2026 CONFIRMANDS

Evan Baker

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Eden Miller

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Eli Voegele

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 14:26

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship to celebrate our confirmands. A light breakfast and cake will be served. During Education Hour, the confirmands will share their faith statements.We will also have a time of prayer and blessing.

SPIRIT of CHRIST
Lutheran Church

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!

May 17, 2026 *Sunday of the Ascension*

This is an exciting Sunday for our congregation! Three young members of this church will affirm their Baptismal faith. They declare their trust in the promises God has made and will continue to make to them through Word and Sacrament.

Welcome

Entrata *Bell Choir*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing *LSB 475*
(*tune 344*)

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
As we sing Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
As we sing Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
As we sing Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
As we sing Alleluia!

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 Our help is in the LORD,

C who made heaven and the earth.

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with you there is forgiveness: therefore you are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God is his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 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 *Acts 1:1-11*

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus
began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to
heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the
apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself
to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He
appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the
kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with
them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but
wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me
speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you
will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at
this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the
Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth."
9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a
cloud hid him from their sight.
10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going,
when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside
them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here
looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from
you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen
him go into heaven."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23*

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped
giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep
asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious
Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that
you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may

be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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 24:44-53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty fourth chapter.

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

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with
you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the
Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."
45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the
Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah
will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and
repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his
name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of
these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has
promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with
power from on high."
50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up
his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left

them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks *WOV 671*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to The Risen Lord:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise to His Name.

1 Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth;
He Is The King Of Creation. *Refrain*

2 Spread The Good News All The Earth:
Jesus Has Died And Has Risen. *Refrain*

3 We Have Been Crucified With Christ;
Now We Shall Live Forever. *Refrain*

4 God Has Proclaimed The Just Reward:
Life For All Men, Alleluia! *Refrain*

5 Come Let Us Praise The Living God,
Joyfully Sing To Our Saviour. *Refrain*

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed *LSB 166*

C **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

The confirmands approach the altar.

Rite of Confirmation

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

Profession and Affirmation of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ the Son, and in God the Holy Spirit?

R *I do believe in the triune God.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, and to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, loving and serving all people?

R *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life ✢ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

Prayer

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these saints the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks to praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!

Presentation of the Offering

Stand

Preface (*Spoken*)

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.

Lord's Prayer

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. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

We All Bow Down *Choir*

Exuberance *Bells*

Children of the Heavenly Father *LSB 725*

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671
(*tune 848*)

1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

In Thee Is Gladness *LSB 818*

1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest,
Our bonds thou breakest;
Who trusts thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see thy shining,
Dying or living
To thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since he is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of his glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Announcements
Sending

Serving in worship today

May 17, 2026

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elders:
Phil Marquardt
Chuck Johnson

Reader:
Lois Spadgenske

Usher:
Jan Fuerst

Music:
Praise Band

Acolytes:
Abby Weinhold
Nora Weinhold

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Raelene Burmeister 5/18, Kelli Elhardt 5/22, Marilyn Coleman 5/23, and Morgan Holleman 5/23.
Celebrating Baptism: Karen Olson 5/20, Mike Voegele 5/20, Suzanne Geren 5/20, and Rick Danger 5/23.
Celebrating Anniversary: Wes & Lois Spadgenske 5/19.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
	7:30 p.m.	Bells
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 Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class

Notes of Information

Youth Board: We would like to thank the Congregation for all the support you have given the youth. Thank you for donating items for the rummage sale and purchasing hanging baskets. All the proceeds will go towards the Alaska trip and future youth activities and trips. We would also like to thank the adult and kid volunteers. Many hands make light work; we couldn't have done it without your help!!

NACE: Currently is collecting all canned goods. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Peterson.

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

May - NO BOOK CLUB
June 22 - Her Daughter's Dream by Francine Rivers
July 27 - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Stewardship Messages:
Please remember to return your Faith Commitment Card by the end of the month. You may place your completed card in the offering plate or Stewardship mailbox. Thank you!


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We live in love for God and one another, reaching out to all people proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.

Faith Commitment Card

☐ In gratitude for God's blessings, we have prayerfully considered how we will contribute to the ministry of Spirit of Christ in the coming year with our offering.

Name: _____

Options for contributing include use of our online platform (Vanco.com), placing weekly offering envelopes or miscellaneous contributions in the offering plate, portfolio giving, and acts of service.

For assistance or additional information, please contact a member of the Stewardship Board.

Thank you letters have been received recognizing our congregations' continued support with donations, prayers, etc. We are helping them live out their missions.
*Hope for Youth thanks us for the monetary donations and the donation of 900 lbs. of water donated on April 16 and thanks for the food donation received on April 23.
*Trinity First Lutheran School joyfully received our donation of $694.52.
*Concordia Seminary received $347.26. In addition there is a personal thank you from William Jackson posted on the Stewardship bulletin board for you all to read.

Carl's Movie Minutes:
That They May be One: A docudrama explores the pursuit of Christian Unity examining the Holy Spirit's role across denominations and history. The movie explores Christ John 17 prayer. Opens May 19-20 White Bear Emagine. 8 p.m.
The Breadwinner: A family comedy. The misadventures of Nate Wilcox, husband of an entrepreneur trying to get her Shark Tank sponsored business off the ground. Nate is left to be the Stay-at - home dad for three daughters…he has no idea what he is in for…Opens May 29. Rated PG at AMC Coon Rapids.

Average weekly offering	$7063.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$6730.28

Readings for next week:
Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

An adventure you'll fall for!



I hope to spot you here!



New friends * Amazing experiments *
Creative games * Incredible music

Where: Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church
When: July 26th-30th
Time: 6pm-8pm
Register at: spiritofchristhamlake.org



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