



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!

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear *LSB 908 (tune 884)*

**1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near;
Let me your Word e’er pure retain;
Let me your child and heir remain.**

**2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

**△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.**

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

Revelation 21:1-6

- P** “Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.’”
- C** **Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that we often have not obeyed. You teach us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to forgive those who have wronged us. You teach us to store up heavenly treasures instead of earthly ones and to not worry about our lives and the things we will need. You teach us not to judge, not to give up, not to be afraid, and to pray. You teach us to deny ourselves, to take the low position, to give to everyone who asks. You teach us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. We acknowledge that we have not obeyed all these teachings. Have mercy and forgive us.**

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

- P** Jesus also said, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” In the waters of Baptism, this is your story. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. The righteousness and obedience of Jesus the Messiah are yours as God’s free gift, and this is the truth about you: You are those who love and obey him. Worship the risen Lord in peace.
- 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 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

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled

to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22:1-22:5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB 488

C He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,

**And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

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

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478

**1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,**

From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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

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.

O Sons and Daughters of the King *LSB 470 v 1-3,8,9*

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Make Songs of Joy *LSB 484 (tune 524)*

- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;
Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead!
Alleluia!**
- 2 Our life was purchased by his loss;**

Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
Alleluia!

3 O death, where is your deadly sting?
Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King!
Alleluia!

4 And where your victory, O grave,
Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
Alleluia!

5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
Alleluia!

6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
Alleluia!

If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

LSB 486 (tune 846)

1 If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,

**So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!**

- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.**

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 467

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.**

- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son**

In love for me has won.

- 4** Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5** The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.
- 6** Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow him through all.
- 7** He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with me has died
Shall here be glorified."

Stand

Dismissal

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.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461 v 1,3,5,7,8

- 1 **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

- 3 **He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

- 5 **He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

- 7 **He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;**

**He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in Worship

May 25, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Eric Skogerboe

Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jan Kuehl 5/25, Eden Miller 5/26, Arlene Martti 5/27, and Jesse Johnson 5/30.

Celebrating Baptism: McKenzie Williams 5/26 and Eli Neel 5/29.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
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

Revitality Survey: Today during education hour, Pastor Jason will be available to help you navigate the survey that evangelism is sponsoring. This survey will help guide the Board of Evangelism in setting their goals for the next year. Your input is vital to this endeavor. If you have already completed the survey, THANK YOU! If you have not, please use the QR code located on the last page of the bulletin, grab a hard copy of the survey in the Narthex, or stay after service today and we will get you set up. The survey itself takes about half an hour to complete. If you have any questions please let Pastor Jason, Valerie Anderson or Laura Marquardt know.

LWML Byte: Cornerstone Lutheran Hmong Church Plant – currently located at Concordia Univ. St. Paul Cornerstone was launched in January of 2022 and has grown from twenty people to over one hundred worshippers. Currently using space on the campus of Concordia University St. Paul, Cornerstone Light of Life Lutheran Church was welcomed into the Minnesota South District of the LCMS in March of 2023, and plans to continue serving as a missional church for the diverse unchurched families in the greater St. Paul community. The mite box is available in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

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

No Sunday School: There will **NOT** be Sunday School **THIS** Sunday.

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:

- May 27 (Tuesday) – *The Last Letter* by Rebecca Yarros. This is in place of the April cancelled date.
- 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	\$7350
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7271

Next Week's Readings

Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-21 John 17:20-26

Re:Vitality Survey

Our congregation is taking advantage of an offering from the LCMS's "Re:Vitality" program. This offering involves a congregational survey.

We know that the Lord's ministry at Spirit of Christ is most certainly *vital*. Wherever the Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity and the sacraments are rightly administered, the Church is alive and well. The Re:Vitality program is built to help congregations see where our various ministries are most healthy, and where we can refocus our energy and attention for the sake of our members and the world.

We are asking each individual member to submit honest feedback about our congregation. I want to encourage every adult (18 years and older) to fill out this survey.

You can fill the survey out by hand. There are printed surveys on the table in the Narthex, next to the bulletins. Please return them to the bin outside the office when you are finished.

Or you can use your phone and scan the QR code below.



We hope to hear from everyone! Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and I will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation.

Help us find the answer to, "Where are we...*really*?" Thank you for submitting your responses by **6/1/2025**.

Blessings,

Pastor Jason Neel



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