





## 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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August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### Welcome

#### *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*LSB 809*

**1** Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

*ref* *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Opening Sentences

*Hebrews 11*

- P** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- C** **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor’s needs.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Worry reveals that we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot trust God with our whole heart. By things done and left undone, we have not loved as we have been loved. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **We confess our sins to you, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join your saints throughout history in blessing the world with your mercy.**

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

- P** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** We share Christ's peace with one another.

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,*

*"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## ***Forgive Us Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness***

*LSB 788 tune 917*

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware:**
- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:**
- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:**
- 6 Open our eyes to see your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, you send your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Genesis 15:1-6*

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:  
"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16*

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were

foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**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 12:32-40*

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

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

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let

his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

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

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

*Sit*

## **Jesus, Greatest at the Table**

*LSB 446*

- 1** Jesus, greatest at the table,  
The almighty Son of Man,  
Laid aside His outer clothing,  
Poured some water in a pan;  
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,  
He the servant’s task began.
- 2** Marvel how their Lord and teacher  
Gently taught them not to vie  
As He humbly knelt before them,  
Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
By His tender touch expressing  
True compassion from on high.
- 3** Jesus took the role of servant  
When upon that gruesome span,  
For all human sin He suffered  
As a vile and loathsome man;  
On the cross poured out like water  
To fulfill the Father’s plan.
- 4** Can we fathom such deep mercy?  
Do we see what God has done?  
Who can grasp this great reversal:  
Love that gives His only Son?  
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,  
For the many dies the One.
- 5** Jesus gave to His disciples  
A commandment that was new:  
“Show My love to one another,  
Do as I have done for you;

All the world will know you love Me  
As you love each other too.”

## 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.*

***Draw Near and Take the body of the Lord***

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

***Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing***

*LSB 737*

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev'rything,  
Your portion shall remain.**
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy,  
Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
Your shield and great reward.**
- 3 Why spend the day in blank despair,  
In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care;  
He makes your burdens light.**
- 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r  
Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour  
Turn dreaded ills away?**

- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

*All Depends on Our Possessing*

LSB 732

- 1 All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.

To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

### *Seek Ye First*

*LSB 712*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

*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.

**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.**

# Serving in Worship

August 10, 2025

## Pastor

Jason Neel

## Usher

Sue Anderson

## Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Chuck Johnson

## Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Bonnie Garland 8/10, Gary Burmeister 8/10, Cindy Johnson 8/11, Sandy Elhardt 8/12, Dave Hansen 8/13, and Chase Carlson 8/14.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Kaleb Miller 8/12, Micah Miller 8/12, Tina Brynteson 8/13, Betsy Will 8/14, Gerry Anderson 8/15, Andrew Winhold 8/16, and Kelli Elhardt 8/16.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Chris and Kati Schoenbauer 8/10, Jason and Jeanne Baker 8/10, Rich and Carol Dangers 8/10, Curt and Karen Olson 8/14, and Tom and Kathy Trapp 8/15.

## This Week at a Glance

|           |            |                     |
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| Today     | 8:00 a.m.  | Bible Study         |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship             |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Education Hour      |
| Tuesday   | 7:00 p.m.  | Elder Board         |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Bluegrass Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m.  | LWML Potluck        |
| Thursday  | 7:00 a.m.  | Men's Bible Study   |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Bluegrass Rehearsal |
| Saturday  | TBD        | Bluegrass Rehearsal |
| Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Bible Study         |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship             |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Education Hour      |

## **Notes of Information**

**VBS Thank You:** Thank you to all the volunteers who made VBS week a success, we served approximately 25 kids each night.

**Reminder- All ladies salad supper potluck:** Wednesday, August 13 at SOC 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and relax as you get to know your sisters in Christ at SOC. Bring your favorite salad to share. Bread and dessert will be provided. Stay if you wish to find you what our Lutheran Women in Mission are doing to grow the treasure that God has for us- That being faith and love for God and others. **Please sign up on the table in the Narthex.**

**Voter's Meeting:** There will be voter's meeting on August 24, 2025 , following the service.

**Mardi Gra Meal Served by the NYG Youth:** Following the voter's meeting, there will be a New Orleans lunch of gumbo, red beans and rice and beignets. The youth will share what they heard and learned in the Big Easy.

**Sunday School Teachers:** We are looking for volunteers willing to teach Sunday School starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 grades PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. You do not need kids in Sunday School to teach Sunday School! If you feel moved to help, reach out to Leslie K, Sarah S, Paula B, or Alissa V. Thanks for considering!

**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:

August 25 – Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Broron

September 22 – The Last Flight by Julie Clark

October 27- Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

**NACE:** Nace is accepting summer clothes and school supplies.

Also accepting bedding, blankets and quilts. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

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| Average Weekly Offering                                      | \$6655        |
| <i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i> | <i>\$7271</i> |

**Next Week's Readings**  
**Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56**

12th Annual

Bluegrass

Sunday

August 17th

9 am

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