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 30, 2026 *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" *LSB 843*

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," (*tune 707*)
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Invocation

P 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 (Sing) **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 *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

15LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge
me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me
away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.16 When your
words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.17 I never sat in the
company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone
because your hand was on me and you had filled me with
indignation.18 Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous
and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring
that fails.19 Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I
will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not
worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn
to you, but you must not turn to them.20 I will make you a wall to
this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against
you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and
save you," declares the LORD.21 "I will save you from the hands
of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *Romans 12:9-21*

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is
good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another
above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your
spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who
are in need. Practice hospitality.14 Bless those who persecute
you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one
another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of
low position. Do not be conceited.17 Do not repay anyone evil for
evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is
possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with
everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room
for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will
repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is
hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."21 Do not be
overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649
(*tune 975*)

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.

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

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.

Sit

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.

Where Charity and Love Prevail *LSB 845*

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.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *LSB 851*

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessèd
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living *LSB 706*

1 Love in Christ is strong and living, (*tune 427*)
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.

2 Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing *LSB 691*

1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, (*tune 842*)
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.

2 Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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.

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *LSB 848*

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom,
May Your mercy know and live.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

August 30, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Usher
Art Hayden

Elders
Chuck Johnson
Phil Marquardt

Reader
Lois Spadgenske

Organist
Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Savannah Hofman 9/2, Art Hayden 9/4, P.J. Marquardt 9/4, Davis Bryan 9/5, and Martha Gunderson 9/5.
Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Dave Hansen 8/31, Jeanne Baker 8/31, Sandy Elhardt 9/1, Hunter Bellrichard 9/2, Kelsey Birkholz 9/3, Ashly Parson 9/4, Jonelle Welle 9/4, Linda Schwanbeck 9/4, and Josh Williams 9/5.
Celebrating Wedding Anniversary: Dan & Jean O'Keefe 8/30, Phil & Angie Hagel 8/31, and Wayne & Renee Chambard 9/2.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
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
	9:00 a.m.	LWML Zone Delegate Board Mtg
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Mercy Ministry: There will be a Mercy Ministry Meeting on Tuesday, September 1st at 5:30 pm. If you'd like to learn more about Mercy Ministry or have been involved in the past and want to become active again, we'd love to have you join us!

Stewardship: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
(1 Corinthians 15:58**)**

Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:
September 28 - In Pieces by Sally Field.
October 26 - The Dutch House by Ann Patachett.
November 23 - The Forgotten Home Child by Genevieve Graham.
December 28 - No book club.
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:
American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story: Aug. 25-27 might be gone, White Bear Emagine / Maplewood Marcus check listing; doc, story on a priest murdered serving in Guatemala. Brought the Word to native people beloved, He refused to leave the people during civil war; story of courage and sacrificial love.

The Passion of the Christ: The original remastered. For those who'd like to experience it again, those who never saw it either too young or wished they had gone. 9/10-17 AMC Mounds view, Coon Rapids, White Bear Emagine. Very Powerful.

Daniel and the Fiery Furnace: Produced by Michael W Smith. The story of Daniel taking a stand for God. Full length motion picture adaptation.9/18-23 Emagine White Bear

Making Room: Faith in Action: Now streaming Angel Studios website, documentary; story of a group of people helping orphans, abused, abandoned kids. Check the web site for streaming info available now.

Runner: Angel Studio release NOT FOR EVERYONE high packed, humor accented drama of two unlikely males trying to get a donor organ to a child while black marketeers want it. Light style of mission impossible including a bird. Alan Ritchson, who plays Reacher on Amazon Prime plays a reforming tough guy along with Owen Wilson in a mad cap adventure. Opens 9/11 Wh. Bear Engine

Elijah Peele: Based on true story follows a rock star who suffers a major heart attack during recovery he encounters a girl whose faith, spirit and wisdom, who breaks through his defensiveness and he goes on a journey of healing, reconciliation, and faith, opened 8/14 ran three days check online for streaming opportunities.

More coming later Sept/Oct

Average Weekly Offering	$6685.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$7422.59
Actual Weekly Costs	$7360.16

Readings for next week:
Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:1-20



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