





## 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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June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

### Welcome

#### *Rise, Shine, You People*

*LSB 825*

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.**
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus’ glory.**
- 4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation  
His new creation.**

*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 and Absolution

**P** Isaiah speaks on behalf of the LORD, saying “All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations –

**C** **A people who continually provoke me to my very face.”**

**P** Isaiah is describing the difference between the heart of God and the hearts of those sinful people. While God pursues us to restore us to life with God,

**C** **We pursue our own agenda.**

**P** While God exposes the truth of our rebellion,

**C** **We cling to illusions and false beliefs.**

**P** While God seeks to work life in us,

**C** **We stubbornly pursue the path of death.**

**P** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **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** Isaiah proclaims “This is what the LORD says: ‘As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, ‘Don’t destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,’ so will I do in behalf of my servants.’” Though in our sin we were like shriveled grapes, God promises that in Christ he brings forth new wine. Because he has rescued us from the powers that held us captive, we are made new. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are God’s new creation, and in him you are holy and just for eternity.

**C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## Pax Domini

**P** Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.

**C** **And the God of love and peace will be with you.**

**P** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 *Corinthians 13:11,14*)

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 65:1-9*

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;

I was found by those who did not seek me.

To a nation that did not call on my name,

I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’

<sup>2</sup> All day long I have held out my hands

to an obstinate people,

who walk in ways not good,

pursuing their own imaginations—

<sup>3</sup> a people who continually provoke me

to my very face,

offering sacrifices in gardens

and burning incense on altars of brick;

<sup>4</sup> who sit among the graves

and spend their nights keeping secret vigil;

who eat the flesh of pigs,

and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;

<sup>5</sup> who say, ‘Keep away; don’t come near me,

for I am too sacred for you!’

Such people are smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that keeps burning all day.

<sup>6</sup>“See, it stands written before me:

I will not keep silent but will pay back in full;

I will pay it back into their laps—

<sup>7</sup>both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,”

says the LORD.

“Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains  
and defied me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

the full payment for their former deeds.”

<sup>8</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes

and people say, ‘Don’t destroy it,

there is still a blessing in it,’

so will I do in behalf of my servants;

I will not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;

my chosen people will inherit them,

and there will my servants live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Galatians 3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**☩ 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 8:26-39*

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

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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

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

*Sit*

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

*LSB 478*

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.**

## Homily

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### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

### Prayers of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That God transforms us by the power of his grace, that we show forth his glory in faithful words and works, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God uses us as his instruments to speak his Word of rescue and bring hope to those still in darkness, and that God may be glorified because of us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the sick be healed, the dying raised to new and

everlasting life, the suffering relieved, and the grieving comforted. Let us pray to the Lord [on behalf of (*names*), and] for all those whom we name before him in our hearts, that in all things his good and gracious will be done, and we be sustained to everlasting life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That peace reign among the nations, that governments serve the people with justice and integrity, and that we use the precious gift of freedom wisely and to glorify God, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we do not grieve without hope or despair in the face of death but trust in the promise of God to deliver us from death and the grave to life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That all who commune at the Lord's Table be united in faith and in hope, receiving the precious food of Christ's body and blood for the strengthening of their faith and the equipping of the saints for their service to their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we rejoice in all the gifts of the Lord and be transformed with generous hearts to support the poor and the work of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we cast aside the works of darkness and do the good works of him who has called us from darkness into his marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Presentation of the Offering

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## 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.*

***How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds***

*LSB 524*

- 1    How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
      In a believer's ear!  
      It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
      And drives away our fear.**
  
- 2    It makes the wounded spirit whole  
      And calms the heart's unrest;  
      'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
      And to the weary, rest.**
  
- 3    Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
      My shield and hiding place;  
      My never-failing treasury filled  
      With boundless stores of grace.**
  
- 4    O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
      My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
      My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
      Accept the praise I bring.**
  
- 5    How weak the effort of my heart,  
      How cold my warmest thought!  
      But when I see thee as thou art,  
      I'll praise thee as I ought.**
  
- 6    Till then I would thy love proclaim  
      With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
      And may the music of thy name  
      Refresh my soul in death!**

***Spread the Reign of God the Lord***

*LSB 830*

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere his creatures call  
To his heav'nly banquet hall.

2 Tell how God the Father's will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How his own dear Son he gave  
Us from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave himself as sacrifice.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*LSB 528*

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of thy name.

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

*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

### 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 lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient Church's story;

**Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.**

## **Announcements**

## **Sending**

## **Serving in Worship**

June 22, 2025

### **Pastor**

Jason Neel

### **Usher**

Sue Anderson

### **Elders**

Eric Skogerboe  
Wayne Chambard

### **Reader**

Carl Schwanbeck

## **In our prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jamil Poindexter 6/22, Lois Spadgenske 6/24, Jerry Coleman 6/25, Linda Riebe 6/25 and Alex Williams 6/28.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Anora Kuntz 6/22, Carl Schwanbeck 6/22, Morgan Holleman 6/23, Lucy Eastman 6/24, Marilyn Coleman 6/25, and Randy Herschman 6/26.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Jerry and Jan Berg 6/22, Les and Suzanne Geren 6/22, Roger and Besty Will 6/25, Ryan and Breanna Smith 6/25, and Phil and Laura Marquardt 6/26.

## **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.	Book Club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
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

**VBS Needs** VBS is scheduled for July 27-31, and we could use your help to provide snacks. Specific Tundra Treats needed are represented on slips on a board in the narthex. Please take as many slips as you would like and drop the donations off in the VBS Snack bin found under the board before Thursday, July 24. Thank you for being a blessing to the children!

### Prayer Partners needed for NYG:

From July 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> five Spirit of Christ youth and three adults will be traveling to New Orleans, LA for the 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering.

We need Spirit of Christ member to partner with one of these individuals as a prayer partner, sending your prayers and possibly some notes of encouragement. We want to let this group know that you are with them on this journey.

Those attending are:

Libby	Sophia Lease	Allison Fey
Schoenbauer	Camille Kuntz	Jeff Fey
Hannah	Eli Neel	
Schoenbauer	Laura Marquardt	

PS: Please note if you feel the need to send treats, we are packing light due to limited checked bags.

Please have treats and/or notes to Laura or Jeff by Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be held July 27 through July 31<sup>st</sup> 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

July 28 – The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson by Ellen Baker

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	\$6909
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7271

**Next Week's Readings**

**I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62**





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