





## 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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February 9, 2025

*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

### Welcome

#### *To Your Temple, Lord, I Come*

*LSB 981*

- 1 To your temple, Lord, I come,  
For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place,  
Here I see my Savior’s face.
- 2 I through him am reconciled,  
I through him become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In your courts your love to trace.
- 3 While your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 6 While your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear you speaking from the sky.

*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** When the prophet Isaiah became aware of the presence of the LORD in the temple, he cried:
- C** **“Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD almighty.”**
- P** We come before you, Lord, in need of healing and wholeness. We, too, live among people of unclean lips.
- C** **We live in a world where words are used to combat and tear down your children.**
- P** And we ourselves are a people of unclean lips.
- C** **Our words can be full of poison when we use them to hurt those we love and attack the reputations of our neighbors.**
- P** Lord Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and heal us.
- C** **O Lord, open our lips so that our mouths will declare your praise.**

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

- P** Our Lord Jesus transforms us not only by healing our tongues, but by healing the hearts that fuel those tongues. Because we have received Christ himself upon our lips, the word that came to Isaiah comes to us: “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 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. Praise the God who heals and forgives his people!
- C** **Amen! Thank you, Lord, for your forgiving love.**

## *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).*

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-13*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

<sup>9</sup> He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;  
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people calloused;  
make their ears dull  
and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “For how long, Lord?”

And he answered:

“Until the cities lie ruined  
and without inhabitant,  
until the houses are left deserted  
and the fields ruined and ravaged,

<sup>12</sup> until the LORD has sent everyone far away  
and the land is utterly forsaken.

<sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remains in the land,  
it will again be laid waste.

But as the terebinth and oak  
leave stumps when they are cut down,  
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then

to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**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 5:1-11*

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

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

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had

taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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

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

*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 blessèd 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.**

## **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

*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.*

### ***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!**

***Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***      *LSB 563*

- 1**    **Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2**    **Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3**    **Lord, I believe thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**
- 6**    **Jesus, be endless praise to thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

***The Son of God, Our Christ***      *ELW 584 (tune LSB 878)*

- 1**    **The Son of God, Our Christ, the word, the way,  
Shared human life and toiled though out the day;  
From common folk he called the twelve  
To be coworkers in his sacred ministry.**
- 2**    **In every test, in trials manifold  
Theses servants witnessed, by faith made bold;  
And with the gifts and talents which they brought  
The church was founded and God's message taught.**
- 3**    **Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare  
To follow boldly and his work to share,  
To help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
Declaring to the world his holy name.**
- 4**    **In city street, in town, or on the soil,**

May each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,  
And in each thought and kindly word and deed,  
Obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.

- 5 Whenever we find our witness should be made,  
Whatever our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,  
That we may gladly give for thee our best  
And find each task divinely sent and blest.

*If Your Beloved Son, O God*

LSB 568

- 1 If your beloved Son, O God,  
Had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
Had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine  
In hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.
- 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;  
Despair no more reigns o'er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed,  
For Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me he died  
That, reconciled, I might abide  
With you, my God, forever.
- 3 I trust in him with all my heart;  
Now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart;  
His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace through him I now obtain;  
He washes me from ev'ry stain,  
And pure I stand before him.
- 4 All righteousness by works is vain;  
The Law brings condemnation.  
True righteousness by faith I gain;  
Christ's work is my salvation.  
His death, that perfect sacrifice,  
Has paid the all-sufficient price;

In him my hope is anchored.

- 5 My guilt, O Father, you have laid  
On Christ, your Son, my Savior.  
Lord Jesus, you my debt have paid  
And gained for me God's favor.  
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,  
The good in me to you I trace;  
In faith and hope preserve me.

## 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.

## *“How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard*

*LSB 831 (tune 664)*

- 1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard  
News of a Lord who loved and came;  
Nor known his reconciling word,  
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?
- 2 “To all the world,” to ev'ry place,  
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,  
Preach the good news of saving grace;  
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,  
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
Telling of One who died for all,  
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart  
To this poor cold self-centered soul;  
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,  
And make a world for Christ my goal.
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move:

**Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!  
So shall they hear and find and prove  
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

# Serving in worship today

February 9, 2025

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Acolyte

Eddie Kothrade

## Usher

Randy Herschman

## Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Eric Skogerboe

## Reader

Monica Lux

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Lauren Pack 2/9, Mike Voegele 2/10, and Joyce Kvalheim 2/13.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Bob Marolt 2/15

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Gary and Raelene Burmeister and Jerry and Bonnie Garland.

## This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	New Member Welcome
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	C.S. Lewis Book Study
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
	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
	10:30 a.m.	Voter's Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship: Bonhoffer Movie

## Notes of Information

**New Member Welcome:** Please join us in the Fellowship hall following service for special treat time in celebration of our newest members. Please welcome our newest members who recently finished Pastor Jason's new member class.

**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

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. 3<sup>rd</sup>,

10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>) from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm or Wednesday mornings (Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>) 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:** “God has given us two hands—one to receive with and other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.”

**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>	\$7271

**Next Week’s Readings**  
**Jeremiah 17:5-10, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26**



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> - Movie Matinee- Bonhoffer with discussion**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> -Game Night- Bring a snack and a game to share.**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> - Game Night- Bring a snack and a game to share.**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>- 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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