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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July 12, 2026 *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*This morning, we welcome Yvonne Sandra Mosbek as our sister in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Yvonne is the daughter of Zach and Kelli Mosbek. Yvonne's baptismal sponsors are Chris Elhardt and Megan Mosbek.*

## Welcome

### *Come, Thou Almighty King* *LSB 905*

**1 Come, thou almighty King,**
**Help us thy name to sing;**
**Help us to praise;**
**Father all-glorious,**
**O'er all victorious,**
**Come and reign over us,**
**Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, thou incarnate Word,**
**Gird on thy mighty sword;**
**Our prayer attend.**
**Come and thy people bless,**
**And give thy Word success,**
**And let thy righteousness**
**On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,**
**Thy sacred witness bear**
**In this glad hour!**
**Thou, who almighty art,**
**Now rule in ev'ry heart,**

**And ne'er from us depart,**
**Spirit of pow'r.**

**4 To Thee, great One in Three,**
**Eternal praises be**
**Hence evermore!**
**Thy sov'reign majesty**
**May we in glory see,**
**And to eternity**
**Love and adore.**

*Stand*

## 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 name of the 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** (*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 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.**

*Sit*

## *See This Wonder in the Making* *LSB 593*

**1 See this wonder in the making:**
**God Himself this child is taking**
**As a lamb safe in His keeping,**
**His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**2 Miracle each time it happens**
**As the door to heaven opens**
**And the Father beams, "Belovèd,**
**Heir of gifts a king would covet!***"*

**3 Far more tender than a mother,**
**Far more caring than a father,**
**God, into Your arms we place him/her/them,**
**With Your love and peace embrace him/her/them.**

**4 Here we bring a child of nature;**
**Home we take a newborn creature,**
**Now God's precious son or daughter,**
**Born again by Word and water.**

## Holy Baptism

**P** Holy Baptism is God's gift to us. In this Sacrament we become a part of the family of God as we are welcomed into the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Small Catechism says "Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's word and by God's command." God's living Word of promise works

powerfully with the water. Baptism is the death of the old sinner and a rebirth into new life in Christ.

**C** ***"I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."*** *(John 3:5; Mark 16:16a)* ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*** *(Matthew 28:18b-20)*

**P** How is this child named?

**R** *Yvonne Sandra Mosbek.*

**P** Yvonne, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead and heart, because you are redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Today, Zach & Kelli, you are responding to the command of Jesus and the love that God has shown to Yvonne in the gift of Jesus himself. I ask you: will you faithfully bring this child to worship, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds and the Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith?

**R** *We will, by God's grace.*

**P** On behalf of Yvonne, do you as her parents reject the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *We do.*

**P** Sponsors, will you pray for Yvonne, support her parents in her ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian Faith, and love her in a way that gives an example of Christ's love?

**R** *We will, with God's help.*

**P** Saints of God in this congregation, will you support Yvonne in her life in Christ?

**C** **We will, by the power of the Spirit of Christ.**

**P** I ask Yvonne's parents, her sponsors, and the entire community to give witness to our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** **We do.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son…living and the dead?

**C We do.**
P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church… life everlasting?
**C We do.**
*Stand*
P Let us join hands and pray as a family the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.
**C Our Father who art in heaven…forever and ever. Amen.**
P Yvonne, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C Amen.**
R Let us pray: God, you make light to shine in the darkness. You bring new life from death. We are thankful that you have accepted Yvonne as your own. May she grow in faith and love and know always that she is part of your family and that you are her loving God. May we each know the abundant life you give in Jesus and remember how you joined water to Word to claim us forever.
**C Amen.**
P Go in peace!
**C Thanks be to God!**

***Sit***

## First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-13*

**10** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, **11** so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. **12** You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. **13** Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."
A This is the Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading *Romans 8:12-17*

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is
not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according
to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the
misdeeds of the body, you will live.
14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of
God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that
you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about
your adoption to sonship. And by him we
cry, *"Abba,* Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our
spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then
we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we
share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**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 13:1-9, 18-23*

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

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

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the
lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a
boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he
told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to
sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the
path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places,
where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the
soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were
scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed
fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still

other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Sit*

## *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* *LSB 697*

**1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,**
**And Christ shall give you light;**
**So learn His love, its length and breadth,**
**Its fullness, depth, and height.**

**2 To us on earth He came to bring**
**From sin and fear release,**
**To give the Spirit's unity,**
**The very bond of peace.**

**3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,**
**Who died that He might save;**
**With kind and gentle hearts forgive**
**As God in Christ forgave.**

**4 For us Christ lived, for us He died,**
**And conquered in the strife;**
**Awake, arise, go forth in faith,**
**And Christ shall give you life.**

