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 10, 2026 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Welcome

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living *LSB 479*

(*tune686*)

1 Christ is risen, Christ is living,
Dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold Him,
Nor the tomb in which he lay.
Do not look among the dead for
One who lives forevermore;
Tell the world that Christ is risen,
Make it known he goes before.

2 If the Lord had never risen,
We'd have nothing to believe.
But His promise can be trusted:
"You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam,
So in Christ we live again;
Death has lost its sting and terror,
Christ the Lord has come to reign.

3 Death has lost its old dominion,
Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living,
Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God, who causes
Hope to spring up from the ground;
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
Life eternal, life profound.

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.

This is the Feast *LSB 171*

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and

blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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 17:16-31*

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly
distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in
the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as
in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be
there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to
debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying
to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign
gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good
news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and
brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to
him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are
presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and
we would like to know what they mean." 21 (All the Athenians and
the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but
talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)
22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
"People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very

religious. [23] For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.
[24] "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. [25] And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. [26] From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. [27] God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. [28] 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'
[29] "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. [30] In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. [31] For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *1 Peter 3:13-22*

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the

body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive, he
went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— 20 to those
who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the
days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people,
eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes
baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the
body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into
heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and
powers in submission to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 14:15-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

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

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be
with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept
him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know
him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you
as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not
see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will
live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you
are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and
keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be
loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to
them."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sit

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy *LSB 590*

1 Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, here you take me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here you make me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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

Prayers of the Church

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 *LSB 178*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of 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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei *LSB 180*

C 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.

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.

Breathe On Me, Breath of God — *Bells*

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness — *LSB 467*

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

The Day of Resurrection *LSB 478*

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done *LSB 464*

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; (*tune 470)*
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

Go, My Children, with My Blessing *LSB 922*

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

2 **Go, My children, sins forgiven,**
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

3 **Go, My children, fed and nourished,**
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

4 **I the Lord will bless and keep you**
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

Announcements

Sending

Serving in worship today

May10, 2026

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elders:
Eric Skogerboe
Phil Marquardt

Reader:
Phil Marquardt

Usher:
Sue Anderson

Organist:
Karine Platt

Acolyte:
Lily Kuntz & Lyla Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Wayne Chambard 5/11, David O'Keefe 5/13, Andrew Weinhold 5/14, and Rick Dangers 5/14.
Celebrating Baptism: Kati Schoenbauer 5/11, Alex Hansen 5/12, Ashley Hansen 5/12, Lois Spadgenske 5/13, and Owen Smith 5/16.
Celebrating Anniversary: Steven & Whitney Buus 5/14`

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	7:00 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 stuff for the rummage sale and purchasing hanging baskets. All the proceeds will go towards the Alaska trip and future youth activities and trips.

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.

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

Stewardship Message: 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.

Carl's Movie Minutes:

That They Maybe 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: Is a family comedy of misadventures of Nate Wilcox husband of an entrepreneur trying to get her Shark Tank sponsored business off the …Nate is left to be the home dad the entertaining result of his efforts as the Stay at home dad gig with 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:

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53



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