



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 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 **Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.**

- 2 **May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

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.

P Almighty God,

C 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 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.

Sit

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Psalms 1

¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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 14:25-33

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said:²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583

1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.

**In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.**

**2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.**

**3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.**

Stand

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.

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our lives in Thee.**
- 2 And Thou, who camst on earth to die
That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.**
- 3 Teach us the lesson thou hast taught:
To feel for those thy blood hath bought,
That every word and deed and thought
May work a work for Thee.**

- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in thee!
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto thee!
- 6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heaven above
All those who live in Thee.

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.

Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*

Ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift that you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;

Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom.

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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own
In My love's baptismal river

**I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.**

**2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

**3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you,
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you,
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you,
And give you peace.**

Announcements

Sending

Serving in Worship

September 7, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Sandy Elhardt

Elders

Wayne Chambard

Carl Schwanbeck

Reader

Jason Neel

Organist

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Josephine Voegele 9/9, Bob Marolt 9/11 and Toni Peterson 9/11.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jeff and Amy Fey 9/9 and Storm and Ashly Parson 9/10

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Rally Sunday Potluck
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elder meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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
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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 starting this Sunday at 6 p.m. And also 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.

Rally Sunday: Rally Sunday is **TODAY** 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.

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.

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

Next Week's Readings
Exodus 32:7-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10



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Women in Mission Capitol Conference Fall Event

Hosted by Mt Olive Lutheran—Anoka

**HOW TO DO MISSION WORK
IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**



Saturday September 27, 2025



8:30 Registration

\$8.00 at the door

(Includes Breakfast)



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tom Trapp

Pastor Tom Trapp taught at Concordia University and served in various capacities at congregations in both zones.

"Send Me"



Pastor Trapp will be speaking about the process of developing relationships with unbelievers in our community so that they will be open to hear the good news.

Event to be held at: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 700 Western St, Anoka, MN 55303



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