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!

July 19, 2026 *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing *LSB 584*

1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory
Give us ears to hear your Word.

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 Often, we are painfully aware that our lives, our relationships, our bodies, and our world are falling apart.

C **"The creation was subjected to frustration...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."** *(Romans 8:20-21)*

P The entire world experiences this deep sense that all is not well.

C **"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."** *(Romans 8:22)*

P Being in Christ does not exclude us from this pain and malaise.

C **"Not only so, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies."** *(Romans 8:23)*

P We confess the sins we commit in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Lord, meet us with your forgiveness, your healing, and the hope of the redemption of our lives.

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

P Though we still groan waiting for God to fulfill his promise, we live in a sure and certain hope that God is opening a future where all groans are silenced. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have the assurance that God has made peace with the world and with us, and that we will rise from death to be heirs of God's restored creation. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Worship the Lord in faith in his healing work now and hope in his future redemption.

C **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

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).

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading *Isaiah 44:6-8*

6 "This is what the LORD says. Israel's King and Redeemer, the
LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me
there is no God.7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let
him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I
established my ancient people, and what is yet to come yes, let
them foretell what will come.8 Do not tremble, do not be
afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my
witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other
Rock; I know not one."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-27*

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits
in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For
the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but
by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation
itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into
the freedom and glory of the children of God.22 We know that the
whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right
up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for

our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

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 13:24-30,34-43

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. **26** When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. **27** "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'**28** "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'**29** "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"**34** Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. **35** So was fulfilled what was spoken

through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter
things hidden since the creation of the world.”
36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples
came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in
the field.”**37** He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is
the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands
for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil
one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is
the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.**40** “As the weeds
are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the
age. **41** The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed
out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do
evil. **42** They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will
shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has
ears, let them hear.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Come unto Me, Ye Weary *LSB 684*

1 “Come unto me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.”
O blessèd voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.

2 “Come unto me, ye wand’rers,
And I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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

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 *Praise Band*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei *Praise Band*

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
And give us your 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.

O Taste and See *LSB 629*

1 What is this bread? What is this bread?
This bread we break, this life we take,
He died to pay, for our release.
O taste and see, the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine? What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace, brings his embrace
O taste and see, the Lord is King.

3 So who am I, That I should live
and He should die, and me forgive
My God, my God, forsake me not.
O taste and see, the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here? His promise clear
In mouth and soul he makes us whole.
Christ present here, in this his meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me? Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe that I receive
His flesh and blood,
O taste and see.

6 This is for you. This is for me.
We are forgiven and set free!
We do believe that we receive
His flesh and blood, the Lord is good,
O taste and see. *Repeat*

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845
(*tune 444*)

1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

His Mercy is More *Praise Band*

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God *Praise Band*

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.

On What Has Now Been Sown *LSB 921*

1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in worship today

July 19, 2026

Pastor:
Jason Neel

Elders:
Wayne Chambard
Phil Marquardt

Reader:
Karine Platt

Usher:
Art Hayden

Music:
Praise Band

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Wes Spadgenske 7/19, Jeanne Baker 7/22, Louella Garland 7/23, Pat McCarty 7/23, Dalton Degler 7/24, and Marlene Birkholz 7/24.
Celebrating Baptism: Alex Williams 7/20,
Kayleigh O'Keeffe 7/20, and Libby Schoenbauer 7/22,
Celebrating Anniversaries: Richard and Beth Gerard 7/23.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	All VBS Volunteer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Council 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
	6:00 p.m.	VBS

Notes of Information

Vacation Bible School: There will be a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday 7/20 for all involved with VBS. If you have not registered your child, there is still time. See the church website for registration.

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

Stewardship: "…become strong in the confidence of Christ… so that your love goes out to each one and you desire to help everyone, hate no one, suffer with all, and pray for all."

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:

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.

Average Weekly Offering	$6766.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$6730.28
Actual Weekly Costs	$7374.29

Readings for next week:
Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52


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