



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 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,
Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse’s tree;
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into you, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in your vineyard

Till eternal life we gain.

**4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear your voice alone.**

**5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions,
There to share your wedding feast.**

**△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to you eternally.**

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.

☩ Amen

Confession and Absolution

ℙ St. Paul tells us in Colossians, "Once you were alienated from God,

C and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

P But now, he has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death

C to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." (Col. 1:21-22)

P This is the story of God's rescue of us. We walked away from God and claimed ownership of lives that were never meant to belong to us. We bear the blame for that.

C When we ran headlong into death, God rescued us. Though we were trapped in sin, God called us blameless, and Jesus took our blame.

P Because this is our story, we can acknowledge the ways in which we still live as if we are on our own and living on our own terms. We can trust in God's forgiveness as we beg:

C Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.

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

P Colossians says, "The Son is the image of the invisible God...God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." When the life of God was poured out unto death, he made peace with you eternally. 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. "He is the one we proclaim," because he has rescued us from eternal death and given us life.

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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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 10:38-42

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

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

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Praise Be to Christ

LSB 538 tune 550

- 1** Praise be to Christ in whom we see
The image of the Father shown,
The firstborn Son revealed and known,
The truth and grace of deity;
Through whom creation came to birth,
Whose fingers set the stars in place,
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,
The furthest bounds of time and space.
- 2** Praise be to him whose sov'reign sway
And will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began
And when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head,

Redemption's price and source and theme,
Alive, the firstborn from the dead,
To reign as all-in-all supreme.

- 3 Praise be to him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from his cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path he trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.

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

Praise Band

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

- C** Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your 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.

Behold Our God

Praise Band

- 1 Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
King and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice.**

*Ref Behold our God seated in his throne,
Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come let us adore him!*

- 2 Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wonderous deeds? (*Refrain*)**

- 3 Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now reign (*Refrain*)**

- 4 You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
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You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641 (tune 444)

- 1 You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.
As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.
Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?
- 3 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.
You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.
- 4 You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606 (tune-858)

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.

**I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.**

**2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.**

**3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.**

God Loved the World So that He Gave LSB 571 (tune 570)

**1 God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

**2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son

**Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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.

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

LSB 553 (tune 697)

**1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world,
By holy love outpoured:**

**2 How vast your mercy to accept
The burden of our sin
And bow your head in cruel death
To make us clean within.**

**3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne
In robes of light arrayed.**

- 4 O let your mighty love prevail
To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before your throne
By mercy purified.**
- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!**
- 6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity.**

Serving in Worship

July 20, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Art Hayden

Elders

Kevin Zimmerman

Wayne Chambard

Reader

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jeanne Baker 7/22, Louella Garland 7/23, Pat McCarty 7/23, Dalton Degler 7/24, and Marlene Birkholz 7/24.

Celebrating Baptisms: Alex Williams 7/20, Kayleigh O’Keeffe 7/20, Libby Schoenbauer 7/22, and Steve Johnson 7/26.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Richard and Beth Gerard 7/23.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Service Project
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship 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

Youth Service Project : Today after the church service the youth not going to NYG will be doing a service project. We will be weeding and adding more wood chips to the prayer path. After we are finished, we will be roasting hot dogs and making smores. Hope to see as many kids as possible.

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.

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 Broron

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 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19], Luke 11:1-13



Use this QR Code for easy VBS Registration!





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