



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!

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Faith and Trust and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.
- 2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory
Give us ears to hear your Word.

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** When an expert in the law asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus points to the heart of the law -- love for God and the neighbor. Luke tells us that the man wanted to justify himself, and so he asked:
- C** **And who is my neighbor?**
- P** The man was not seeking new people to love. Instead, he was trying to justify not loving those he saw as outside of God's holy people and feeling justified in the limitations he has placed on love. We, too, often desire to justify not loving those who are harder for us to love.
- C** **We want people to change their behavior before we love them. We want people to make peace with us before we make peace with them. We want to limit love to those who think like us and behave like us.**
- P** Yet Jesus says "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them...but love your enemies, do good to them...and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."
- C** **Father, forgive us for our failure to be neighbors to your children.**

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

- P** When the Samaritan in Jesus' parable cares for the man who has been beaten, he behaves as if he were the one who caused the wounds. While we were yet sinners – blind, dead, and enemies of God – Jesus made our sin his fault. He claimed responsibility for our brokenness, our sickness, our failings, our hurt, our rejection of God and the neighbor, our refusal to love – all of it. In his death, he made peace with everyone. 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. In the Spirit of Christ, you are empowered to love everyone you meet with Christ's servant love.

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

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

C And also with you.

Sit

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, ¹⁰ if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB 205

G 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 10:25-37

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

LSB 693 tune 947

**1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss
When we are sheltered by the cross**

That canceled our transgressions.

- 2 Help us that we thy saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford
New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin,
Each day create new life within,
That fruits of faith may flourish.**
- 3 And when our earthly race is run,
Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may thy work in us begun
Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend
Our souls into our Savior's hand,
The crown of life obtaining.**

Stand

Homily

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 catholic 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared *LSB 622 tune 596*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
 This feast for our salvation;
 It is your body and your blood,
 And at your invitation
 As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
 We come to you for needed rest,
 For comfort, and for pardon.**
- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
 Where angel hosts are dwelling,
 And in your presence they behold
 Your glory, all excelling,
 And though your people shall not see
 Your glory and your majesty
 Till dawns the judgment morning,**
- 3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
 To any habitation;
 But you are present even now
 Here with your congregation.
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,**

**Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with you,
For you are Lord Almighty.**

**5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**

**7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

**8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be**

A blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

LSB 564

- 1 Christ sits at God's right hand,
His saving work complete,
To reign till ev'ry foe will lie
Beneath his feet—
All that the Father planned,
The Son sought to fulfill,
When first he said, "Lord, here am I
To do your will."
- 2 Christ was that priest God swore,
Uniquely First and Last,
Who would in righteousness and love
Be unsurpassed:
"A priest forevermore,"
An oath God would not break,
"A priest within the order of
Melchizedek."
- 3 Christ's altar was the tree,
Where on the world's behalf
He shed a blood, unlike the blood
Of goat or calf,
To seal God's guarantee
Of grace that cannot fail;
With blood he entered for our good
Behind the veil.
- 4 What costly sacrifice
To cover human sin!
Who but Christ Jesus had the right
To enter in?
His blood, that sprinkled price,
So we might be assured
That our inheritance in light
Has been secured.

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703

1 How can I thank you, Lord,
For all your loving-kindness,
That you have patiently
Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins
And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God,
Your anger ev'ry day.

2 It is your work alone
That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me
You have your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and your grace
That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart
Into a heart newborn.

3 Lord, you have raised me up

To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way
That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away;
For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul
All evil I abhor.

4 Grant that your Spirit's help
To me be always given
Lest I should fall again
And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that he give me strength
In my infirmity;
May he renew my heart
To serve you willingly.

5 O Father, God of love,
Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be
My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here
And there with you abide.

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847 tune 789

1 Christ, our human likeness sharing,
Heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring,
In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Be your life in us displayed.

2 Hear the word that Christ has spoken,
Help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow'rs of darkness broken,
Sinners pardoned, captives freed:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,

Help us meet our neighbor's need.

- 3 Christ, in ev'ry congregation
Build your temple, stone by stone,
With your word as firm foundation
For a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Make in us your Gospel known.**
- 4 Come, O living Christ, renew us,
As of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us,
Servants of your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.**

Stand

Dismissal

Post Communion Collect

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; 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.

