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!

June 21, 2026 *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate *ELW 722*

1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore every human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.

2 As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.

3 O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

4 O love that made the distant stars,
yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross
embrace and bear us all:
Come, make your church a servant church
that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you,
a sacrifice of praise!

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.

Stand

Confession and Absolution *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and 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.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in 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, 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 20:7-13*

You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered
me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks
me.**8** Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and
destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and
reproach all day long.**9** But if I say, “I will not mention his word or
speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a
fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I
cannot.**10** I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let’s denounce him!” All my friends are waiting
for me to slip, saying, “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will
prevail over him and take our revenge on him.”**11** But the LORD is
with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and
not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their
dishonor will never be forgotten.**12** LORD Almighty, you who
examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see
your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.
13 Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the
life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Romans 6:12-23*

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you
obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as
an instrument of wickedness but rather offer yourselves to God as
those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every
part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **14** For sin
shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the
law, but under grace.**15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not
under the law but under grace? By no means! **16** Don't you know
that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you
are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to
sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to
righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be
slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of
teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. **18** You have been
set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your
human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to
impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer
yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. **20** When
you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of
righteousness. **21** What benefit did you reap at that time from the
things you are now ashamed of?Those things result in death! **22** But
now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves
of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is
eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:
21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child;
children will rebel against their parents and have them put to
death. 22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one
who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are
persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will
not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man
comes.24 "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above
his master. 25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and
servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called
Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!26 "So
do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will
not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. 27 What I
tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in
your ear, proclaim from the roofs. 28 Do not be afraid of those who
kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the
One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two
sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground outside your father's care. 30 And even the very hairs of
your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are worth
more than many sparrows.32 "Whoever acknowledges me before
others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But
whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father
in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

If God Himself Be for Me *LSB 724*

1 If God himself be for me, (*tune 660*)
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,

Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from his love?

2 I build on this foundation,
That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation,
My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have priceless worth.

3 Christ Jesus is my splendor,
My sun, my light, alone;
Were he not my defender
Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor
And mercy in his sight,
But be destroyed forever
As darkness by the light.

4 He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful,
Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.

Homily

If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724
(*tune 660*)

5 For no one can condemn me
Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me

And shields me with His grace.

9 No angel and no gladness,
No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance,
No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance
Nor from you separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

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

Prayer of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

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 *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

Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Here I Am to Worship

He Knows My Name

Good Good Father

Consider How the Birds Above *LSB 736*

1 Consider how the birds above (*tune 576*)
Does God not keep them in his love?
Fed day by day with carefree ease—
Are we not worth much more than these*?*

Refrain
Seek first God's reign, his boundless grace,
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
Christ first and last in ev'ry place.

2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,
How fair is their fragility—
Will He not clothe both you and me? *Refrain*

Refrain
Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
Christ first and last in ev'ry place.

3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
About such things the godless think,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer. *Refrain*

Refrain
Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
Christ first and last in ev'ry place.

4 Be on your guard against all greed,
Our Father knows our ev'ry need
Before our needs to us are known.
For life is more than what we own. *Refrain*

5 Be not afraid to suffer loss
For he who faced for you the cross
Of all the things for which we pray,
He gives you strength to live each day. *Refrain*

6 Seek first God's reign, his boundless grace,
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
His holy name in all you do:
All else will then be given you. *Refrain*

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.

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.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

June 21, 2026

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elders:
Phil Marquardt
Eric Skogerboe

Reader:
Sue Anderson

Usher:
Jan Fuerst

Music:
Praise Band

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jamil Poindexter 6/22, Gabrielle Fey 6/23, Lois Spadgenske 6/24, Jerry Coleman 6/25, Linda Riebe 6/25, and Amelia Kedrowski 6/27.
Celebrating Baptism: Anora Kuntz 6/22, Carl Schwanbeck 6/22, Morgan Holleman 6/23, Lusy Eastlund 6/24,
Marilyn Coleman 6/25, and Randy Herschman.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Leon & Joan Mager 6/21,
Ryan & Amy Lougheed 6/21**,** Jerry & Jan Berg 6/22,
Lester & Suzanne Geren 6/22, Roger & Betsy Will 6/25,
Ryan & Breanna Smith 6/25 and Phil & Laura Marquardt 6/26.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Voters' Meeting
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
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.	Education Hour

Notes of Information

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Voters' Meeting after service today!

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."

Monthly 1% Mission Offering Nominations:
If you would like to nominate a recipient for the monthly 1% mission offering, please fill out a nomination form (located on the Stewardship bulletin board). Once completed, place the form in the Stewardship mailbox. Your involvement helps us support meaningful causes each month. Thank you notes from those we help are on the Stewardship board for you to read.

Office: I will be putting together a new Directory. If you have a picture that you would like to submit I can add it in that way or I

can set up a time to have a picture taken with Miriam Miller, our photographer. If you have an address, email or phone number change please let me know so that I can get that changed. Any pictures or changes can be sent to secretary@soclc.org. Please have all your pictures and changes into Amy by June 30th.

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

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.

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.

Small Group Bible Study: There will be no small group bible study this Saturday. We will start up again next Saturday.

VBS: We are collecting empty paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes, pool noodles, cardboard boxes and plastic bottles 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.

Mercy Ministry: There will be a meeting Monday June 29th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship area. We are looking for new members so come to learn more about us and enjoy a piece of pie too! Ask Roger & Betsy Will if you have any questions.

Outing at Faith Lutheran Church: 11115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.



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

Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 28:5-9, Romans 7:1-13, Matthew 10:34-42

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.

HAPPY

Father's Day

The righteous who walks in his integrity - blessed are his children after him!

Proverbs 20:7





BIBLE FOR KIDS!



V J M M P W B E C A R G Q T D
T R U S T X C R E A T O R C D
O K R O L I V E Z W L I G H T
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WORD LIST

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