





## 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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March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

### Welcome

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* LSB 418 (tune 554)

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust  
In God’s eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
And fixed your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves,  
Since we have known God’s love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven’s praise.

*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** O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup>take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup>and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup>But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup>So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup>and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup>Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all

the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Roman 10:8b-13*

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lenten Response

*LSB 173*

**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:1-13*

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I

can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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

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

*Sit*

### *O Love, How Deep*

*LSB 544 (tune 571)*

**1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

**2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world himself he came.**

**3 For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.**

### **Homily**

#### *O Love, How Deep*

*LSB 544 (tune 571)*

**4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;**

**For us his daily works he wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not himself but us.**

**5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us he gave his dying breath.**

**6 For us he rose from death again;  
For us he went on high to reign;  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

*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

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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.*

***Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**
- 2 He who his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us now.**

***O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near***

*LSB 599*

- 1 O gracious Lord, with love draw near  
To these, your children gathered here;  
The Spirit's gift in them renew:  
The gift of faith that clings to you**
- 2 Sustain the work you have begun  
In these united to your Son,  
For in that pure baptismal flood  
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**
- 3 Deliver them from ev'ry wile,  
From all that would their hearts beguile,  
From worldly ways and Satan's lies,  
That they may not your Word despise.**
- 4 Lord, keep them firm in their intent  
To you, Your Word and Sacrament.  
O make them bold, their faith to share  
And make them strong, each cross to bear.**

- 5 O Father, grant that by your grace  
They may Your will each day embrace;  
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,  
Till they at death your name confess.
- 6 Then robed in white before your throne,  
Your holy saints, by you foreknown—  
Predestined, called, and justified,  
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

LSB 424

- 1 O Christ, you walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek your living Word,  
The food your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek your kingdom first;  
Our wills with yours align.
- 5 O Christ, you walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

*Your Table I Approach*

LSB 628

- 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 blessed 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.**

*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.
- G** Amen.

### ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

*LSB 657*

- 1** A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2** No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3** Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4** God's Word forever shall abide,

**No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

**Announcements**

**Sending**

# Serving in worship today

March 9, 2025

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Acolyte

Eli Neel

## Usher

Randy Herschman

## Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Carl Schwanbeck

## Reader

Renee Chambard

## 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
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek 1
	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

**Fellowship Game Night:** Please join us for a game or three of Bunco on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**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:

- 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

**Stewardship Note:** *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*

**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 15:1-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-3**

# 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*

# Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

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colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

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C L E U X B M T H B U C W B  
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y  
A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B  
N G N L I S N L A I N E D X  
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U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E  
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## Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

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

**April 25<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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