



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 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love.

- 4** **Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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

Galatians 3:27–28; Galatians 5:1, 24

- P** Jesus says, “Follow me.”
C **Often we are not quick to follow. Often, we choose to go our own way.**
P Jesus looks at a lost world in need of witnesses and says, “Follow me.”
C **We look at this lost world in need of the Gospel, and we hesitate and shy away.**
P Jesus knows our temptations, and he says, “Follow me.”
C **We falter on the way. We follow the ways of this world. We fail to keep God’s Law. We submit ourselves slaves to sin.**
P Let us pray and silently confess our sins to God.

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

- P** Jesus says, “Follow me,” and we follow him as forgiven people with grace to do his will. “For freedom Christ has set us free; . . . those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified

the flesh with its passions and desires.” In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May he who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

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.** (2
Corinthians 13:11,14)

P May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.”¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran

after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB 205

C 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 9:51-62

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized

The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts he gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied him.

3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

Homily

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that he once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of his own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 **So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!**

Stand

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

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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 975

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.**
- 2 Before our Father's throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.**
- 4 When here our pathways part,
 We suffer bitter pain;
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
 We hope to meet again.**
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.**

God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,
 In love and pity infinite,
 Teach us, as ever in thy sight,
 To live our lives in thee.**
- 2 And thou, who cam'st on earth to die**

**That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to thee.**

**3 Teach us the lesson thou hast taught:
To feel for those thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought
May work a work for thee.**

**4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in thee!**

**5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto thee!**

**6 And may thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in thee.**

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.**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

**1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship**

For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

- 3 **Holy Spirit, ever working**
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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.

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- 1 **In thee is gladness**
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given
The gifts of heaven,

**Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest,
Our bonds thou breakest;
Who trusts thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see thy shining,
Dying or living
To thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**2 Since he is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of his glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love him and praise him
And still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in Worship

June 29, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Art Hayden

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Lois Spadgenske

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Evan Baker 6/30, Storm Parson 6/30, Tina Brynteson 6/30, Nancy Anderson 7/2, Diane Setness 7/3 and Jody Rose 7/3.

Celebrating Baptisms: Luna Furman 6/30 and Angie Hagel 7/1

Celebrating Anniversaries: Ralph and Jan Fuerst 6/30, Todd and Sue Anderson 7/2 and Josh and Brianna Smith 7/5.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Visitation and Funeral for Ron Clarke.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
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

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.

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:

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>	<i>\$7271</i>

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



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