



Jesus,
remember
me when
you come into
your kingdom

LUKE 23:42



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 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

The last Sunday of the church year looks to the promise of eternal life, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. But while the fulfillment and reality of eternal life are still in the future, the Word of God wants us to know and to take comfort in the fact that he is already ruling now. Though the darkness of sin and fear and death continues to lurk, Jesus Christ continues to be the light of the world that no darkness can overcome. We do not fear because God has rescued us and transferred us to the saving, loving, secure reign of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Welcome

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

(tune 550)

**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.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God has delivered us from the domain of darkness.

C and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

P Jesus,

C remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P As we look forward to the final victory of faith, let us draw near to God, confessing our sins that we may remain as Christ’s own beloved possession.

C Merciful Father, we confess that the darkness of sin still makes us fear your judgment and punishment. Send us your light, the forgiveness in your Son, our Lord Jesus, that we may be raised to

the confidence of his victory for us and for our salvation.

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

P "In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie (Spoken)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of The church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

This Is the Feast

C This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Refrain

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:9-20

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of

darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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 23:33-43

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Jesus, Remember Me

LSB 767

**1 Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
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Homily

Apostles’ Creed

**C 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.

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

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
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**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.**

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.

Bell Choir

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.**

(tune 858)

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;**

He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
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And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,

**Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**

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And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,

**Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.**

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

November 23, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

Usher

Sandy Elhardt

Elders

Carl Schwanbeck

Eric Skogerboe

Reader

Renee Chambard

Organist

Karine Platt

Acolytes

Nathan Skogerboe

Lily Kuntz

In our prayers:

Celebrating Birthdays: Whitney Buus 11/23, JeRay Buerkle 11/25, Rick Welle 11/30, and Teresa Schieffer 11/30.

Celebrating Baptisms: Jerry Coleman 11/25, Camille Kuntz 11/28, Dan Mathiason 11/29, and Roger Wills 11/30.

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Nancy Anderson 11/29.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information:

LWML: *Mission Grant #3. Set Apart to Serve* is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time pastors and church workers. Supplying the church with church workers is one of the highest priorities of the LCMS, since pastors and commissioned church workers preach and teach the Word of Christ through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith. The demand for more pastors, Lutheran school teachers, and commissioned church workers is urgent. Please pray and give as you can. The Mission Mite box is in the Narthex. THANKS!

Voters Meeting: There will be a Voters Meeting **TODAY** following the church service.

Sunday School: There will be NO Sunday school November 30th

Small Group Bible Study: There will be no Small group bible Study on Saturday November 29th.

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

January 26 - The Women by Kristin Hannah

February 23 - James by Percival Everett

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Christmas Day Services: Christmas Day Services will be held at 10:00am this year.

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 have them brought to church by November 30. If you have any questions 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 Israel 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.

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<i>Average Weekly Offering</i>	\$7,026
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7,271

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44



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