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!

July 5, 2026 *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing *LSB 584*

1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory
Give us ears to hear your Word.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, 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 We know that the law is holy. *Romans 7:13-25*

C But I am not. I have been sold to be a slave of sin.

P I don't understand what I do.
C I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate to do.
P I do what I don't want to do. So I agree that the law is good. As it is, I am no longer the one who does these things. It is sin living in me that does them.
C I know there is nothing good in my sinful nature.
P I want to do what is good, but I can't.
C I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do.
P I do what I don't want to do. But I am not really the one who is doing it. It is sin living in me. Here is the law I find working in me. When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. Deep inside me I find joy in God's law. But I see another law working in the parts of my body. It fights against the law of my mind. It makes me a prisoner of the law of sin. That law controls the parts of my body.
C What a miserable person I am! Who will save me from this sin that brings death to my body?

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

P I give thanks to God. He will do it through Jesus Christ our Lord. God was not content to have sin be the death of us or death the end of us. Instead, Jesus the Messiah becomes our end and our new beginning, and Jesus the Messiah becomes the death of death and the Word of life. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Who has delivered you from your body of death?
C Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 *Zechariah 9:9-12*

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See,
your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding
on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.10 I will take away the
chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the
battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends
of the earth.11 As for you, because of the blood of my
covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless
pit.12 Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I
announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *Romans 7:14-25*

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a
slave to sin. 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do
I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want
to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I
myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good
itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have
the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do
not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this
I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no
longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is
right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's
law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the
law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at
work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue
me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God,
who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my
sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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 11:25-30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and
learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this
is what you were pleased to do.
27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will
give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

P This is the word of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth *LSB 834*

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, (*tune 550*)
Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote,
A deathward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
In splendor through thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began,
Thou hast desired thy life for man.

2 Our fatal will to equal Thee,
Our rebel will wrought death and night.
We seized and used in prideful spite
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.
We housed us in this house of doom,
Where death had royal scope and room,

Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,
Breached all its walls for our release.

3 Thou camest to our hall of death,
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the dark despair
That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod
The road that leads us back to God!
How beautiful the feet that ran
To bring the great good news to man!

4 O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

Homily

Stand

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

Sit

Prayers of the Church

℗ Let us lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

A brief silence is kept. When the pastor ends each petition with "Lord, in your mercy," the people will respond "hear our prayer." The prayer will end with:

℗ Hear our prayers, dear Father, through the Spirit who searches our hearts. For the sake of your beloved Son, answer them as may be best for us and give you glory.

ℂ **Amen**.

Presentation of the Offering

Stand

Preface *LSB 208*

℗ The Lord be with you.

ℂ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

ℂ **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

ℂ **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.

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. 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.

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise *LSB 680*

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

Jesus Shall Reign *LSB 832*

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
Their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

Holy Spirit, Light Divine *LSB 496*

1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all his beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death *LSB 697*

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.

2 To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

4 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

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.

God of Grace and God of Glory *LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

July 5, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Usher
Sue Anderson

Elders
Wayne Chambard
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader
Wayne Chambard

Organist
Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Breanna Whipps 7/5, Carol Danger 7/8, Rebecca Hansen7/8, Diane Weinhold 7/9, Eli Voegele 7/10, and Peggy Peterson 7/10.
Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Rita Matheson 7/11.
Celebrating Wedding Anniversary: Josh and Bridget Smith 7/5.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
	6:00 p.m.	VBS decorating
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Women's Bible Study: Summer plans-
July 7th- Renee will lead the Bible Study on page 18 of the summer Quarterly magazine. "HOW LONG LORD". Please let us know if you can't be there!

July 14th- join us for making VBS decorations- 10:00 AM - 12:00 in fellowship hall. Bring a sharp craft scissors- invite a friend! If interested, we could go to lunch together????

August 4th Linda will lead the Bible Study on p 22 of the Fall Quarterly magazine. "We have received Grace upon Grace."

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

July 27 - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Offerings via Give+: Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at soclc.org to sign up or learn more.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of all canned goods. At this time they are only taking Spring/Summer clothing. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Peterson. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665.

VBS: On Wednesday nights we are getting together to help make decorations if anyone from the congregation would like to join us. We meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday.

Carl's Movie Minutes:

Young Washington: The foundational experiences of a coming Nation's leader. The story of a young George Washington facing war, betrayal, and impossible choices that will forge a leader. Opens July 3 early opening- general opening July 5. Check Angel Studios website for specifics on tickets and locations.

Memorial Garden Proposal for Spirit of Christ Church:

What is a Memorial Garden?

- ***A Memorial Garden*** **provides us the opportunity to remain spiritually connected to our Christian community of saints and to create a serene place to reflect and meditate.**
- ***A Memorial Garden*** **is a sacred resting place for loved ones and for the care, placement, and inurnment of their cremated remains. It allows for peaceful meditation and prayer among those we have loved and whose lives and service we wish to remember.**
- ***A Memorial Garden*** **provides a way to stay connected to the community where families were raised, much like the church cemeteries of our ancestors.**
- ***A Memorial Garden*** **may have any or all of the following elements:**
    - ***Columbarium*****- a structure consisting of a collection of niches designed to house containers or urns of cremated human remains (cremains).**
    - ***Niche*****- an individual compartment that holds the urn containing the ashes.**
    - ***Memorial Wall*****- a wall upon which memorials are displayed. There is no niche for cremains.**
    - ***Sitting benches*****- for guests to sit as they visit the garden.**
    - ***Prayer Garden*****- landscaping and flower garden to beautify the site.**

Coming Up Next: (TBA)

- ***Survey*** **to find level of congregational interest**
- ***Question and answer*** **sessions for all interested**

Your Memorial Garden Committee: Sandy Elhardt (chair), Carl Schwanbeck, John Peterson, Gerry Anderson, Mark Endorf, Kevin Zimmerman and Arlene Martti.

Average Weekly Offering	$6989.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$6730.28
Actual Weekly Costs	$7195.39

Readings for next week:
Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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