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646 tune 711

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,

**Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.**

**2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv'lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.**

**3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And his countless blessings share.**

**4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing his praise, his love declare.**

Announcements

National Youth Gathering Blessing

Sending

Serving in Worship

July 13, 2025

Pastor

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Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Chuck Johnson

Eric Skogerboe

Reader

Phil Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Lori Miller 7/13, Micah Miller 7/13, Sue Buerkle 7/13, Eric Gunderson 7/18, and Wes Spadgenske 7/19.

Celebrating Baptisms: Abby Schoenbauer 7/17 and Jody Rose 7/17.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Eric and Sarah Skogerboe 7/17 and Chuck and Jan Johnson 7/18

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.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (NON NYG)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		Youth Leave for NYG.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Feed My Starving Children Update: A group of 17 SOC church members and friends packed food last Wednesday at Feed My Starving Children. The group helped pack 107 boxes which totaled 23,112 meals. This is enough food to feed 63 kids a daily meal for a year. We accomplished this in about an hour and a half of our time. Please look for our next packing event, coming up in September.

National Youth Gathering: Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. If have volunteered to be a prayer partner, please drop your notes off in the office no later than Wednesday at Noon. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Fey or Laura Marquardt.

SAGES: There is the most current copy of the SAGES newsletter available in the Narthex.

Thank You: We have met our goal for the new chairs, thank you to everyone who contributed to that project.

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!

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.

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 (Also vacation Bible school scheduled so stay tuned for a definite meeting place.)

August 25 – Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Bronon

September 22 – The Last Flight by Julie Clark

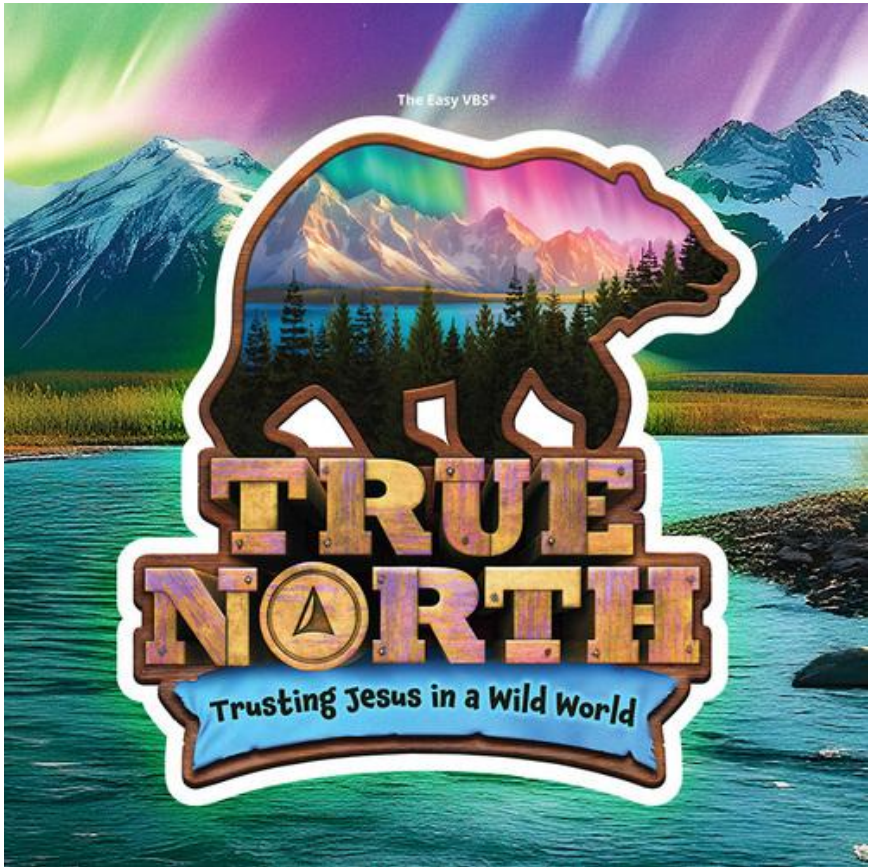
If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter and beans of all types. Currently, they cannot accommodate any more clothing donations. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6672
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42



Use this QR Code for easy VBS Registration!





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