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!

October 11, 2026 *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *LSB 803*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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 In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul calls on the community to live in trust instead of fear.

C **"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."**

P Because our old nature wants to be in charge of life, it is incapable of living in that kind of trust in God.

C **Like Adam and Eve in the garden, we believe that God is keeping what is truly good from us and that relying on him will leave us with less than we want and need.**

P In Baptism, God has restored a relationship of trust by putting to death that old nature and re-creating us to rely on God for all our good. We pray that God will do that same work in us today and every day. Heavenly Father,

C **Crucify our self-reliance, our anxiety, and our fear. Raise us to newness of life in which we look to you to provide for us in every circumstance. Settle us in your love and your care.**

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

P The work that God the Holy Spirit began in your

baptism will continue. As St. Paul promises, “The God of peace will be with you,” and he will not only forgive but also transform. 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. Be confident that no circumstance you face is greater than he can work through. “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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

Dismiss for Nursery

First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a
feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine
the best of meats and the finest of wines.7 On this
mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all
peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;8 he will
swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will
wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his
people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has
spoken.9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our
God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the

LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:4-13*

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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 22:1-14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was

speechless.13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him
hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.’14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”
P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place *838*

1 The saints in Christ are one in ev’ry place *tune 917*
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 *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.

It Is Well With My Soul *Bell Choir*

O Lord, We Praise Thee *LSB 617*

1 O Lord, we praise thee *(tune 789)*
Bless, thee and adore thee.
Lord in thankgiving
We bow before thee
Thou with thy body
And blood to nourish
Our weak souls flourish:
Have mercy, Lord.

2 Thy holy body
Into death given,
Life to win for us,
No greater love.
This to thee bind us,
Your feast remind us,
Salvation gave us,
Have mercy, Lord.

3 May God bestow us
His grace and favor
Following Christ, our
Savior and Lord.
And live together
In love and union
This blest Communion!
Have mercy, Lord!

4 Let not thy Spirit

Ever forsake us;
Grand us your mind and
Make us your own.
Guide us your church in
Unity and Peace.
Teach us to live in
Your mercy, Lord!

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise *LSB 680*

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving

evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor
Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772

1 In holy conversation (*tune 515*)
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.

2 These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens

To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.

3 As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

How Firm a Foundation *LSB 728*

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temple adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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.

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

October 11, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Elders:
Jason Baker
Eric Skogerboe

Reader:
Robert Pajak

Usher:
Sandy Elhardt

Acolyte:
Lily Kuntz
Anora Kuntz

Organist:
Karine Platt

Nursery:
Jeanne Baker
Josephine Voegele

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Lily Kuntz 10/12, Leo Green 10/15, and Camile Kuntz 10/17.
Celebrating Baptism: David Sauerwein 10/11, Dakota Holleman 10/16, Davis Bryan 10/16, and Eli Voegele 10/16.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Kyle & Baylee Koski 10/15.

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
	7:00 p.m.	Elder 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: There will be no Sunday School 10/18.

SAGACITY: There is a copy of the new S.A.G.E.S on the back table.

Prayer Request: Sue will be out of town until the 15th of October. If you have a prayer request, please email Laura Marquardt at laura.marquardt634@gmail.com.

Stewardship: "*Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means***".** (2 Corinthians 8:11)

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:
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.

Carl's Movie Minutes:

Angel and the Bad Man: John Wayne redo; A wounded outlaw, on the run from the law and his fellow outlaws, comes across farm worked by devout Christians. Attendance is brought into their home for care. Principally one of the daughters being very attentive. He heals and becomes attracted to his nurse. Her strong Christian principles determine her life. If he is to make any headway it will mean some major changes including church attendance. Just when things are progressing the posse and the outlaw partners find him…Tommy Lee Jones one of the stars…Oct 9 White Bear Emagine among other screens.

Sense and Sensibilities: For the Jane Austen fans; three sisters, after their father's death, are obliged to live off the generosity of others Oct 16 East Bethel Emagine, White Bear Emagine and Mounds view AMC.

Seniors: Starts 10/8 on Amazon Prime. Intergenerational comedy about friendship, second changes and finding purpose in unexpected place. A troubled teen performing community service at a retirement home.

Spirit of Christ Women in Mission and S.A.G.E.S. Ministries
Invite you to join us

Friday, October 16, 2026
11 am

For an informational presentation on fraud prevention

A speaker from the MN Attorney General's Office will give an hour presentation on how to detect and avoid scams followed by A question-and-answer period

LOCATION:
Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church
2749 Bunker Lake Blvd
Ham Lake MN 55304

Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided

If you have questions about the event, please call
Elaine Hayden 763-442-2851

Lutheran Women in Mission
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

S.A.G.E.S.
S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

Average Weekly Offering	$6643.00
Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan	$7422.59
Actual Weekly Costs	$7360.16

Readings for next week:
Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10,
Matthew 22:15-22

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