



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!

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615

1 When in the hour of deepest need

(tune 739)

**We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought,**

2 Then is our comfort this alone

**That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.**

3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed

**Your children’s cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.**

4 And so we come, O God, today

**And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.**

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;

**Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev’ry ill.**

**6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.**

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 When we face uncertainty, guilt, fear, shame, and need, we come before God in prayer. However, we may wonder if God is listening, or if God cares, or if our prayers are being dismissed.

C **“So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak...Then the man said, ‘Let me go, for it is daybreak.’ But Jacob replied, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’”** (Gen 32:24, 26)

P Though we are justified by faith, we acknowledge that it can be difficult to believe that God hears us and is for us. We confess that our sin leads us to doubt.

C **“Then the man said, ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.’”** (Gen 32:28)

P Through Jesus death God has brought justice, and because of Jesus we can name our sin and unbelief and trust that God’s mercy is for us.

C **Then he blessed Jacob and Jacob said “...I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”** (Gen 32:29-30)

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

P Though we wrestle with God, we are certain that like Israel, God has chosen us and embraced us in mercy and love. In the stead

and by the command of our 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. You have God's blessing and the gift of life for Christ's sake. Worship God in peace.

C Amen! Thanks be to God.

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

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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 18:1-8

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

1 Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,

Precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call;

Hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears

And the night draws near

And the day is almost gone,

**At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

Homily

Stand

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 worshipping and receiving communion with us today.

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

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 Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

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.

Hide Away In the Arms of Jesus

Choir

Abide with Me

LSB 878

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and
sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

☞ 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.

☩ Amen.

Stay with Us

LSB 879

**1 Stay with us, till night has come:
Our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread, Open our eyes:
Jesus, be our great surprise.
Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
Hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again Our loss, our pain:
Jesus, take us to Your side.**

(tune 848)

**2 Walk with us, the road will bend:
Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, Forgive our fears:
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
Talk with us, till we behold
A joyful life You will unfold:
Heal our eyes
To see the prize:
Jesus, take us to the light.**

**3 Stay with us, till day is done:
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart,
Your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.
Stay with us, till night has come:
Our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread,
Open our eyes:
Jesus, be our great surprise.**

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship

October 19, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Sandy Elhardt

Elders

Wayne Chambard

Phil Marquardt

Reader

Monica Lux

Organist

Karine Platt

Greeters

Youth

Acolyte

Evan Baker

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Ben Johnson 10/20, Camdyn Baker 10/21, Raegan O’Keeffe 10/22, Ralph Fuerst 10/22, Roger Will 10/22, Eric Skogerboe 10/25, and Jeff Williams 10/25.

Celebrating Baptisms: Jan Fuerst 10/19, Kris Mathiason 10/22, and Raegan O’Keeffe 10/22.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Carl & Carol Jauch 10/21, and Harvey & Marlys Lindeman.

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	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information

Operation Christmas Child: We will be packing boxes on November 9th following Education Hour. Pizza lunch will be served at about 11:30 a.m.

SAGES: There are printed copies on the table in the narthex.

Youth Group: Youth group will be held every other Wednesday following confirmation class.

Silent Auction: New this year to the Youth Bake Sale in December will be a silent auction. If you have items you would like to donate for baskets, please reach out to Amy Fey in the church office or Laura Marquardt.

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.

January 26 - The Women by Kristin Hannah

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.

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.

NACE: At this time Nace is only taking Fall and Winter clothes. They Especially need Girls and Women's clothes for ages 5 & up. Food needs are canned Fruit, Sides and Peanut Butter. 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.

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. This is a true story. Oct. 17 AMC, Wh. Bear imagine.

Movies coming Soon: Off School Property: Barna Research explores Separation of Church and State through the removal of the Bible education from schools and the research evidence of the impact that has had on students, schools and society....one night only showing Oct. 23 Emagine White Bear

Triumph Over Evil: Battle of the Exorcists: this documentary is language dubbed describing exorcisms, who/what is an exorcist, and addressing the rise of demon possession and #s of exorcisms currently being seen;one night only Oct. 30 White Bear Emagine
Karen Kingsbury's The Christmas Ring: RomCom of sorts from famous Christian fiction author...this episode dealing with searching for long lost family heirloom ring, the search and the lives woven around that. Hallmark style film: Nov6-20 East Bethel Emagine

Sarah's Oil: True story of a young black girl in Okla. in the very early days of oil fever. She believes there is oil in the most unlikely place and finds a couple of potentially nefarious wildcatters she makes a bargain with to get it; and the challenges she and her crew encounter retrieving it. Nov7 release theater locations likely Wh.Bear Emagine or Marcus theaters Oakdale no ticket availability yet...

Oracles of God: The Story of the New Testament: documentary explores the decades after the resurrection. It traces the composition of the Gospels, the circulation of letters, and the way the early Church fathers confirmed and preserved the sacred texts. 3 nights only Nov 2,3,5 Emagine East Bethel.

Last Days: True story A 26-year-old missionary journeys to the remote North Sentinel Island, determined to convert an isolated tribe. Authorities attempt to intervene before potential harm occurs. Coon Rapids AMC 10/23-29

Average Weekly Offering	\$6703
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$7271</i>

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 19:9-14



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