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!

November 1, 2026 *All Saints Day*

All Saints' Day
A Celebration of New Life in Christ
& A Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Since the persecution of the Early Church, those who have died in the faith have been remembered. The custom of a formal commemoration of all the martyrs on a single "memorial day" goes back to at least the third century. "Saint" means "sacred one" or "holy one." All those who are in Christ are holy, in heaven and on earth.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther taught that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint; a sinner because of our sinful nature and a saint because of the love, forgiveness, and eternal life Jesus Christ has already attained for each of us.

Even in a world where accidents, disease, and violence are all around, death can find us unprepared. The remembrance of loved ones lost to this life takes on added significance. The promise of eternal life in Christ gives this present life purpose and hope. That purpose and hope in Christ is the focus of our worship and celebration.

For All the Saints *LSB 677*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Opening(*Psalm 31:1,3,5 antiphon, Revelation 7:13-14)*

P Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?

C I answered, "Sir, you know."

P And he said, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them

white in the blood of the Lamb."
P In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C in your righteousness deliver me.
P For you are my rock and my fortress;
C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C and to the Holy Spirit;
P as it was in the beginning,
C is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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

P Most merciful God,
C We confess that we are guilty of many sins. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in what we have thought, said, and done. We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate faults. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive our sins. Lead us out of darkness to walk as children of your light. Amen.

P In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (*1 Peter 2:9-10*)

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 *Revelation 7:9-17*

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great
multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
tribe, people and language, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and
were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they
cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels
were standing around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures. They fell down on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and
honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and
ever. Amen!” 13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These
in white robes—who are they, and where did they come
from?” 14 I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said,
“These are they who have come out of the great
tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,
“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and
night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence. 16 ‘Never again will
they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not
beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. 17 For the
Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God
will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that
we should be called children of God! And that is what we
are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did
not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of
God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.
But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like
him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this
hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. silenced
and the whole world held accountable to God.

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 5:1-12*

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a
mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,
2 and he began to teach them.
He said:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.7 Blessed are the
merciful, for they will be shown mercy.8 Blessed are the
pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.11 "Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White *LSB 676*

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array

Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary

and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

PLet us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness

of life and so pass with him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with him at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Receive our thanks for all the departed saints and for the blessings you bestowed on them in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with them we may see you face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks that by his death he destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Time of Remembrance

Patrick Azeltine
March 16, 1948 to March 4, 2026

Helen Bellin
September 11, 1957 to March 14, 2026

Karen Buus
September 25, 1938 to September 7, 2026

Lee Bouley
May 7, 1954 to July 2, 2026

Donna Hull Nietz
January 23, 1932 to February 24, 2026

Patricia "Honee" Jones
April 9, 1936 to July 21, 2026

Bruce Lamprecht
December 21, 1952 to January 16, 2026

Luke Letzring
July 20, 1986 to July 29, 2026

Virginia Myers
May 13, 1931 to October 24, 2026

Carol Olson

December 25, 1937 to October 25, 2026
Paul Omans
May 11, 1939 to August 21, 2026
Logan Parson
June 17, 1996 to December 12, 2025
Roger Postera
October 20, 1947 to October 24, 2026
Gail Solem
September 21, 1957 to February 25, 2026
Mark Spitzack
August 20, 1961 to May 28, 2026

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.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is 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.

Sing to Jesus *Choir*

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *LSB 670*

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

2 O higher than the cherubim,

More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the_eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671
(*tune 848*)

1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!

Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

3 **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:**
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

We Sing for All the Unsung Saints *LSB 678*

1 **We sing for all the unsung saints,**
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.

2 **Though uninscribed with date or place,**
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.

3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672
(*tune 644*)

1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!

2 Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessèd
Shines bright with glorious sheen.

3 Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever

Their gleaming robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessèd country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

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.

For All the Saints *LSB 677*

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

November 1, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel
Elders:
Jason Baker
Kevin Zimmerman
Reader:
Mike Voegele
Usher:
Randy Herschman
Acolyte:
Lyla Marquardt
Anora Kuntz
Organist:
Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Steven Buus 11/3, and Chuck Kolk 11/4.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Pat & Linda McCarty 11/3 and David & Mikayla Sauerwein 11/7.

This Week at a Glance

Today	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
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Isaiah Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Activity
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	11:00 a.m.	S.A.G.E.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.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Isaiah Bible Study

Notes of Information

S.A.G.E.S: Will be having a Bible Study on Friday November 6th at 11:00am. There is a copy of the new SAGACITY on the back table.

Youth: November 4th following confirmation. All middle school and high school students are welcome!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: On November 15, 2026, following education hour, we will be packing shoeboxes for operation Christmas Child. We have enough supplies to pack approximately 100 shoe boxes. This event is open to all members, and a pizza lunch will be served. For more information, please reach out to Kati Schoenbauer at kati_johnson@yahoo.com.

Stewardship: "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows***".** (James 1:17)

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:
November 23 - The Forgotten Home Child by Genevieve Graham.
December 28 - No book club.
If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Carl's Movie Minutes:

Jimmy: The story of Jimmy Stewart's determined effort to enlist as a flyer in WWII, flying 20 combat missions over Europe, returning deeply affected and struggling in Hollywood until 'A Wonderful lite'. One of the highest respected Hollywood stars, a true patriot. Who in addition to Hollywood remained in reserves and retired as a Brigadier General. 11/6 Emagine Wh. Bear/ AMC Coon Rapids/Andover Cinema.

Drummer Boy: The Smallbone brothers of For King and Country bring a unique Christian theme movie. As America's fight for independence begins, a young drummer boy, an enslaved woman, and a divided family each search for freedom in a world built to deny it. A musical type of movie(Smallbone production). The Revolutionary war as a back drop into a deeply human story of faith, forgiveness, and the belief that no person is born to live in chains or be forgotten. 11/5
Emagine White Bear, E. Bethel /AMC Coon Rapids & Mounds View/Andover Cinema.

Joshua: The Sight and Sound Productions live rendition of the story of Joshua leading the people into the Promised land. Opens 10/30 AMC Coon Rapids/Andover Cinema short run.

Mendel's Messiah: Mendel Moskowita owns a candy store in Brooklyn, which was vandalized by an anti-Semitic mob. Mendel discouraged ,prays. The Angel Gabriel answers by transporting him to first century Israel where Mendel encounters and witnesses the life, teachings, crucifixion and resurrection of Yeshua. Check your favorite movie streaming app.

Ebenezer: A faithful adaptation of the Christmas classic A Christmas Carol. Johnny Depp plays the lead with his classic timing and wit. Could go down as one of the best adaptations since 1951 Alastair Sim rendition. 11/13 Both Emagine/AMC Coon Rapids/ Andover Cinema.

Average Weekly Offering	$6692.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$7422.59
Actual Weekly Costs	$7072.00

Readings for next week:
Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13



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