



## **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!

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November 30, 2025

*First Sunday of Advent*

### **Welcome**

#### ***The Advent of Our King***

*LSB 331*

**1 The advent of our King**

**Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.**

**2 The everlasting Son**

**Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant’s form puts on  
To set His servants free.**

**3 O Zion’s daughter, rise**

**To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.**

**4 As judge, on clouds of light,**

**He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav’n to reign.**

**5 Before the dawning day**

**Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.**

**6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.**

*Stand*

### **Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** We come before God acknowledging that we are sinful, and that we have sinned in thought, word and action.

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**P** 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. Worship the Lord in peace.

**C** Amen! Thanks be to God!

### **Kyrie**

*Spoken*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** 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.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**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).*

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup> In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,

and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

**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

*Matthew 24:36-44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came

and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Sit*

***Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding***

*LSB 345*

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!**  
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,**  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,**  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory**  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy,  
And with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion**  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

**Homily**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father. `**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. 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

**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

*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.*

### ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

*LSB 338*

- 1** Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2** Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### ***The Night Will Soon Be Ending***

*LSB 337*

- 1** The night will soon be ending;  
The dawn cannot be far.  
Let songs of praise ascending  
Now greet the Morning Star!  
All you whom darkness frightens  
With guilt or grief or pain,  
God's radiant Star now brightens

*(tune 658)*

And bids you sing again.

- 2** The One whom angels tended  
Comes near, a child, to serve;  
Thus God, the judge offended,  
Bears all our sins deserve.  
The guilty need not cower,  
For God has reconciled  
Through His redemptive power  
All those who trust this child.
- 3** The earth in sure rotation  
Will soon bring morning bright,  
So run where God's salvation  
Glows in a stable's light.  
As old as sin's perversion  
Is mercy's vast design:  
God brings a new creation—  
This child its seal and sign.
- 4** Yet nights will bring their sadness  
And rob our hearts of peace,  
And sin in all its madness  
Around us may increase.  
But now one Star is beaming  
Whose rays have pierced the night:  
God comes for our redeeming  
From sin's oppressive might.
- 5** God dwells with us in darkness  
And makes the night as day;  
Yet we resist the brightness  
And turn from God away.  
But grace does not forsake us,  
However far we run.  
God claims us still as children

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

*LSB 844*

- 1** Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see

- My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2** Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3** Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4** Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5** With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.

*Once He Came in Blessing*

LSB 333

- 1** Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2** Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.
- 3** Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing

Joy beyond comparing.

- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

## 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.

### *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  
May Your mercy know and live.

## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# **Serving in Worship**

November 30, 2025

## **Pastor**

Jason Neel

## **Usher**

Mike Voegele

## **Elders**

Phil Marquardt  
Kevin Zimmerman

## **Reader**

Lois Spadgenske

## **Organist**

Karine Platt

## **Acolytes**

Evan Baker

## **In our prayers:**

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Pam Birkholz 12/1,

Sara Kampf Neel 12/1, Gwen Mikish 12/2, Georgia Kedrowski  
12/3, Betty Meyer 12/4, Deb Parson 12/4, Steve Johnson 12/4, and  
Monica Lux 12/6.

**Celebrating Baptisms:** Carol Jauch 12/1, Camdyn Baker 12/2,  
Ally Bryteson 12/5, Ben Johnson 12/5, Breanna Whipps 12/5, and  
Olivia Eastlund 12/6.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Jesse & Kristy Johnson 12/2.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:45 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Youth Cookie Baking
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:**

**Sunday School:** There will be NO Sunday school November 30<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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.

**Silent Auction:** Along with all the cookies NEW this year we will be auctioning off all of the baskets on the table in the narthex. Come buy your baking goodies and perhaps a gift for a loved one.

<i>Average Weekly Offering</i>	\$6,948
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7,271

**Readings for next week:**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Volunteers Needed- Do you have a heart for people with disabilities?

AbleLight group homes have two ministry opportunities once or twice a month. They are looking for volunteers for a video JAM session, and also a virtual devotion/Bible study. Both are designed to proclaim Jesus, and to promote a sense of belonging and community. Minimal prep. Training and support are available. See the bulletin inserts or flyers posted in the Narthex for complete information.

## **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDIES!**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Interact with 2-4 Adults with Disabilities

From the comfort of your own home

Through a Microsoft TEAMS video call

30-minute sessions

Once or twice a month

Simple devotional material is provided

The study times are about building friendships and growing in faith

Training is easy and support is available

Minimal preparation time is needed

Questions? Interested? Please use this registration link:

<https://wkf.ms/3UkGTmL>

*(This provides us with a way to talk with you before you commit to helping!)*

Thank you!

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSIONS**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Ministry opportunity to serve adults with disabilities.  
It's fun and builds a sense of belonging and community!  
<https://youtu.be/qTOBFyP0y70?si=mHayfFDEdzIMtbV->

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6pm.

Help facilitate a 20-30 minute interactive session.  
Sessions are conducted on Microsoft TEAMS video calls.

Play Christians video songs with action motions.

Facilitators can bring puppets and pets!

Interact with the people attending the session!

Questions? Interested?

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Thank you!

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I dedicate this Bulletin to Jason Baker.  
Thank you so much for all your help.  
You are a true Blessing to Spirit of Christ!



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