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!

August 2, 2026 *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord *LSB 352*

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept his word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 As your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is yours eternally.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to you in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when you will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see your face,
Freely ransomed by your grace.

Invocation

P We begin our worship 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 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 (Sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. 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 *Isaiah 55:1-5*

55 "Come, all you who are thirsty come to the waters; and you who
have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and
milk without money and without cost.[2] Why spend money on what
is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen
to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of
fare.[3] Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will
make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised
to David.[4] See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler
and commander of the peoples.[5] Surely you will summon
nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come
running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Romans 9:1-5*

9 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it through the Holy Spirit— [2] I have great sorrow and
unceasing anguish in my heart. [3] For I could wish that I
myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my

people, those of my own race, [4] the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. [5] Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[13] When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
[15] As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."[16] Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."[17] "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.[18] "Bring them here to me," he said. [19] And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. [20] They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. [21] The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

How Wide the Love of Christ *LSB 535*

1 How wide the love of Christ! (*tune 975*)
It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.

2 How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.

3 How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.

4 How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within his wounded hands
All human pain and loss.

5 All praise to you, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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

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 *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

The 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.

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.

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

LSB 572
(*tune 686*)

1 In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:
Only God can cover sin,
As he took their leafy garments
And he clothed their shame with skin.

2 Days and months and years unfolding
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning
Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings
Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning
For their sins with cleansing blood.

3 What these sacrifices promised
From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last—a second Adam—
Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior,
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer
On the cross his blood outpoured.

4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here you pledge our sins are covered,
Pledge received in bread and wine:
"Take and eat; this is my body,
Given on the cross for you.
Take and drink; this cup of blessing
Is My blood poured out for you."

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
Known by saints around the throne,
Where the Lamb, in closest union,
Lives to love and feed his own.
From his riven side forever
Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment
Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
Only you can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made garments;
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

By Grace I'm Saved *LSB 566*

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in his love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in his Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through his Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *LSB 980*

Refrain
Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

3 These are the ones we will serve;
These are the ones we will love;
All these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet:
This is the way we will live with You. *Refrain*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds *LSB 649*

1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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.

Church of God, Elect and Glorious *LSB 646*

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv'lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And His countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing his praise, his love declare.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

August 2, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Elders:
Chuck Johnson
Jason Baker

Reader:
Carl Schwanbeck

Usher:
Mike Voegele

Organist:
Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Leona Stockwell 8/5, Nicole Haselhorst 8/5, Josh Williams 8/7, Kassidy Bryan 8/8 and Kelsey Birkholz 8/8.
Celebrating Baptism: Nancy Tepley 8/8.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Jeremy & Paige Prince 8/5, and John Bellrichard & Kelsey Birkholz 8/5.

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
	11:30 a.m.	LWML Rally Planning Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher's Mtg.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass rehearsal
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.	Bible Study

Notes of Information

Vacation Bible School: We had a great week at VBS. We sang, played games did crafts and told bible stories with about 30 kids each night. Praise God for all the volunteers who generously gave their time to spread the word of God with all the children. WOW GOD!!

Stewardship: "We are pilgrims on a journey. We are brothers on the road. We are here to help each other. Walk the mile and bear the load." (Richard Gillard**)**

LWML: LWML rally planning meeting Tuesday, August 4th at 11:30. Come for Ladies Bible study at 10AM, stay for the meeting! A light lunch will be served.

Attention: All older men and women. On Friday September 11th there will be a bible study with Pastor Jason relevant to getting older. If you have any questions contact Elaine Hayden.

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

August 24 - The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
September 28 - In Pieces by Sally Field
October 26 - Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller

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.

Cans for Youth: The cans that are collected in the fenced in area in the corner of the parking lot are for the youth. All the proceeds go to the youth. So please keep collecting and dropping them off.

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. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665.

S.A.G.E.S: July/Aug/Sept newsletter is in the narthex on the back table.

Carl's Movie Minutes:

The Brink of War: A Docudrama on the nuclear missile talks between Reagan and Gorbachev in a same house in Iceland. The story how these two world leaders but the end of missile race. From Angel studios In theater beginning August 14.

Average Weekly Offering	$6766.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$7422.59
Actual Weekly Costs	$7374.29

Readings for next week:

Job 38:4-18, Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33



HELP LOCAL STUDENTS

START THE SCHOOL YEAR READY TO LEARN!

NACE Foodshelf is now collecting donations for our

Annual School Supplies Drive

Your generosity helps ensure local children have the supplies they need to begin the school year with confidence.

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW BACKPACKS (NO WHEELS) AND NEW, UNOPENED SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- New Backpacks (no wheels)
- 12-pack Crayola Colored Pencils
- 24-pack Crayola Crayons
- 8-pack Crayola Washable Markers
- 12-count #2 Pencils (Dixon Ticonderoga preferred)
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebookbooks
- Lined Composition Notebooks
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Elmer's White Glue
- Student-Sized Pointed Metal Scissors (Fiskars)
- Student-Sized Blunt-Tip Metal Scissors (Fiskars)
- Wide-Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper
- 1" Three-Ring Binders w/ Clear Covers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Large Pink Erasers
- Rulers
- Yellow Highlighters
- Boxes of Kleenex

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF DURING NACE'S REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Thank you for investing in the future of our community's children!

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It's Bluegrass time!
13th Annual
August 16th 2026
<u>Worship the One True God *Bluegrass style*!</u>
Rehearsal times:
Thursday August 6th … 7 pm
Tuesday August 11th … 7 pm
Thursday August 13th … 7 pm
Dress rehearsal with Band …Saturday 15th
TTBD

Bluegrass Sunday August 16 th

Memorial / Columbarium Proposal for Spirit of Christ Church

What is a Memorial Garden?

➤ **A *Memorial Garden* provides us with 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 services 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.**

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

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