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 4, 2026 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

We Know That Christ Is Raised *LSB 603*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
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.

Confession and Absolution

P Of his "bona fides," or the things on his résumé that might impress God, St. Paul says:

C "If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more."

P We try to play the law game with God, confident that we have done enough that he should be happy.

C We cling to our worship attendance, our faithfulness in prayer, our offerings, our service to others, our keeping of the commandments, and more. We believe God should weigh the balance sheet in our favor.

P St. Paul speaks the truth about his own balance sheet – it is self-righteous garbage, and God is not interested in our résumé. God is interested in who we know, not what we have done.

C "I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things."

P God means for us to leave our résumé at the door. We find his approval only in our trust in Jesus. So we confess together that we have clung to an empty résumé and ask God to forgive us, putting us to death and raising us to live with Jesus. Heavenly Father,

C Let us only be found in Jesus. Amen.

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

P God has promised that Christ Jesus has taken hold of you, and that you are righteous before God because of your trust in him. In the stead and by the command of our

Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit of Christ will continue to make you like Jesus, and you have your Father's eternal approval. Worship God in peace.

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 5:1-7*

5 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.**2** He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.**3** "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.**4** What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?**5** Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.**6** I will make it a wasteland,

neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."[7] The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Philippians 3:4b-14*

[4] If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.[7] But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. [10] I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.[12] Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. [13] Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one

thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46*

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed

him.[40] "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes,
what will he do to those tenants?"[41] "He will bring those
wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will
rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his
share of the crop at harvest time."[42] Jesus said to them,
"Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the
builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord
has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?
[43] "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit. [44] Anyone who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be
crushed."[45] When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard
Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.
[46] They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were
afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a
prophet.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ *LSB 565*

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, (*tune 921)*
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fear depart. *Refrain*

Refrain
To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruisèd soul;

Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*

3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God. *Refrain*

4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few. *Refrain*

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain*

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread *LSB 625*

1 **Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,** (*tune 596*)
May I in grace possess you.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address you.
Prepare me well for you, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me your grace and mercy.

2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in you alone I seek,
To share your cup of healing.

3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive you worthily,
Assured of your full pardon.

4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That you receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

O God, My Faithful God *LSB 696*

1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting you to bless
The outcome for my good,
For you must give success.

3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as you have taught,
To love both great and small
And by your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

Lord of All Hopefulness *LSB 738*

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642
(*tune 858*)

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given

What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

All for Christ I Have Forsaken *LSB 753*

1 All for Christ I have forsaken
And have taken up my cross;
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune,
Now I count as worthless dross.

2 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus?
No good thing in him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow
Where he leads me . . . why look back?

3 Gone the past, unknown the future—
Grace supplies my daily breath;

Strong in Christ through death's dark valley,
Firm and faithful unto death.

4 When God takes me home to heaven,
Should this be the day I die,
God will keep my spouse and children
As the apple of his eye.

5 Though the road ahead be thorny,
Though dark clouds all light obscure,
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper,
With the Lord, I am secure.

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.

"*Serve the Lord with Gladness*" LWML

1 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" **(***tune 662***)**
It is he alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as his own
To enjoy the blessings
Of his love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify his name.

2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command
To proclaim his Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify his name!

3 "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in his employ.
As we build his kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear his voice.
Onward, then , for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!'
Glorify his name!

Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today

October 4, 2026

Pastor
Jason Neel

Elders:
Chuck Johnson
Phil Marquardt

Reader:
Carl Schwanbeck

Usher:
Mike Voegele

Acolyte:
Nora Weinhold
Dominic Ryan

Organist:
Karine Platt

Nursery:
Nicole & Nora Weinhold

Greeters:
Jeff & Amy Fey

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Ryan Williams 10/4, and Julia Gunderson 10/5.
Celebrating Baptism: Eric Gunderson 10/5, Jerry Dedrick 10/5, Wes Spadgenske 10/5, Anthony Smith 10/8.
Celebrating Anniversaries: Jim & Cassie Weinhold 10/6.

<u>This Week at a Glance</u>

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
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

Stewardship: "*Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you***".** (Deuteronomy 16:17)

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:
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:

Adore Him; He is Near: A docudrama that invites you to enter the very presence of God. Using cinematic re-enactments that span salvation history and intimate modern day interviews from around the world films explores the transforming power of meeting the Creator of the universe face to face, From the Ark of the Covenant to the Lord's table learning how much God loves you. A Catholic perspective Oct 1-7 Emagine East Bethel and White Bear; AMC Coon Rapids

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. He 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.

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:
Isaiah 25:6-9, Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14

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