

Worshiping God Bluegrass Style





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!

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

As For Me and My House

Choir/Band

Welcome

Come Ye Sinners

Choir/Band

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.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of

God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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).

Sit

Come Ye Sinners

All

4 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus?

No good thing in Him I lack.

Hand to plow, at peace I follow,

Where He leads me why look back.

5 Gone the past, unknown the future,

Grace supplies my daily breath;

Strong in Christ through death's dark valley,

Firm and faithful until death.

ref **I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
All God's love forever ours.**

6 Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May his will in us be done.

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First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³“Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?”

²⁴Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with

grain?” declares the LORD. ²⁹ “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he

endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Rescuer (Good News)

Choir/Band

Homily

Creed - In God We Believe

All

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our how is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured.
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth, the church now, he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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 Version

- 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.**

Words of our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow thy name,
May thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread:
It is from thy bounty that all must be fed.
Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And thine be the glory forever! Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Praise Band Version

**☩ 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.

How Can I Keep From Singing

Choir

Amazing Grace

*Toni & John
Peterson*

Extra

Band

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720 tune 846

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.
We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

- 2 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.
For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.

- 3 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.

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.

Pass the Promise (call response) *Choir & Congregation*

I will pray rejoicing from my heart ;
Pray rejoicing from my heart,
For in Him my victory's lifted high;
His salvation is my cry,
He has overcome my enemies;
Our praises scorn the enemy.
I delight in His deliverance.
The Lord is our deliverance.

Choir
All

***Pass the promise to our sons and daughters,
God most high, God our Father, we bear witness.***

There is no one holy like the Lord;
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Our rock and refuge is our God;
All the earth belongs to God.
Do not speak with pride of noble deeds;
For the Lord will weigh our every deed,
See the strong have lost, the weak have gained;
And from the dust my life He raised.

***Pass the promise to our sons and daughters,
God most high, God our Father, we bear witness.***

He will guard the feet of faithful ones;
He will hold His faithful ones.
But the wicked they will not prevail,
Not by might will man prevail,
He is coming soon to judge the earth,
He is coming soon to judge the earth
For the Lord gives power to His King;
All strength to His Anointed King.

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We bear witness, we bear witness.*

Serving in Worship

August 17, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Art Hayden

Elders

Chuck Johnson
Carl Schwanbeck

Reader

Monica Lux

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Carl Jauch 8/18, Kevin Zimmerman 8/19, Lyla Marquardt 8/20 and Linda Schwanbeck 8/24.

Celebrating Baptisms: Eva Johnson 8/21, Mark Endorf 8/22, Hannah Schoenbauer 8/23 and Liz Degler 8/24.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jay and Jody Rose 8/21, Jeff and Deb Parson 8/21, and Dave and Arlene Martti 8/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Bluegrass Sunday
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Board 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

Voters' Meeting: There will be a Voters' meeting on August 24, 2025, following the service.

Mardi Gras 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 7th, 2025 grades PreK-6th 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:

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

October 27 – Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Women's Bible Study:

Women's twice monthly Bible study will resume Tuesday, September 2nd at 10am. We will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month here at church. "Measured By Grace" by Sharla Fritz is the book we will be reading. The book focuses on Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. All women of SOC are welcome to join. Feel free to bring a friend! Books are \$15 and will be available after service or on September 2nd. Hope to see you there!

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

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Hand Picked-Ham Lake Bluegrass Band and Choir

Band:

Pete Henning: Banjo
Joel Shapira: Guitar
Graydon Peterson: Bass
Zachary Scanlan: Fiddle
Steve Johnson: Harmonica
Lisa Yares: Rhythm

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Administration and Set Up:

Amy Fey

Technical Support:

Blake Peterson: Sound
Jason Baker: Media
Nathaniel Marquardt: Stream
Sound
Don Stockwell: Video
Streaming
Clayton Yares: set up
Graydon Peterson: Musical
Charts & Arrangements

Ministers:

Congregation of Spirit of
Christ

Choir:

Betsy Will
Steve Johnson
Jodi Rose
Karen Callies
Karen Olsen
Robert Pajak
Toni Peterson
Shari Pack
Wayne Chambard
Kevin Zimmerman
Monica Lux
Phil Marquardt
Sarah Skogerrboe
Eric Skoegerboe
Mike Matheson

Music Director:

John Peterson



Save the Date

LWML MN South District Fall Retreat

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