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 24, 2026 *Day of Pentecost*

Welcome

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind *ELW 400*

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
As on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
Past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
There with Christ to bear the cross,
There with Christ to bear the cross.

2 God of blazing, God of burning,
All that blocks your purpose purge!
Through your church, Christ's living body,
Let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
Kindle us to speak your truth,
Kindle us to speak your truth.

3 God of earthquake, God of Thunder,
Shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
For earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
Make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord.

4 God of passion, God of unsleeping,
Stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,

May we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
Claim us for your kingdom's work,
Claim us for your kingdom's work.

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.

Rite of Pentecost *John 7:37–39; 15:26–27; 16:12–16*

P On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture has said,

C **'Rivers of living water will flow from within them.'**

P Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

P "But when the helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who goes out from the Father, he will bear witness about me."

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth."

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P "He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again, a little while, and you will see me."

C Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of our love.

Confession and Absolution

P God of spirit and truth,

C We confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have tried to live life on our own terms, and we have failed. We miss opportunities you set before us, and we are overcome by disappointment, disillusionment, and despair. Our spirits need to be awakened by your Spirit. God of spirit and truth, forgive our sin. Refresh us with your Holy Spirit.

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

P At the beginning of time, the Holy Spirit floated over the deep darkness as God's powerful Word of love created all things. That Word is Jesus, who took on flesh and went to the cross in love to take the sin of the world on himself. The Holy Spirit now communicates this forgiving love to each of us. It is my joy and privilege as a called and ordained servant Jesus Christ to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Once we were powerless; now we have God's power and forgiveness.

C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.

C And the God of love and peace will be with you.

P May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:11,14)*

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).

Prayer of the Day

P God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the people of the earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

24 So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. **25** Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. **27** A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" **30** Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from
every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd
came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own
language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all
these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us
hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and
Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews
and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them
declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and
perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too
much wine.”14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his
voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who
live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to
what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only
nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet
Joel:17 ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all
people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men
will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.18 Even on my
servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those
days, and they will prophesy.19 I will show wonders in the heavens
above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of
smoke.20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

P Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.
C **Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel *John 7:37-39*

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said
in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and
drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of
living water will flow from within them." 39 By this he meant the
Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up
to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet
been glorified.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Holy, Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven *LSB 502*

1 Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,
Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father you came,
Words of peace to proclaim,
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill your temple, your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love,
Gracious friend from above,
In your care we are resting, serene.

2 Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high
And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old;
All the baptized you seal with your promise,
All believers your gift there receive,
So that all the elect—
All in Christ—may expect
To enjoy what by grace they believe.

3 Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,
Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light,
As the tent lamps ignite
And as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessèd living and life-giving water,
Now preserve us from evil within;
For in Jesus, God's Son,
All believers are one
In this washing that cleanses from sin.

4 Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead,
As you bring all our need
To the throne of God's glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;
Only you can make whole
All that troubles our soul;
By your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

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.

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.

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 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

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.

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.

Breathe *Choir*

Loving Spirit *ELW 397*

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body,
Form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high.

4 Loving Spirit, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort,
In your presence I may find rest.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.

Holy Spirit Truth Divine *ELW 398 st.1,2 LSB 496 st.3,4,5*

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.

3 Holy Spirit, power 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 every idol throne, reign supreme, and reign alone.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling *LSB 650*

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

Dismissal

Stand

Benediction

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life *ELW 399*

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things: Anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

2 Eternal vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living word, Becoming flesh to ease our pain, and all creation is restored.

3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled, And carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Serving in worship today

May 24, 2026

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elders:
Wayne Chambard
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:
Mike Voegele

Usher:
Mike Voegele

Organist:
Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jan Kuehl 5/25, Eden Miller 5/26, Arlene Martti 5/27, and Jesse Johnson 5/30.
Celebrating Baptism: McKenzie Williams 5/26, and Eli Neel 5/29.

This Week at a Glance

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

Notes of Information

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.

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.

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.

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

Readings for next week:

Genesis1:1-2:4a, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, Matthew 28:16-20

Sacred and Joyful Vocations

THERE ARE MANY important, meaningful ways that Christians love God and serve their neighbor through their daily work. The Lutheran doctrine of vocation makes this very clear: The mailman delivering mail to our doors, the farmer growing the food we need to live, the E.R. nurse working day and night to care for the sick, the mother feeding and caring for her children — all of these are good, God-pleasing vocations.

Some feel the desire to serve God in a more immediate way through pursuing a full-time church work vocation. Just as it is God who gives children mothers and gives a suffering patient a doctor, so it is God who gives His church pastors and church workers to preach and teach God's Word for the salvation of God's people through Jesus Christ.

God Himself established the first and most essential church work vocation: the Office of the Pastoral Ministry. Pastors proclaim Christ and administer the Sacraments, the means through which God's people receive Christ's saving work.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has established seven other wonderful church work vocations to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and assist the faithful in their God-given vocations.

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need workers.

In the following pages, you will learn more about the **eight full-time LCMS church work vocations**, learn about the steps to pursue those wonderful vocations and hear from some of the people who currently serve in them.

As a Synod, we must continue to form and encourage our young people to consider serving in these sacred and joyful vocations that all may know Jesus Christ for life and salvation.


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DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

For more information, please see Amy Fey in the church office.

2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 10

HEALING YOUR HEART — FAITH-BASED CHILD COUNSELING

LUTHERAN COUNSELING & FAMILY SERVICES OF WISCONSIN | $100,000





Showing the Love of Christ to Hurting Children

From their beginning in 1896, Lutheran Counseling and Family Service of Wisconsin (LCFS) has grown from a small adoption clinic into a beacon of hope for children suffering from mental health issues. Over the years, they have been guided by unwavering faith and commitment to serve youth in need.

To address the mental health needs of children, LCFS provides a systemic support system. LCFS uniquely provides additional wraparound care and will work with that child until he or she is in a stronger, healthier place. Under their current leadership, LCFS has not turned away any child for inability to pay for services. LCFS opened an outpatient child therapy clinic, Healing Your Heart, in August 2023. The number of children served by LCFS grew beyond capacity in the first six months. The clinic plans to expand accordingly to meet the demand and needs of the countless children in the greater Milwaukee community.

As LCFS expands to meet this large need, they seek additional support as they further the mission and ministry of the Gospel through Christ-centered child mental health services. While LCFS therapists are currently only able to practice in the state of Wisconsin, LCFS is striving to broaden their national presence and impact by providing digital resources, podcasts, and more on a national level. This grant will be used to increase the number of therapists working in the clinic from five to seven, purchase therapeutic toys, and develop promotional materials to present to LCMS churches and groups.

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14b).

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children (Psalm 90:16).

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

We still need volunteers to set up. Please contact Leslie Kuntz if you can help @763-592-9206.



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