





## 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 31, 2025

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome

#### *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

*LSB 913*

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
  
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

**3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.**

*Stand*

### **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*

## First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,  
and do not claim a place among his great men;  
<sup>7</sup> it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"  
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**A** 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.

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 14:1,7-14

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

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

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you

back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

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

### *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

*LSB 845*

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

**Homily**

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**C** 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.

## 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;  
Heaven 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 our Lord!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of our Lord**

#### ***Agnus Dei***

*LSB 210*

**☐ 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.*

#### ***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***

*ELW 461*

**1 All who hunger, gather gladly;  
Holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
All around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
Seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
In communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

*LSB 844*

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, every race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on every side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, remembering Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,

**That all I touch, where're I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.**

***Love in Christ Is Strong and Living***

*LSB 706*

- 1 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.**
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.**
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.**

***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

*LSB 643*

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,**

**With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

## **Dismissal**

### **Benediction**

*LSB 183*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give † you peace.
- C** Amen

### ***Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go***

*LSB 920*

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**
- 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

# **Serving in worship today**

August 31, 2025

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Usher**

Mike Voegele

## **Elders**

Wayne Chambard  
Kevin Zimmerman

## **Reader**

Lois Spadgenske

## **Organist**

Karine Platt

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Savannah Hofman 9/2, Art Hayden 9/4, P.J. Marquardt 9/4, Davis Bryan 9/5, Martha Gunderson 9/5, Cassie Weinhold 9/6

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Dave Hansen 8/31, Jeanne Baker 8/31, Sandy Elhardt 9/1, Hunter Bellrichard, 9/2, Kelsey Birkholz 9/3, Ashly Parson 9/4, Jonelle Welle 9/4, Linda Schwanbeck 9/4, Josh Williams 9/5, Jamil Poindexter 9/6, Lyla Marquardt 9/6

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Phil and Angie Hagel 8/31 and Wayne and Renee Chambard 9/2.

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Kuntz Bible Study
	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Rally Sunday Potluck

### Notes of Information:

**Book Club:** Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

September 22 -The 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 church service or on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**Small Group Bible Study:** A small group bible study, the 'SOC Saturday Morning Crew', is starting Saturday, Sept 6th at 7am. We are going to go through a 4 week study titled "Letters From Patmos" using an app called WordGo. We will also have printouts if needed. If you have any questions ask Andrew or Leslie Kuntz.

**Rally Sunday:** Rally Sunday is coming up on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for food, carnival fun and fellowship. Introduce yourself to someone new.

**Noah presentation:** Sight and Sound productions is releasing a limited run of their stage production of Noah from September 18-24. I announced on Aug. 24 that I would like to gauge interest in attending as a group to one of the performances either a weekday or weekend. The cost of tickets is \$19, times would be 7PM weekdays or 4PM or 7 PM on the weekends. If a group, we would likely be at the AMC Coon Rapids theater (Foley and Hwy 10). A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for those interested. The early the better for getting ticket at a venue and time we prefer.

**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.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6627
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

**Next Week's Readings**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33**



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