious thought.

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where he is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave his members dead?
- 4 I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In his glory, at his side.

Homily

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 (tune 609)

- 5 Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
For his members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear his voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last his own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,

Treading death beneath their feet.

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

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.

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.

Bells

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.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine,

We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth,

Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing:

“O grave, be open!”

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God,

Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life,

Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

- 1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

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.

If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

LSB 486 (tune 846)

- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,

**Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.**

**2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!**

**3 If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through him we are restored;
His Word endures, his Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.**

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

Serving in worship today

February 23, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Evan Baker

Usher

Sue Anderson

Elders

Wayne Chambard

Carl Schwanbeck

Reader

Mike Voegele

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Leon Mager 2/23, Renee Chambard 2/24, Tyler Mathiason 2/25, Coen Voegele 2/25, Karen Zimmerman 2/27, Morgan Bryan 2/27, Betsy Will 2/28, Debbie Walden 2/28, and Autumn Degler 3/1.

Celebrating Baptisms: Carl Jauch 2/23, Julia Gunderson 2/27, Colin Mathiason 3/1, Dan O’Keeffe 3/1, and Les Geren 3/1.

In our Prayers: Dave and Arlene Martti, Clay and Lisa Yares, Nancy, and The Birkholz family,

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
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
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Book Study
	12:00 p.m.	Soup in a Jar Mission Project
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

LWML Mission Byte: GROWING OUR PLACE: CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS Our Place After School Care, Inc. Nebraska | \$20,000

Our Place is an after-school program for special needs teenagers located in Hastings, Nebraska. It is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills appropriate to each student's needs. It also provides opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities. The \$20,000 grant will help meet rent and utility costs, purchase the software needed to manage the Freedom Factory store, and provide scholarship aid. Please join us in supporting their ministry. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-28 or ask Linda Schwanbeck

Newsletter: We are putting together a newsletter. If you are involved in a ministry here at SOC or in the community and you would like others to know about it, please get a small blurb or article to the office at Secretary@soclc.org by Wednesday March 5th.

Women's Ministry Soup in a Jar Event: Help us fill 100 soup bags! We need donations and volunteers for our upcoming soup bag project, and we'd love your help! Specifically, we are asking for donations of 12.5 oz cans of chicken to help us create 100 soup bags for NACE. If you're able to donate, please drop off cans in the labeled basket in the Narthex by March 1st. Assembly will take place following Evangelism's book study on Saturday March 1st at 12pm, there is a sign up for this in the front entry. Contact Leslie K or Linda S with any questions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

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.

Upcoming Films:

In the theater:

“*Unbreakable Boy*” February 20
True Story about an autistic boy fitting in.

“*No Address*” February 27
Docu-drama on homelessness and how unexpectedly it can happen to anyone.

“*The Chosen*”
The fifth season “The Last Supper” will cover Holy Week.
Part One : March 27
Part Two: April 4
Part Three: April 11

“*The Rule Breakers*” March 7
The true story of a group of Islamic girls who break the sex barrier for education and contributing to a male dominated culture and where it leads.

“King of Kings” April 9

An animated movie about a father sharing the Passion Story with his son

“The Last Supper” Easter release

Another rendition of Passion Week from a dramatic exploration of the motives and secrets that surround the events of Passion Week

On Amazon Prime:

“House of David” February 27

A new series on the Story of David

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

Next Week’s Readings

Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2,

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

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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