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!

September 20, 2026 -*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

(*tune 940***)**

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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 (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 55:6-9*

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him
while he is near.**7** Let the wicked forsake their ways and
the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the
LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God,

for he will freely pardon.[8] "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.[9] "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. 19 for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. 27 Whatever happens, conduct

yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel
28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.
29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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 20:1-16*

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.
3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told

them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ 7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ 8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ 9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ 13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

LSB 838 **(***tune 917***)**

1 The saints in Christ are one in ev'ry place
To serve the Gospel of His costly grace;
From those first days to this, our hope the same:
The love of Christ, one Lord, one saving name.

2 In chains for Christ! His pris'ners love to sing,
For slaves and free rejoice to praise our King;
What though the Church on earth still suffers wrong?
The cross of Christ remains our pilgrim song.

3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
Where then shall be our hunger, danger, pain?
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
Then be with Christ, to live forevermore.

4 Lord Jesus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth repeat;
The work that You began, You will complete.
By grace let ev'ry foe become Your friend;
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and never end.

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 *Praise Band*

C 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

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei *Praise Band*

C 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.

Sing to Jesus *Praise Band*

For Me to Live Is Jesus

LSB 742

(*tune 660*)

1 For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases,
I meet death willingly.

2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with Him.

3 My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God.

4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,
My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing,
O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

LSB 757

(*tune 554*)

1 Lord, it belongs not to my care

Whether I die or live;
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

2 **If life be long, I will be glad**
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?

3 **Christ leads me through no darker rooms**
Than He went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

4 **Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet**
Thy blessèd face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet,
What will Thy glory be!

5 **Then shall I end my sad complaints**
And weary, sinful days
And join with the triumphant saints
Who sing my Savior's praise.

6 **My knowledge of that life is small,**
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.

Beautiful Things *Praise Band*

Dismissal

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious

with you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C Amen.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *LSB 924*

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in worship today

September 20, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Elders:
Wayne Chambard
Eric Skogerboe

Reader:
Renee Chambard

Usher:
Jan Feurst

Acolyte:
Lily Kuntz
Lyla Marquardt

Music:
Praise Band

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Joan Marolt 9/23, and Judah Neel 9/25.
Celebrating Baptism: Bonnie Garland 9/22, Savannah Hofman 9/23, Sue Buerkle 9/24, and Abby Weinhold 9/25.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Davis & Kassidy Bryan 9/21, and Doug & Beth Degler 9/22.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study

	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Sun. S Teacher Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Isaiah Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Isaiah Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
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.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Isaiah Bible Study

Notes of Information

Sunday School: It is the start of Sunday School today. Come to the Sunday School wing to meet your teacher and find your classroom.

Stewardship: "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."
(1 Corinthians 4:2)

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need of all canned goods. At this time they are only taking Fall/Winter clothing. Thank you for your donations. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665.

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.

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Carl's Movie Minutes:

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 madcap adventure. Opens 9/11 White Bear Engine.

Heaven in Stone and Glass: Catholic documentary focused on Europe's Gothic cathedrals, their beauty and

inspiration focusing on Notre Dame, Reims, Ameins, Chartres and Saint-Denis. The sacred architecture showing God is not distant but weaves His revelation Inyo the very fabric of creation. Emagine White Bear 9/20,23 3:10, 6:10.

No Limits: The Nick V Story: If you are familiar with inspirational Christian apologists, you have undoubtedly familiar with Nick V. Here is a documentary of his life story and he become an international leader in proclaiming Christ. 9/25-10/1. Emagine White Bear 3:50**,** 6:30.

Phil's Friends-



Packages and cards of hope are available for you to send to someone who has cancer. Please go to Phil'sfriends.org to order your gift of love. Please spread this news to others, it is a mission of Women in Mission, LWML.

Average Weekly	$6643.00

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

Readings for next week:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-4,(5-13) 14-18,
Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)



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Our Mission: To live in love for God and one another, reaching out to all people, proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ.

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