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 9, 2026 *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come *LSB 981*

1 To your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.

2 I through him am reconciled,
I through him become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts your love to trace.

3 While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

6 While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.

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 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law:
C "The person who does these things will live by them."
P When we are honest with ourselves and before God, we acknowledge that we have not done the things commanded in God's law.
C We have sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved God and our neighbors properly.
P Like Peter, we are drowning in our sin. We have no other recourse but to cry out:
C Lord, save me!

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

P God makes us right in his eyes not by our keeping the law, but by trusting in God to rescue us. Paul quotes Hebrew scripture that says "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame" and "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." You have called on him today for forgiveness and salvation, and God delivers. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have life not by your keeping God's law, but by trusting in the Word made flesh. Go forth in that faith to be his witnesses in the world!
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).

Sit

First Reading *Job 38:4-18*

4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if
you understand.**5** Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you
know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?**6** On what were its
footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—**7** while the morning
stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?**8** "Who shut
up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,**9** when
I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick
darkness,**10** when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in
place,**11** when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is
where your proud waves halt'?**12** "Have you ever given orders to
the morning, or shown the dawn its place,**13** that it might take the
earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? The earth takes
shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a
garment.**15** The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised
arm is broken.**16** "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or
walked in the recesses of the deep?**17** Have the gates of death been
shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?
18 Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me,
if you know all this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Romans 10:5-17*

5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The
person who does these things will live by them." **6** But the
righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who
will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) **7** "or
'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from
the dead). **8** But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in
your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning
faith that we proclaim: **9** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is
Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe
and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your
faith and are saved. **11** As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in

him will never be put to shame." **12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**14** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **15** And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**16** But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" **17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the
crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a
mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there
alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from
land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the
lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were
terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I.
Don't be afraid."28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to
come to you on the water."29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got
down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward
Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning
to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"31 Immediately Jesus reached
out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why
did you doubt?"32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind

died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

“How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard *LSB 831*

1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known his reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?

2 “To all the world,” to ev’ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.

3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?

4 “Lord, here am I:” your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.

5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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.

Come, Let Us Eat *LSB 626*

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3 In his presence now we meet and rest,
In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

Once He Came in Blessing *LSB 333*

1 Once he came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now he gently leads us;
With himself he feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess you
Till in heav'n we bless you.

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing *LSB 409*

1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, your grace possessing,
In your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before you,
In your Church rejoice to live,
See your glory and adore you,
Thankful for the grace you give.

2 Once far off but now invited,
We approach your sacred throne,
In your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.

3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In your temples seek your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace *LSB 580*

1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace, (*tune 832)*
Who sent his Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.

2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.

3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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.

Spread the Reign of God the Lord *LSB 830*

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere his creatures call
To his heav'nly banquet hall.

2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How his own dear Son he gave
Us from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

August 9, 2026

Pastor

Jason Neel

Elders:

Wayne Chambard
Phil Marquardt

Reader:

Robert Pajak

Usher:

Art Hayden

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Bonnie Garland 8/10, Gary Burmeister 8/10, Cindy Johnson 8/11, Sandy Elhardt 8/12, Dave Hansen 8/13, and Chase Carlson 8/14.

Celebrating Baptism: Kaleb Miller 8/10, Micah Miller 8/12, Tina Brynteson 8/13, Betsy Will 8/14, and Gerry Anderson 8/15.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Chris & Kati Schoenbauer 8/10, Jason & Jeanne Baker 8/10, Rick & Carol Dangers 8/10, Curt & Karen Olson 8/15, and Tom & Kathy Trapp 8/15.

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	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass rehearsal
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

Faith class: There will be no Faith class this Wednesday 8/12/2026.

Stewardship: "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Congregational Meeting: We will be having a Congregational meeting on August 23rd following the service.

Bible study for older men and women: On Friday September 11th there will be a bible study with Pastor Jason related to issues around aging. 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.

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.

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:
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2, 13-24, Matthew 15:21-28

It's Bluegrass time!
13th Annual
August 16th 2026
Worship the One True God *Bluegrass style*!
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

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