

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 | 8:00 AM
October 12, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Today's worship service follows the liturgy of Matins, a service of morning prayer that developed in early Christianity. Matins is the first of eight prayer services that formed the Daily Office and were observed in monastic life dating back to the sixth century. In this order of worship, Opening Versicles, Psalmody, Hymn, Scripture Readings, Message, Biblical Canticle, and Prayer form a rhythm where God's Word alternates with the worshiper's response in prayer and praise.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING VERSES

LSB 219

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise. Psalm 51:15

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord. Psalm 70:1
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

LSB 220

**O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN**“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”****LSB 813, vv. 1-4**

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. **Refrain**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. **Refrain**

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. **Refrain**

Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng.

Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT READING**Isaiah 25:6-9**

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⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE**Philippians 4:4-13***Pew Bible Page 982*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

LSB 221

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830, vv. 1-4

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

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+ Sermon Notes +

Please stand as you are able.

**We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.
The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

KYRIE

LSB 227

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and eternal God, we give You thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us, especially for Your gracious gift of forgiveness and the hope of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bestow Your grace upon all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants, and all who are in authority, in order that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Defend us, Lord, from all calamity of fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the distressed and of those who sorrow, especially... Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917, vv. 1-2

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Organist: 8:00 Kristin Johnson

Pianist: 6:30 Gunnar Olson

Choir: Messengers of Praise

Choir Director: Dr. Katie Rolf

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte: Josie Watry

Elder: 8:00 Chris Mundahl/6:30 Bruce Bergo

Usher Team: Mark Asmus

Welcome Team: Gayle Degler

Tech Crew: Adam Breczinski, Hunter Krueger

Coffee Hour: Evan and Jenna Anderson

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Shield of Salvation Banner

This banner is from the Trinity Carver banner collection inherited by daughter church, St. John's Chaska. It was commissioned in memory of Loren Grapentine by his family, and was designed and made by Joan Bode of JDS Design.

The banner features a joy-filled verse from Exodus 15:2, spelled out on a cross shape which is set on a shield background, signifying the strength of the Lord. The wine red colors of the stripes in the shield reflect the redemptive work of our Lord. The stripes surround and set off Christ's victorious cross of white outlined by red and gold. The background behind the shield features white lettering on blue, representing the waters of our baptism, and signifies the finished work of our inherited salvation. The colors were also specifically chosen to coordinate and enhance the stenciled filigree accents of Trinity's sanctuary.

"The Lord is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation."

-Joan D.S. Bode, JDS Design

Today at St. John's

8:00 AM | Traditional Worship

9:00 AM | Coffee Hour

9:00 AM | Trinity Carver Welcome Reception

9:30/10:45 AM | Blended Worship

6:00 PM | Club 56

Upcoming Week

Monday, October 12	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, October 13	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
	6:30 PM Mary Martha Guild Meeting
	7:00 PM PTL Meeting
Wednesday, October 14	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	7:00 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 15	9:30 AM LifeLight Bible Study
Friday, October 16	5:00 PM Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, October 17	7:00 AM Bible and Bacon
Sunday, October 18	8:00/9:30/10:45 AM Worship with Communion
	6:00 PM Youth Night

Thank you for worshipping with St. John's today!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



Weekly Word Preview

Read all these stories at stjohnschaska.org/word, scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



Male and Female He Made Them

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 9:30 AM

Presented by Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford

Join us during Education Hour on Sunday, October 18, at St. John's for a special presentation with Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford exploring God's good design for men and women, our bodies, and Christian life in today's culture. What does it

mean to be created male or female, and why does it matter?



CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

EXPLORE CREATION, SCIENCE & THE BIBLE
with Dr. Robert Carter

Sunday, October 25
9:30 AM | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM

On Sunday, October 25, St. John's will welcome Dr. Robert Carter of Creation Ministries International for a special day of presentations exploring creation, science, and the Bible. Dr. Carter holds a PhD in Marine Biology and is an author

and speaker who addresses questions about science and Scripture and how a biblical worldview shapes the way we understand the world around us.