



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!

June 1, 2025

Ascension of our Lord

Welcome

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,

Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band

Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with his faithful foll’wers see

Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry,

“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“This is the Savior,” thus they say;

“This is his glorious triumph day!”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see him now, ascending high

Up to the portals of the sky.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see

Returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession & Absolution

- P** God’s design for human beings includes union with one another. This unity is found not only in the bond of marriage but in each relationship we have as God’s children. Jesus says,
- C** **“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one.”**
- P** For the sake of our witness of him, he gives us a unity that is a mirror of the unity the Father has with the Son.
- C** **“...that they may be brought into complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”**
- P** Yet time and again, our words and actions divide us from one another. We allow selfishness and sin in our relationships to break the bond that God has formed, our commitment to one another has not followed the pattern of God’s selfless and unbreakable commitment to us. For our unwillingness to prize unity above self-interest.
- C** **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

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

P Saints of God, the promise of the Gospel is that our relationships with God and one another are defined not by our action but by God's. Paul explains God's work in Christ Jesus this way: "he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself a new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body reconcile both of them to God through the cross, but which he put to death their hostility." This is what God has done to bring unity, forgiveness, and peace. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are reconciled to God and one another.

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 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).

This is the Feast

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, your blessed Son Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things and intercede for us in your presence. Give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time and will bring everything into your glory, because he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the

Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

LSB 494 v 1-3, 5 (Tune 803)

1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;
Conqu’ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot,
To his heav’nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices

**Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav'nly King.**

- 2 Who is this that comes in glory
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has crushed his foes.**
- 3 While he lifts his hands in blessing,
He is parted from his friends;
While their eager eyes behold him,
He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To his everlasting home.**
- 5 He has raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heav'nly places,
There with him in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne.
By our mighty Lord's ascension
We by faith behold our own.**

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 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that he might make us partakers of his divine 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 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,**

By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544 (tune 425)

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.

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.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living

**With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Stand

Dismissal

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.

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 1** Thine the amen thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2** Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3** Thine the truly thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4** Thine the kingdom thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise

**Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only
thee.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in Worship

June 1, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

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Kevin Zimmerman

Eric Skogerboe

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Robert Pajak

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kristina Kothrade 6/4, Alex Mavetz 6/6, and Peter Setness 6/6.

Celebrating Baptism: Miriam Miller 6/5 and Phyllis Bartholdi 6/7.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Kevin and Karen Zimmerman 6/7 and Steve and Cindy Johnson 6/7

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Board of Youth Meeting
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Quarterly Voter's Meeting: There will be a quarterly voter's meeting held on June 15th following worship. During this meeting there will be updates from the church boards as well as voting to install new board members.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held July 27 through July 31st from 6pm to 8 pm. Registration is open online via the website, please spread the word and register early.

Armchair Fund: The Board of Trustees is going to purchase more armchairs for the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of these chairs, please place your donation in the offering plate marked "Chair."

Prayer Opportunity: An Elder will be available weekly at the end of service at the Communion Rail for personal prayer support. If privacy is requested that it will be accommodated.

Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

- June 23 – *Bluebird* by Sharon Cameron.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter and beans of all types. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Average Weekly Offering	\$7203
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7271

Next Week's Readings
Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:9-17, John 14:15-17

Dear Spirit of Christ,

I hope this message finds you well. Today, I am reaching out to share the story of a brave little fighter, Shevi Lynn Herman, and to seek your generous support in her challenging medical journey.

At just 20 weeks into pregnancy, it was discovered that Shevi had Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and 18p- syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. Since her birth on January 14th, 2025, weighing 7 pounds 15.5 oz, Shevi has faced numerous medical challenges, including heart surgeries, liver complications, and a rare condition called Biliary Atresia. Shevi has shown incredible strength, enduring procedures like the Kasai procedure for her liver and on-going treatment for Hyper- Insulinism. Her path has been fraught with complex medical decisions, including the possibility of a dual heart and liver transplant- an exceedingly rare procedure with only one recorded case in infants under one year old.

In exploring options with specialists in Michigan, Minnesota, and Texas, and while the road ahead is uncertain, the commitment to do everything possible for Shevi is prevalent. Your support will help cover the immense costs of medical treatment, travel, and relocation, should dual transplant become a viable option.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Sherry Fick
763-432-9492

There will be a free will offering following service if you would like to support this family as they seek medical treatment here in Minnesota. Shevi is being treated at a local hospital and her parents are staying at a Ham Lake Campground.





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