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 18, 2026 *Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496
(*tune 469*)

1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all his beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to thee.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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

Dismiss for Nursery

First Reading *Isaiah 45:1-7*

45 “This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before
him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors
before him so that gates will not be shut: 2 I will go
before you and will level the mountains; I will break
down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.
3 I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret
places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the
God of Israel, who summons you by name. 4 For the sake
of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you
by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you
do not acknowledge me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no
other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen
you, though you have not acknowledged me, 6 so that

from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting
people may know there is none besides me. I am the
LORD, and there is no other.7 I form the light and create
darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster I, the
LORD, do all these things.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace and peace to you.2 We always thank God
for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
3 We remember before our God and Father your work
produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your
endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.4 For
we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has
chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply
with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and
deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for
your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe
suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so
you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia
and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not
only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has
become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to
say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what
kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned
to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and
to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from
the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.
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 22:15-22*

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him
in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along
with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that
you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of
God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by
others, because you pay no attention to who they are.
17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the
imperial tax to Caesar or not?"18 But Jesus, knowing their
evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to
trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax."
They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them,
"Whose image is this? And whose
inscription?"21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to
them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to
God what is God's." 22 When they heard this, they were
amazed. So they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

God Has Spoken by His Prophets *LSB 583*

1 God has spoken by his prophets, (*tune 848*)
Spoken his unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.

2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.

3 God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, his Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

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.

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings *LSB 782*

1 Gracious God, you send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For your mercies never ending,
For your love we offer praise. *Refrain*

Refrain
Lord, we pray that we, your people
Who your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of your blessings
May bring glory to your name.

2 By Your Word you formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. *Refrain*

3 In his earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

4 Heav'nly Father may our caring
Bear the imprint of your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781*

1 We give thee but thine own, (*tune 814*)
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us,
To thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.

Lord You Have My Heart *Praise Band*

Ancient Words *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 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.

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

October 18, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Elders:
Kevin Zimmerman
Phil Marquardt

Reader:
Monica Lux

Usher:
Sandy Elhardt

Acolyte:
Dominic Ryan
Nathan Skogerboe

Music:
Praise Band

Nursery:
Gabrielle & Allison Fey

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Laura Marquardt 10/18, Ben Johnson 10/20, Cami Baker 10/21, Ralph Fuerst 10/22, and Roger Will 10/22.
Celebrating Baptism: Dalton Degler 10/18, Dyllon Degler 10/18, Laura Marquardt 10/18, Jan Fuerst 10/19 and Kris Mathiason 10/22.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Carl & Carol Jauch 10/21.

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.	Council Meeting
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
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 Today.

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.

Stewardship: "*When we use the gifts we have received, we become faithful stewards of nothing less than the grace God has given us***".** (Summer Shore)

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:

Sense and Sensibility: 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 chances and finding purpose in unexpected places. A troubled teen performing community service at a retirement home.

Flywheel Ignition of the Soul: The very first Kendrick brothers Christian film. This one is a Brazilian remake with sub-titles. The story of a cold hearted and unscrupulous used car salesmen whose cutthroat lifestyle begins to unravel. He experiences a number of wakeup calls and he embarks on a journey of reclamation. It opened 10/16, but only at Inver Grove AMC, likely a short run.

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:
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Matthew 22:34-46

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