## Homily

## 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* *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.**

## 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.*

### *Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters* *ELW 445*

**1** **Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,**
**Where your cleansing waters flow.**
**Number them among your people;**
**Bless as Christ blessed long ago.**
**Weave them garments bright and sparkling;**
**Compass them with love and light.**
**Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,**
**Holy dove and heart's delight.**

**2 We who bring them long for nurture;**
**By your milk may we be fed.**
**Let us join your feast, partaking,**
**Cup of blessing, living bread.**
**God, renew us, guide our footsteps;**
**Free from sin and all its snares,**
**One with Christ in living, dying,**
**By your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!**
**Unimagined all your ways!**
**To your name be glory, honor!**
**With our lives we worship, praise!**
**We your people stand before you,**
**Water-washed and Spirit born,**
**By your grace, our lives we offer,**
**Recreate us; God transform!**

## *We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus* *ELW 451*

**1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,**
**we are baptized in his death;**
**That as Christ is raised victorious,**
**we might live a brand-new life**
**And if we have been united**
**in a dreadful death like his,**
**We will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**2 In the water and the witness,**
**in the breaking of the bread,**
**In the waiting arms of Jesus**
**who is risen from the dead.**
**God has made a new beginning,**
**glory now resounds again**
**In the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**3 Glory be to God the Father,**
**glory be to Christ the Son,**
**Glory to the Holy Spirit,**
**ever three and ever one;**

**As it was in the beginning,**
**glory now resounds again**
**In a song that has no ending…Amen.**

## *Baptized and Set Free* *ELW 453*

**1 We are people created,**
**chosen by God.**
**Then we're washed, ever gently,**
**in mercy and love.**
**Sin has power no more,**
**Jesus opened the door**
**to a fountain bringing healing,**
**and wholeness and more.**

**2 We are fed and we're nourished,**
**filled and refreshed.**
**Then our hunger returns and**
**again we are blessed.**
**For whatever the need,**
**God is greater indeed:**
**endless ocean, always deeper**
**than all of our need.**

**3 We are nourished by water,**
**all living things,**
**and by life that the Spirit**
**abundantly brings.**
**As we journey toward home,**
**may your presence be known:**
**precious river, ever-flowing,**
**now carry us home.**

**4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,**
**we join the song.**
**All are welcome! We gather**
**to sing loud and strong.**
**Not enslaved, but set free!**
**From now on all will be**
**one in Jesus one in water,**
**baptized and set free!**

## *Remember and Rejoice* *ELW 454 vs. 1,2,4,5*

**1 Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.**
**We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

**2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,**
**forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**

**4 God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.**
**Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**

**5 Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.**
**We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

## 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.**

## *Baptized in Water* *ELW 456*

**1 Baptized in water,**
**sealed by the Spirit,**
**cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:**
**heirs of salvation,**
**trusting his promise,**
**faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**2 Baptized in water,**
**sealed by the Spirit,**
**dead in the tomb with Christ our king:**
**one with his rising,**
**freed and forgiven,**
**thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**3 Baptized in water,**
**sealed by the Spirit,**
**marked with the sign of Christ our king:**
**born of the spirit,**
**we are God's children;**
**joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

## Announcements

## Sending

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Serving in worship today

July 12, 2026

**Pastor:**
Jason Neel

**Elders:**
Jason Baker
Eric Skogerboe

**Reader:**
Sue Anderson

**Usher:**
Jan Fuerst

**Organist:**
Karine Platt

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Lori Miller 7/13, Micah Miller 7/13, Sue Buerkle 7/13, and Eric Gunderson 7/18.
**Celebrating Baptism:** Abby Schoenbauer 7/17, and Jody Rose 7/17.
**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Jerry & Inky Dedrick 7/14, Eric & Sarah Skogerboe 7/17, and Chuck & Jan Johnson 7/18.

## 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. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 7 :00 p.m. | Elder's Meeting |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Faith Class |
| | 6:00 p.m. | VBS decorating |
| 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. | Bible Study |

# Notes of Information

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

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.

**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.

**Coming soon: Bad Counselors:** 7/22-27 Wh. Bear and AMCs. For H.S. age and above. Two frat boys must become church brothers fast. A wild frat party ends up in 120 hrs community service. They decide to pose as counselors at a local church camp with all that entails. They are quickly learning what all that means. Can two part boys lie their way to redemption. A comedy….

**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.

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




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| *Average Weekly Offering* | $6989.00 |
| *Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan* | $6730.28 |
| *Actual Weekly Costs* | $7195.39 |

**Readings for next week:**
Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:18-27, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**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.**




*I hope to spot you here!*



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