

November 9, 2025 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**PRE-SERVICE PRAISE**

“Living Hope”

Phil Wickham

“King of Kings”

Ligertwood, Ligertwood,  
and Ingram

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**OPENING SONG**

“Who You Say I Am”

*Choir sings verse 1 and chorus. Congregation joins on verse 2.*

**Choir:**

*Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in,  
Oh, His love for me.  
Oh, His love for me. Chorus*

*Free at last He has ransomed me,  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me. Chorus*

**Chorus**

*Who the Son sets free,  
Oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God,  
Yes, I am.  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God,  
Yes, I am.*

**1<sup>st</sup> time choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> time congregation.**  
*I am chosen, not forsaken.  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me.  
I am who You say I am.  
Oh, I am who You say I am.  
Yes, I am who You say I am. Chorus*

## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have  
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Almighty God and Father,  
we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are  
prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness.  
Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our  
thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered  
us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for  
others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go  
where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His  
sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word  
made flesh, 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.

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461, vv. 1, 3, 7, 8

*Sung by congregation at 8:00/9:30. Sung by 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir at 10:45.*

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Exodus 3:1–15**

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**“Everywhere I Go”**

Natalie Sleeth

**EPISTLE**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17**

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 20:27–40**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

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**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

To all life Thou givest—  
to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest,  
the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—  
but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
of light that hides Thee.

**LSB 802****SERMON****"And then..."****Pastor Barry**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed,  
what God has planned.  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior.

I take Him at His word and deed.  
Christ died to save me, this I read.  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange; so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior.

### ***Chorus***

My Savior loves. My Savior lives.  
My Savior's always there for me.  
My God He was. My God He is.  
My God is always gonna be. **(Repeat)**

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## **OFFERING**

**Musical Offering**

**“Great I Am”**

Jared Anderson

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **“My Savior, My God”**

Yes, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange; so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior. **Chorus**

My Savior lives. My Savior loves.  
My Savior lives.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Great I AM, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai's height, make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, who heard the cries of Egypt's slaves, shower Your mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a witness to Your ancient people, provide such servants for Your people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure, fear, and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage, strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand, that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. Bring Your healing and comfort to . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING SONG

**"Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"**

*Sing Twice*

Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
God is calling you today.  
Go and tell the gospel news everywhere.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
God is calling you today  
To bring truth and love to every nation.

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## SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John's, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.**

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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolytes: 8:00 Lexie Matzke/10:45 Jack Griep

Elders: 8:00 Jeff Matzke/9:30 Paul Dolan/10:45 Michael Johnshoy

Usher Team: 8:00 Jeff Rasmussen/9:30 Mark Young/10:45 Craig Pauling

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gary Herber, Elizabeth Bennes/9:30 Julie and Troy

Herrmann/10:45 Wendy Schlueter

Coffee Hour: 9:30 Schmitz Family

<b>UPCOMING WEEK</b>	
Monday, November 10	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, November 11	Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm
	Elders Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, November 12	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Advent Choral Vespers Rehearsal 7:00pm
Saturday, November 15	Bible and Bacon Men's Study 6:00am
	Colson Fellows Cohort Meeting 8:30am
	Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am
Sunday, November 16	Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am

## **Celebrating Anniversaries**

11/10 Joe and Joelle Oliver

11/12 Ivan and Richelle Dart

11/11 Randy and Cindy Bauer

11/12 Jeffrey and Morgan Leary

11/11 Caine and Amanda Doucet

11/13 Paul and Kari Handberg

11/12 Christopher and Jennifer Johnson

11/14 Nathan and Sandra Wittenberg

## Celebrating Birthdays

11/9	11/12	11/14
Abby Kuddes	Madison McGlothlin	DeDe Schmidt
Jason Eickhoff	Jordan Peterson	John Trahms
11/10	Ariel Schmidt	Easton Degler
Joshua Kloos	Madden Hegseth	11/15
Keith Roberts	Todd Degler	Lauren Saba
Julie Crocker	Scott McCarty	Kadi Peterson
11/11	11/13	Bryan Hegseth
Emma Coder	Grant Narkie	Jeanette Porisch
Hunter Krueger	Joy Saina	Kendra Gilmore
Courtney Messenger	11/14	Brian Latzke
Kim Narkie	Joshua Dahms	Jon Goshy
Nora Trahms	Sara Reinke	Doug Mierow
	Nancy Bartsch	

## Expectant Moms

Izzy King	Jessica Lewis	Katelyn Olson
Nicole Stockey	Nicole Thuente	Amy Peterson
Kourtney Vipond		

## Prayers for Healing and Strength

Norm Glock	Jack Leary	Jolene Berg
Andrew Clover (father of	Jen Angell	Joann Mueller
Dante Langmade)	Julie Carver	Gary Anderson
Stephen Wetzel	Marilyn Lenzen	Jack Boman

## Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt	Anita Doss	Gretchen Laubach
John Barney	Sid & Merna Fjelstad	Melinda Meuwissen
Angel Benes	Dennis Gaarder	Gina Niesche
Merlin Bentz	Bernie Gnan	Steve Pond
Jimann Campbell	Hilde Grev	Austin Rannow
Julie Carver	Ruth Harms	Val Schlefsky
Marguerite Craighead	Eugene Henke	Cliff Waller
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