



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 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

- 1 **Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**
- 2 **Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.**
- 3 **Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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 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).

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!

⁴ You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.

⁵ You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.

⁶ You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷ Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and 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 16:19-31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

- 1** What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 2** The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!
- 3** The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!
- 4** What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

Homily

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

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

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

LSB 208

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of all the world,
Grant us 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.

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness *LSB 788*

- 1** **Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,** *(tune 917)*
 **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:**
- 2** **Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
 For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
 For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
 That shows Your message ever new and near.**
- 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:**
- 4** **Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
 That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
 That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"
 Assured that only what's withheld is lost.**
- 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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared *LSB 622*

- 1** **Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared** *(tune 596)*
 **This feast for our salvation;
 It is Your body and Your blood,
 And at Your invitation
 As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
 We come to You for needed rest,
 For comfort, and for pardon.**

- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

*LSB 580
(tune 832)*

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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.

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.

O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,

(tune 550)

Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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

Art Hayden

Elders

Chuck Johnson
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader

Carl Schwanbeck

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Riley Mathiason 9/28, Eddie Kothrade 9/29, Jeff Fey 10/1, Kris Mathiason 10/2, Lucy Eastlund 10/3, Valerie Anderson 10/3, and Ryan Williams 10/4.

Celebrating Baptisms: Art Hayden 9/30, Chase Carlson 9/30, and Curt Olson 9/30.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Dan and Kris Mathiason 9/28.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	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:

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 holds 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 held Saturday's at 7am. We are going through a 8-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.

Women's Bible study: Ladies Bible Study will be meeting every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. thru December.

Carl's Movie Minute: **Grow:** an exuberant full of giant pumpkins, madcap characters & a little girl who just might be a pumpkin savant. Opens 10/17 AMC

Soul on Fire: True story of a young boy burned over 100% of his body, expected to die, but doesn't, the story of his recovery and life ongoing today. Faith filled story. Opens 10/10 AMC, Wh. Bear Imagine, only a 4 day run.

The Senior: True story of Mike Flynt, 59 yrs old returns to his college to complete his college degree and makes the football team one last time...Themes: family, redemption. showing now AMC, Wh. Bear Imagine

Truth and Treason: WWII rages, a young boy, a member of the Nazi brown shirts, is to confront a decision between loyalty to a lie or loyalty to his Jewish friend who has been taken. He is now forced to choose. Oct. 17 AMC, Wh. Bear imagine

Ministry Fair: Come October 5th during the Education Hour and see and hear all the wonderful work God does through our ministries here at Spirit of Christ.

LWML: 2025–2027 Mission Grant #1

Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers

LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. | \$81,500

About This Mission Grant

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) serve thousands of individuals and families who are suffering from loss in the wake of disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and tornadoes. When deployed, LERT teams traditionally use congregations in the disaster areas as their base camps. The host congregations provide a place for the LERT teams to sleep, eat, rest, recover, and receive spiritual care during their time of service. Host congregations are incredible to work with as the teams help them rebuild their communities and share the life-changing message of the Gospel.

One challenge for team members has been the lack of showers and laundry facilities at a host church. LERT members have showered

at national gym chains, in members' homes, in personal campers, or even under cold garden hoses. This grant will fund half the cost of two combination bathroom/shower/laundry trailers to be used during disaster response work.

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

Next Week's Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10



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