



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 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

This morning, we welcome Elliana Carol Bryan as our sister in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Elliana is the daughter of Davis and Kassidy Bryan. Elliana’s baptismal sponsors are Katelyn Koppes and Morgan Bryan.

Welcome

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** In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus asks “your kingdom come.” Luther explains that “God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit so that by his grace, we believe his holy word.” Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, “Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.” According to Luther’s Small Catechism, what does this mean?
- C** **“We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely**

deserve nothing but punishment. So, we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.”

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, and give us hearts to forgive others.**

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

P Believe this word for you: In the stead and by the command of our 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 that same Holy Spirit cause you to cling to that promise, so that your lives may be a joyful response to your Father’s lavish, forgiving love.

C **Amen! Thanks be to God**

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

**Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

- 1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain***
- 2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain***
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

Holy Baptism

P Holy Baptism is God's gift to us. In this Sacrament we become a part of the family of God as we are welcomed into the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Small Catechism says "Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's word and by God's command." God's living Word of promise works powerfully with the water. Baptism is the death of the old sinner and a rebirth into new life in Christ.

C ***"I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit."*** ***"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."*** (*John 3:5; Mark 16:16a*)
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18b-20*)

P How is this child named?

R *Elliana Carol Bryan.*

P Elliana, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified. Today, Davis and Cassidy, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Elliana in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you: will you faithfully bring this child to worship, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds and the Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith?

R *We will, by God's grace.*

P On behalf of Elliana, do you as her parents, reject the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *We do.*

P Sponsors, will you pray for Elliana, support her parents in her ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love him in a way that gives an example of Christ's love?

R *We will, with God's help.*

P Saints of God in this congregation, will you support Elliana in her life in Christ?

C We will, by the power of the Spirit of Christ.

P I ask Eliana' parents, her sponsors, and the entire community to give witness to our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C We do.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son...living and the dead?

C We do.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church... life everlasting?

C We do.

Stand

P Let us join hands and pray as a family the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

C Our Father who art in heaven...forever and ever. Amen.

P Elliana, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray: God, you make light to shine in the darkness. You bring new life from death. We are thankful that you have accepted Elliana as your own. May she grow in faith and love and know always that she is part of your family and that you are her loving God. May we each know the abundant life you give in Jesus and remember how you joined water to Word to claim us forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear that we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do, right?”

²⁶ The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰ Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹ Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³² Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ *LSB 769 (tune 917)*

**1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only You can teach me how to pray.**

2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
Help me to see Your purpose and Your will—
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

Homily

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

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?**

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Forgive Our Sins as We forgive

LSB 843 (tune 765)

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we Forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord

LSB 771 (tune 554)

- 1 Be still, my soul, before the Lord,
For God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray,

God listens and will hear.

- 2 You need not multiply your words
Nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands
The hunger of your heart.**
- 3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence,
Your anxious thoughts at rest.
God knows your needs before you ask
And works for what is best.**
- 4 Be still, my soul, before the Lord;
On God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life;
God's help will not be late.**

Come My Soul, With Every Care

LSB 779 (tune 783)

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.**
- 2 Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.**
- 3 With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.**
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.**
- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,**

Lead me to my journey's end.

- 6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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.

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray *LSB 773 (tune 904)*

- 1 Hear us, Father, when we pray,
Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.
By Your Spirit's Word convey
All that we through Christ inherit,
That as baptized heirs we may
Truly pray.
- 2 When we know not what to say
And our wounded souls are pleading,
May Your Spirit, night and day,
Groan within us interceding;
By His sighs, too deep for words,
We are heard.
- 3 Jesus, advocate on high,
Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,
Through Your priestly blood we cry:
Hear our prayers, though they may falter;
Place them on Your Father's throne
As Your own.
- 4 By Your Spirit now attend

**To our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend
To Your heav'nly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above,
God of love.**

Serving in Worship

July 27, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

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Peggy Peterson

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Mark Endorf 7/27, Tracy Carlson 7/28, Dan Mathiason 8/1, and Nancy Tepley 8/1

Celebrating Baptisms: Jan Kuehl 7/27, Peggy Peterson 7/29, Diane Weinhold 8/1, Evan Baker 8/1, Isaac Jauch 8/1, Marlene Birkholz 8/1, Raelene Burmeister 8/1, and Rebecca Hansen 8/1.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Peter and Diane Setness 7/29.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	VBS
Monday	6:00 p.m.	VBS
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	VBS
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	VBS
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	VBS
	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

SOC Youth: Thank all of you for helping weed and put down more mulch on the prayer path. It looks GREAT! If you have a chance take a walk and check it out.

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

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held July 27 through July 31st from 6pm to 8 pm. Registration is open online via the website or register tonight at the door. Leaders, please be at church by 5:30 p.m.

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.

Lutheran Women in Mission MN South Grant highlight of the month: Theological Training for Hmong Leaders in Southeast

Asia-Hmong International Mission In partnership with LCMS missionaries in Southeast Asia and Hmong Mission Society, this grant will offer theological training to Hmong leaders, pastors, and laypersons. The training will equip them with the Word and Sacraments so they can share the gift of God with Hmong people in unreachable territories in the mountains of Southeast Asia, who come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

(hmongmissionsociety.org) Please pray for the work of training Hmong Leaders! The Mite Box is available in the Narthex! Give as you are led and thank you for your generous hearts.

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

Next Week's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Colossians 3:1-1 Luke 12:13-21



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