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!

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June 7, 2026 *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

## Welcome

### *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed* *LSB 560*

**1 Drawn to the cross, which thou hast blessed**
**With healing gifts for souls distressed,**
**To find in thee my life, my rest,**
**Christ crucified, I come.**

**2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,**
**Thy grace abused, my misspent years;**
**Yet now to thee with contrite tears,**
**Christ crucified, I come.**

**3 Wash me and take away each stain;**
**Let nothing of my sin remain.**
**For cleansing, though it be through pain,**
**Christ crucified, I come.**

**4 And then for work to do for thee,**
**Which shall so sweet a service be**
**That angels well might envy me,**
**Christ crucified, I come.**

## 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 Our help is in the name of LORD,

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

P If you, 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. (*Luke 18:13*)

*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 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 *Hosea 5:15-6:6*

15 Then I will return to my lair
until they have borne their guilt
and seek my face—
in their misery
they will earnestly seek me."
1 "Come, let us return to the LORD.
He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.
3 Let us acknowledge the LORD;
let us press on to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
4 "What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?
Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.
5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
I killed you with the words of my mouth—
then my judgments go forth like the sun
6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

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

## Second Reading *Romans 4:13-25*

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no

law there is no transgression.[16] Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. [17] As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.[18] Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." [19] Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. [20] Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, [21] being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. [22] This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." [23] The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, [24] but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. [25] He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**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 9:9-13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the ninth chapter.

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

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

**10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Sit*

## *As Rebels, Lord Who Foolishly Have Wandered* *LSB 612*

**1 As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered** (*tune 752*)
**Far from your love—unfed, unclean, unclothed—**
**Dare we recall your wealth so rashly squandered,**
**Dare hope to glean that bounty which we loathed?**
**Still we return, our contrite words rehearsing,**
**Speech, that within your warm embrace soon dies;**

**2 All of our guilt, our shame, our pain reversing**
**As tears of joy and welcome fill your eyes.**
**A feast of love for us you are preparing;**
**We who were lost, you give an honored place!**
**"Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more despairing—**
**Here taste again the treasures of My grace."**

## Homily

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## 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

## Presentation of the Offering

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## 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* *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.*

## *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* *LSB 611*

**1 Chief of sinners though I be,**
**Jesus shed His blood for me,**
**Died that I might live on high,**
**Lives that I might never die.**
**As the branch is to the vine,**
**I am His, and He is mine.**

**2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,**
**Higher than the heav'ns above,**
**Deeper than the depths of sea,**
**Lasting as eternity!**
**Love that found me—wondrous thought!**
**Found me when I sought Him not.**

**3 Only Jesus can impart**
**Balm to heal the wounded heart,**
**Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,**
**Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,**
**Faith and hope to walk with God**
**In the way that Enoch trod.**

**4 Chief of sinners though I be,**
**Christ is all in all to me;**
**All my wants to Him are known,**
**All my sorrows are His own.**
**He sustains the hidden life**
**Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**5 O my Savior, help afford**
**By Your Spirit and Your Word!**
**When my wayward heart would stray,**
**Keep me in the narrow way;**
**Grace in time of need supply**
**While I live and when I die.**

## *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* *LSB 606*

**1 I lay my sins on Jesus,**
**The spotless Lamb of God;**
**He bears them all and frees us**
**From the accursèd load.**
**I bring my guilt to Jesus**
**To wash my crimson stains**
**Clean in His blood most precious**
**Till not a spot remains.**

**2 I lay my wants on Jesus;**
**All fullness dwells in Him;**
**He heals all my diseases;**
**My soul He does redeem.**
**I lay my griefs on Jesus,**
**My burdens and my cares;**
**He from them all releases;**
**He all my sorrows shares.**

**3 I rest my soul on Jesus,**
**This weary soul of mine;**
**His right hand me embraces;**
**I on His breast recline.**
**I love the name of Jesus,**
**Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;**
**Like fragrance on the breezes**
**His name abroad is poured.**

## *Just as I Am, without One Plea* *LSB 570*

**1 Just as I am, without one plea**
**But that Thy blood was shed for me**
**And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2 Just as I am and waiting not**
**To rid my soul of one dark blot,**
**To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3 Just as I am, though tossed about**
**With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,**
**Fightings and fears within, without,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;**
**Sight, riches, healing of the mind,**
**Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,**
**Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;**
**Because Thy promise I believe,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown**
**Has broken ev'ry barrier down;**
**Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## *Not All the Blood of Beasts* *LSB 431*

**1 Not all the blood of beasts** **(*tune 781*)**
**On Jewish altars slain**
**Could give the guilty conscience peace**
**Or wash away the stain.**

**2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,**
**Takes all our sins away;**
**A sacrifice of nobler name**
**And richer blood than they.**

**3 My faith would lay its hand**
**On that dear head of Thine,**
**While as a penitent I stand,**
**And there confess my sin.**

**4 My soul looks back to see**
**The burden Thou didst bear**
**When hanging on the cursèd tree;**
**I know my guilt was there.**

**5 Believing, we rejoice**
**To see the curse remove;**
**We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice**
**And sing His bleeding love.**

## 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 goa*l.***

**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

June 7, 2026

**Pastor**
Jason Neel

**Usher**
Art Hayden

**Elders**
Wayne Chambard

**Reader**
Monica Lux

**Organist**
Karine Platt

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Carl Schwanbeck 6/10, and Elizabeth Whipps 6/10.
**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Mikayla Sauerwein 6/9.
**Celebrating Wedding Anniversary:** Kevin & Karen Zimmerman 6/7, Steve & Cindy Johnson 6/7, Bob & Joan Marolt 6/10, and Jeff & Jennifer Williams 6/10.

**This Week at a Glance**

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Elders 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. | Bible Study |

# Notes of Information:

**Congregational Meeting**: On June 21st, after the Worship service.

**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.

**Mailboxes:** Please check your mailboxes for the latest newsletter from your Elder.

**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.

We are finishing the Bible Study by Sharla Fritz called **Waiting**. This summer we will use single Bible Studies from the Women in Mission website. We hope you can join us!.

**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:** We are collecting empty paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes, pool noodles, cardboard boxes and plastic bottles of various sizes. Also, 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.

**Spirit of Christ Memorial Garden/Columbarium Project: Committee Formation:**

Recent research has stirred interest in a Memorial Garden project for SOC. We are looking to form a committee to continue this research and finalize a plan to put before the Church Council and Voters. An invitation to join the committee will be presented at the June Voters Meeting. Please talk with Sandy Elhardt or email John Peterson carsinger@aol.com for more information on joining the committee.

**Carl's Movie Minutes:**

**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.

**Pressure:** For History buffs WWII, In the tense 72 hrs, Before D-Day Gen Eisenhower and Capt. Skaggs face impossible choices—launch the most dangerous seaborne invasion in history. For those familiar, the crisis of timing for the invasion weather, timing, and tension fatigue for the forces. May 25-June 2. A variety of theaters Andover, AMC Coon Rapids, AMC Mounds view, Emagine White Bear. However, the theater depends on which day you choose. Check Focus Features.com for the film and locations for the day.

**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.

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

**Readings for next week:**

Exodus 19:2-8, Romans 5:6-15, Matthew 9:35-10:8-20