

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!

September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This morning, we welcome Eve Marie Matheson who was born February 11, 2025 as our sister in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Eve is the daughter of Mike Matheson and Nicole Sobania. Eve’s baptismal sponsors are Justin and Amand Kowitz.

Welcome

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 unto your name most holy.
- 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 known words,
 May you know as 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
 Jesus make them as your own.

- 4 **By your Spirit now attend
To our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend
To your heav'ly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above,
Lifting to you God of love.**

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** St. Paul says, “Godliness with contentment is great gain.”
C Lord, forgive our discontent.
P He tells us, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”
C Lord, forgive our love of money.
P “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”
C Lord, forgive our failure to live out Christ’s love and generosity.

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

- P** Paul instructs us to keep these commands without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. You will! Though we have failed, we are without spot or blame because Jesus has covered us with his holy blood and raised us with him to new life. In the stead and by the command of my 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.
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).

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!**
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!**
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness**

To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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** Eve Marie Matheson
- P** *Eve, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified.*
- P** Today, Mike and Nicole, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Eve in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you: will you faithfully bring this child to

worship, teach her 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 Eve, 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 Eve, support her parents in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love her 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 Eve in her life in Christ?

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

P I ask Eve's 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 Eve, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

A *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 Eve 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!

Sit

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵ saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?”—

skimping on the measure,

boosting the price

and cheating with dishonest scales,

⁶ buying the poor with silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

⁷ The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

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 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be

dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

O God of Love, O King of Peace

LSB 751

- 1 O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The rage of nations now restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**
- 2 Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,
The wonders that Thy people told;
Remember not our sins' dark stain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**
- 3 Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on Thy faithful Word?
None ever called on Thee in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**
- 4 Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heav'nly chain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

Homily

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

Preface

- 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.**

The 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.

O Taste and See

Praise Band

- 1 What is this bread? What is this bread?
 This bread we break, this life we take?
 He died to pay, for our release
 O taste and see, the Lord is peace.**
- 2 What is this wine? What is this wine?
 The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace, brings his embrace
 O taste and see, the Lord is King.**
- 3 So who am I, that I should live
 And he should die, and me forgive.
 My God, my God, forsake me not.
 O taste and see, the Lord is free.**
- 4 Yet is God here? His promise clear
 In mouth and soul, he makes us whole.
 Christ present here, in this His meal.
 O taste and see- the Lord is real.**
- 5 Is this for me? Is this for me?
 I Am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe that I receive
 His flesh and blood,
 O taste and see.**
- 6 This is for you. This is for me.
 We are forgiven and set free!
 We do believe that we receive**

His flesh and blood, the Lord is good,
O taste and see.

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.**

Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord *Praise Band*

- 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.**
- Ref **Wait then in quiet, peaceful silence
 Put your anxious thoughts at rest
 For God knows all your needs
 And what is best.**
- 2 **You need not multiply your words.
 Nor pray with practiced art.
 Beyond all speech, God understands
 The hunger of your heart.**
- 3 **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 469)

- 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.**

Dismissal

Stand

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.

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.**

Announcements

Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

September 21, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Jan Fuerst

Elders

Eric Skogerboe

Phil Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Joan Marolt 9/23 and Judah Neel 9/25.

Celebrating Baptisms: Savannah Hofman 9/23, Bonnie Garland 9/22, Abby Weinhold 9/25.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Davis and Cassidy Bryan 9/21 and Doug and Beth Degler 9/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Small Group Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour

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.

November 24 – The Tall Woman by Wilma Dykeman.

There is **NO** Book Club in December.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

Bible Study: Pastor will hold a Bible Study on The Word of God & The Christian Faith on Sunday at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Small Group Bible Study: A small group bible study, 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.

NACE: Nace accepts summer clothes and school supplies. Also accepting bedding, blankets and quilts. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Reader's and Greeters: Looking for new Reader's and Greeters. If you are interested in Reading or being a Greater on Sunday mornings. Please see Amy Fey in the church office.

Average Weekly Offering	\$6592
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

Next Week's Readings
Amos 1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31