

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!

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

In Adam We Have All Been One

LSB 569

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.**
- 2 We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.**
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd’s voice
And, hearing Him, be one.**
- 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
O hear us when we call.**
- 5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.**
- 6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.**

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 Merciful God,

C Like Adam and Eve, we are fallen creatures. We are sinful from birth. We have sinned against you by wanting to be our own gods; we have mistrusted your Word; we have sought wisdom apart from you. We have given in to the temptations of the devil in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have been disobedient to your will. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us.

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

P For the sake of Jesus Christ, who resisted the devil's temptation, who by one act of righteousness on the cross brought justification for all sinners from Adam until now, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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).

Kyrie

Spoken LSB 168

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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

**Return to the Lord, your God,
He is gra-cious and merciful,
He's slow to anger, and abounds in love,
in steadfast love.**

*LSB 173
(tune 814)*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you,

and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

Sit

The Tree of Life

LSB 561

**1 The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;**

**Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.**

- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.**
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!**
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.**

Homily

Stand

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.

Sit

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

Spoken LSB 177

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 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words Of Our Lord

Proclamation

LSB 179

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgement. So, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us 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.

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.**

Not What These Hands Have Done

LSB 567

- 1 Not what these hands have done
Can save this guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.**

- 2 Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
- 3 Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
- 4 Thy love to me, O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest
And set my spirit free.
- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

LSB 572

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:
Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments
And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning
Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings
Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning
For their sins with cleansing blood.

- 3 What these sacrifices promised
 From a God who sought to bless,
 Came at last—a second Adam—
 Priest and King of Righteousness:
 Son of God, incarnate Savior,
 Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
 Who in naked shame would offer
 On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
 Host, who spreads this meal divine,
 Here You pledge our sins are covered,
 Pledge received in bread and wine:
 “Take and eat; this is My body,
 Given on the cross for you.
 Take and drink; this cup of blessing
 Is My blood poured out for you.”
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
 Known by saints around the throne,
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,
 Lives to love and feed His own.
 From His riven side forever
 Flows the purest stream of love,
 Love that robes us with the raiment
 Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden,
 Gone the age of sacrifice;
 Ours the time of grace and favor,
 Ours the call to paradise!
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

LSB 747

- 1 No saint on earth lives life to self alone
 Or dies alone, for we with Christ are one.
 So if we live, for Christ alone we live,
 And if we die, to Christ our dying give.
 In living and in dying this confess:
 We are the Lord’s, safe in God’s faithfulness.

2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain,
That to new life He might arise again.
Through sorrow on to triumph Christ has led,
And reigns o'er all: the living and the dead.
In living and in dying, Him we bless;
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.

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.

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

February 22, 2026

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Wayne Chambard

Usher:

Mike Voegele

Organist:

Karine Platt

Acolytes:

Lyla Marquardt
Lily Kuntz

Greeters:

Wes & Lois Spadgenske

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Leon Mager 2/24, Renee Chambard 2/24, Tyler Mathiason 2/25, Coen Voegele 2/26, Karen Zimmerman 2/27, Morgan Bryan 2/27, Betsy Will 2/28, and Debbie Walden 2/28.

Baptismal Birthdays: Carl Jauch 2/28, and Julia Gunderson 2/27.

This week at a Glance:

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Voters' Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	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 Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class

Notes of Information:

Voters' Meeting: There will be a Voters' Meeting TODAY after the church service.

Flower Order: It's time to order flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. You can order an Easter Lily (\$9), Tulips - Red, Yellow or Purple (\$9) or Pink Hydrangeas (\$16.50). Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex. Please make your check payable to SOC Altar Guild. Orders are due by March 15th. Contact Karen Zimmerman (612-388-5827) with any questions.

Ladies' Bible Study: New Women's Book Study Begins Tuesday, February 24th at 10AM.

Waiting is a Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust by Sharla Fritz. In a culture of instant gratification, waiting is often seen as agony, yet it may serve as God's most effective classroom for spiritual transformation. The study Waiting explores the lives of eight biblical women to provide principles for enduring uncomfortable delays. It offers guidance on surrendering worry and finding meaning even when God feels distant. Books are

available on the following websites: Concordia Publishing House, Amazon, or Christian book. We hope you will join us!

Nursery: Looking for volunteers to sit with kids in the nursery during the sermon. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary if you have any questions see Leslie Kuntz or call her @ 763-592-9206.

Lent Soup Suppers : It is time for soup supper's during Lent. Please consider making a soup or dessert. To sign up see Amy Fey.

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

February 23 - James by Percival Everett

March 23 - The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

April 27 – A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Stewardship Messages: *“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28*

NACE: At this time NACE is taking winter clothes. Food needs are canned Fruit, Sides and Peanut Butter. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Carl's Movie Minute: The Apocalypse of St. John: Feb 15-17 Emagine White Bear: A Spanish production with English subtitles, a documentary interruption on John's vision in Revelation.

I Can Only Imagine 2. The sequel of I Can Only Imagine; the continued story of Bart Millard and Mercy Me. Success doesn't mean happily ever after..... I Can Only Imagine 2. Opening 2/20 Emagine E. Bethel, White Bear; AMC Mounds view, Coon Rapids....in next week's bulletin.... This could be a group event if someone wants to organize it. I'll be out of town until March 6. I'll be seeing it in Texas...

Feed My Starving Children: Soc has a scheduled packing date on Saturday March 21st from 2:30pm – 4:15pm. and following we will go out for a snack at Culvers. If you would like to come with us, please email secretary@soclc.org
Please grab an M&M container, and fill it up with quarters, bring it with on the packing date or return to the Hagel's and they will make sure it gets to FMSC.

<i>Average Weekly Offering</i>	\$7709
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6730.28

Readings for next week:

Genesis 12:1-4, Romans 4:1-5,13-15, John 3:1-7

About This Mission Grant:

A Place of Refuge (APOR) is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their preborn children. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus’ love, as He commands their safety and protection, which motivates APOR to offer valuable services. Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. APOR teaches life and parenting skills. The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching Catechism to the moms. The Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font. This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors’ appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.

Araeya Sell: A good friend of Harry Hibben’s granddaughter, she is a 17-year-old from East Bethel, MN. Araeya has a rare genetic disorder called CTLA-4 Haploinsufficiency, requiring a bone marrow transplant. All day on Tuesday February 24th they will be having a Dine to Donate at Applebee’s in Forest Lake, MN. Please scan the bar code in the right-hand corner to learn more or give a tax-deductible donation.



ARAEYA SELL

Araeya Sell is a 17 year old from East Bethel, MN who has a rare genetic disorder called CTLA-4 Haploinsufficiency, requiring a bone marrow transplant.



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15% of sales after 4PM will be donated to COTA in honor of Araeya Sell to help pay for a lifetime of transplant related expenses.

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DINING to DONATE

Join us for a fun night at Applebee's all while raising money for

Children's Organ Transplant Association in Honor of Araeya Sell

good friend of Harry Hibben's grand daughter

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