



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 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome

What is The World to Me

LSB 730 (tune 731)

- 1 **What is the world to me**
 With all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!

- 2 **The world seeks to be praised**
 And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
 Above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone.
 What is the world to me!

- 3 **The world seeks after wealth**
 And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
 Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
 Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.

What is the world to me!

- 4** **What is the world to me!**
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?
C **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

- P** **Almighty God,**

C Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

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 God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer

of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

⁹ So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who, by the

power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Response

LSB 173

P Return to the Lord, your God,

C For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

³²He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’” ³³In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.” ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646 (tune 540)

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people,

Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

- 2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv'lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And his countless blessings share.
- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing his praise, his love declare.

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

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.

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.

Praise Band

The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

LSB 838 (tune 878)

- 1 The saints in Christ are one in ev'ry place
 To serve the Gospel of his costly grace;
 From those first days to this, our hope the same:
 The love of Christ, one Lord, one saving name.**
- 2 In chains for Christ! his pris'ners love to sing,
 For slaves and free rejoice to praise our King;
 What though the Church on earth still suffers wrong?
 The cross of Christ remains our pilgrim song.**
- 3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
 Where then shall be our hunger, danger, pain?
 Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
 Then be with Christ, to live forevermore.**
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth repeat;
 The work that you began, you will complete.
 By grace let ev'ry foe become your friend;**

Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and never end.

I'm But a Stranger Here

LSB 748

- 1 I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.
- 2 What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.
- 3 Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651

- 1 I love your kingdom, Lord,
The place of your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

- 3 I love your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of your eye
And graven on your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Stand

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.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

LSB 854 (tune 664)

- 1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.
- 4 Give me to bear thine easy yoke,

And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.

- 5 For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heav'n.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

March 16, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Acolyte

Eddie Kothrade

Usher

Mike Voegele

Coen Voegele

Elders

Eric Skogerboe

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Peggy Peterson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Elaine Hayden 3/11, Breanna Smith 3/12, John Peterson 3/14, and Kayleigh O’Keeffe 3/15.

Celebrating Baptisms: Joyce Kvalheim 3/13, Karen Zimmerman 3/14, and Jeff Williams 3/15.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Don and Rita Matheson 3/9 and Dave and Rebecca Hansen 3/10.

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	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek 2
	7:45 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Game Night
		Bunco
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

First Communion Class: If you are interested in having your children, take their first communion on Maundy Thursday, please see Pastor Jason with your interest.

Fellowship Game Night: Please join us for a game or three of Bunco on Friday, March 21st. Bring a snack to share. We will start at 7 p.m.

Soup Supper: Soup supper will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m. before midweek Lenten service. Come and break bread with one another before heading into worship.

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
- April 28 – *The Last Letter* by Rebecca Yarros
- May 27 (Tuesday) – *Bluebird* by Sharon Cameron

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

Stewardship Note: “*Blessed is he who has regard for the weak... ” (Psalm 41:1)*

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

Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

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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