



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!

November 16, 2025

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

(Isaiah 65:17)

C “**If anyone is in Christ: new creation!**” *(2 Cor. 5:17a)*

P “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create.” *(Isaiah 65:18)*

C “**The old is gone; the new has come!**” *(2 Cor. 5:17b)*

P “I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people.” *(Isaiah 65:19a)*

C “**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**” *(2 Cor. 5:21)*

P We acknowledge before God that we are continually in need of transformation. We are corrupt in our hearts and rebellious in our words and actions.

C **We are sinful and unclean.**

P Our Lord Jesus promises that because he is in us and we are in him he will put to death our sin and bring forth a new being.

C **Lord Jesus, work your new creation in us today.**

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

P “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” Our God has acted in Christ Jesus to solve our problem before we began to understand it. In Christ he has reconciled the world to himself, not counting the sins of humankind against them. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice, saints of God! You are a new creation!

C **The old has gone; the new has come. 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).

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

¹¹We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

G *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 21:5-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:

Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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 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.

CHOIR

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing

With us, all others
May know Your care.

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

*LSB 857
(tune 554)*

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

*LSB 854
(tune 664)*

- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;

In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

Announcements

Sending

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

Serving in Worship

November 16, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Randy Herschman

Elders

Wayne Chambard

Kevin Zimmerman

Reader

Jason Baker

Organist

Karine Platt

Acolytes

Evan Baker

Lyla Marquard

In our prayers:

Celebrating Birthdays: Jacob Brynteson 11/18, Jacob Mathiason 11/18, Justin Miller 11/19, Cheryl Herschman 11/20, and Carol Jauch 11/21.

Celebrating Baptisms: Paula Bryan 11/17, Kassidy Bryan 11/18, and Riley Mathiason 11/19.

Confirmation Anniversaries: Kassidy Bryan 11/18, Todd Anderson 11/19, and Phyllis Bartholdi 11/21.

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
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Counsel 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.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Voter's Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Voters Meeting: There will be a Voters Meeting November 23rd following the church service.

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

November 24 – The Tall Woman by Wilma Dykeman.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Youth Group: Youth group will be held every other Wednesday following confirmation class. Next youth group will be held on Nov.19

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 Marquard.

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.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Board has recently received several notes of thanks for our recent 1% gift donations.

Concordia Seminary thanks us for our gift of \$302.43 received 9/23/2025. As well as \$315.23 received 10/10/2025.

These gifts support The Adopt a Student program helping to strengthen the Seminary's Mission.

A personal note was received from seminary student William Jackson and family.

Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis received our gift of \$630.47 on 10/9/2025 which supports the schools mission teaching the gospel.

Jews for Jesus was a recipient as well, receiving \$465.23 on 10/13/2025. Our support was used in the front lines supporting crisis relief to Jewish families in Isreal while spreading the Gospel.

Carl’s Movie Minute:

Another Sweet Christmas: Candace Cameron Bure and Cameron Mathison - former Hallmark faves - star in a Christmas love story. During a local film shoot, anything but Christmas cheer erupts. This Christmas rom-com highlights the challenges a loving couple have to overcome. Three days only; Nov30-12/2, at White Bear Emagine.

The Case for Miracles: The latest Lee Strobel documentary explores - you guessed it - Miracles. Are they really real? Dec. 15-18 at Emagine White Bear and AMC Coon Rapids.

David: One for the kid. An animated movie focusing on the story of David. Dec. 19-23 at AMC Mounds View, Emagine White Bear, and East Bethel.

Zero A.D. The story of events around Jesus' birth told as a dark thriller, focusing on the post-birth reactions of Herod and others (and the massacre that followed). Not exactly a light-hearted Christmas movie, however it has a star-studded cast and covers the part of the story we’d prefer to forget but was significant. Opens 12/19 at locations TBD (but likely the usual ones).

Looking forward to '26 at least 9 Christian themed movie ready for '26 release beginning in late January.

CS

<i>Average Weekly Offering</i>	\$7,026
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7271

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43



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proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.

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