



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!

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

LSB 416 (tune 578)

- 1 **Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit’s rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed his eyes.**

- 2 **Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith’s resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

- 3 **Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life’s intentions
To the shape of your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv’ry’s hill
And our living and our dying**

And our rising by your will.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** On a mountain 3,300 years ago, God gave Moses the law.
- C** **But the people did not obey that law, and they broke the covenant God made.**
- P** On a mountain 2,900 years ago, God instructed Elijah to speak his word to the people.
- C** **But the people did not listen to that word, and they worshipped other gods.**
- P** On a mountain 2,000 years ago, God told the disciples to listen to his beloved Son,
- C** **And everything disappeared from their sight except Jesus.**
- P** Lord, let all sin and rebellion disappear from our lives,
- C** **Forgive our sin and help us to see nothing but Jesus.**

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

- P** Through Jesus' death on a different mountain, God has made peace with you forever. He has welcomed you into his family and embraced you with his forgiving love. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus lives in you, and his perfect love will drive out your fear and fill you with joy in the good news.
- 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** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one Lord, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

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

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

⁴Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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 9:28-40, 42-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his exodus, which he was about to bring to fulfillment

at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

LSB 415 (tune 904)

**1 Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak,**

Join the saints and angels praising.

**Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**

- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
Shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**
- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came:
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder,
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**
- 4 This is God's belovèd Son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
First and Last and only One.
All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**

Homily

Stand

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.

Sit

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings you so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for your boundless love shown to us when you sent your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on him our sin, giving him into death that we might not die eternally. Because he is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

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. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

In Christ Alone

Choir

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies *LSB 873 (tune 397)*

- 1** **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true and only light,
 Sun of righteousness, arise;
 Triumph o'er the shades of night.
 Dayspring from on high, be near;
 Daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2** **Dark and cheerless is the morn
 Unaccompanied by thee;
 Joyless is the day's return
 Till thy mercy's beams I see,
 Till they inward light impart,
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
- 3** **Visit then this soul of mine,
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Fill me, radiance divine,
 Scatter all my unbelief;
 More and more thyself display,**

Shining to the perfect day.

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!
- 3 'Tis he forgives thy sins;
'Tis he relieves thy pain;

'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

- 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his belovèd Son.

Stand

Post Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Go My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, My children, with my blessing—
You are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 2, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Evan Baker

Usher

Art Hayden

Elders

Eric Skogerboe

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Wayne Chambard

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Libby Schoenbauer 3/2, Virginia Henkel 3/3, Natalie Hofman 3/4, Ryan O’Keeffe 3/4, Hunter Bellrichard 3/5, and Dan O’Keeffe 3/8.

Celebrating Baptisms: Jean O’Keeffe 3/3.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday	6:45 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:45 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

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 Coffee Group: Women's Wednesday Morning Coffee is taking a break for a couple of months. We will be back. 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:

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

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

Stewardship Note: *"Share with God's people who are in need."* (Romans 12:13)

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
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13



Ministry Spotlight

Evangelism

The Spirit of Christ Board of Evangelism currently consists of 5 members: Suzanne and Les Geren, Lisa Yares, Phil Hagel, and Valerie Anderson.

The work of evangelism consists of two aspects, which are identified as "witness" and "outreach". They are distinct yet closely related. "Witness" is what we do individually to share the Gospel with the lost people whom we know in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, ball fields, and the many other places we regularly show up. "Outreach" refers to the things that we do to share the Gospel with the unchurched people in our community through the ministries and activities we conduct as a congregation.

Outreach is a collective effort to engage the unchurched people who live, work, and play in the community in which our congregation is located. While "witness" and "outreach" are distinct, outreach is most effective when it is integrated with witnessing.

The working definition of evangelistic outreach is: Our congregation's efforts to make disciples by engaging the unchurched people in our community through our ministries and activities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them*. The goals of evangelism are strengthening and supporting the relationships within the congregation, and to connecting and building relationships with unchurched community members, bringing them into the Word and Sacrament where the Holy Spirit makes them disciples.

An easy way to build up relationships in our existing community is to participate in events outside of worship such as fellowship nights, bible studies and service projects. These are things that offer you a chance to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Taken from Making Disciples for Life Resource Center LCMS*

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2025



Open to seniors and their families
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SATURDAY
April 5

9 a.m. to noon

Lord of Life Church 14501 Nowthen Blvd. NW
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- Information booths
- Free pancake breakfast
- Blood pressure checks
- Mini massages
- Entertainment
- Todd "Elvis" Anderson
- Eyewear repair & cleaning

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Questions: Please call Gayle at 763-324-1609 or Janet at 763-324-1457



Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

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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