

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 | 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
October 19, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Every Morning Mercies New"

TLH 537

(Tune: LSB 761)

Ev'ry morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Ev'ry morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.

Still the greatness of Thy love
Daily doth our sins remove;
Daily, far as east from west,
Lifts the burden from the breast;
Gives unbought to those who pray
Strength to stand in evil day.

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Let our prayers each morn prevail,
That these gifts may never fail;
And as we confess the sin
And the tempter's pow'r within,
Feed us with the Bread of Life;
Fit us for our daily strife.

As the morning light returns,
As the sun with splendor burns,
Teach us still to turn to Thee,
Ever-blessed Trinity,
With our hands our hearts to raise,
In unfailing prayer and praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Amen.

KYRIE

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LSB 204

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"To God on High be Glory"

LSB 204

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

Pew Bible Page 605

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE**LSB 205**

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

Pew Bible Page 827

Matthew 22:15-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Justin Weber

Director of Christian Education

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.

LSB 732, vv. 1-4

When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.

Pastor Barry

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NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church and for all gathered here together in worship, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the world in which we live and most directly for our nation, that we meet our various responsibilities and duties as citizens of our land, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole church, that it may grow and flourish even in those places where hardship or persecution is experienced by those who bear the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who are injured or ill at this time, for those dealing with special challenges, for the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, especially... that they would know the comfort of Christ and the support and love of His people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Graciously receive our prayers through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781, vv. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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PREFACE

LSB 208

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 208

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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

"The Peace of the Lord"

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LSB 210

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion, called “Kneel and Replace”.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

*KNEEL AND REPLACE

We have begun using a new pattern for receiving Holy Communion called “Kneel and Replace.” When invited forward, communicants are asked to come to the communion rail and kneel to receive the Lord's Supper. After you have received the Body and Blood of Christ, in with and under the bread and the wine:

1. *Pause briefly in reverence and thanksgiving.*
2. *Rise and return to your seat.*
3. *As you leave the rail, those waiting behind you may then come forward and take your place.*

This allows all communicants to receive the Sacrament prayerfully, reverently, and in good order.

If kneeling is difficult for you, you are welcome to stand at the rail instead.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636, vv. 1-4

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

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HYMN**“Take My Life and Let It Be”****LSB 783**

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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HYMN**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”****LSB 733, vv. 1-3, 6**

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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HYMN**“Praise the Almighty”****LSB 797, vv. 1, 3**

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN**“We Praise You, O God”****LSB 785, vv. 1-2**

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Barry

Organist: 8:00/9:30/10:45 Linda DeRocher

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte: 8:00 Jo Tucker/10:45 Evy Stender

Communion Assistants: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Dante Langmade
9:30 Brian Honebrink

10:45 Lyle Hilk, Josh Peterson

Elders: 8:00 Chris Mundahl/9:30 Tim Goltz

10:45 Ben Wiegert/6:30 Bruce Bergo

Usher Team: 8:00 Mark Asmus/9:30 Michael Bennes
10:45 Andy Tesch

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler/9:30 Stender Family
10:45 Barry Family

Tech Crew: 8:00 Eickhoff Family
9:30 Martin and Meity Sihombing

Coffee Hour: Lacey Scotthennen

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode (from Trinity Carver banner collection)

Today at St. John's

8:00/9:30/10:45 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

9:00 AM | Coffee Hour

9:30 AM | Education Hour and Sunday School

7:00 PM | Sunday Night Basketball

Upcoming Week	
Monday, October 19	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, October 20	6:30 PM Executive Council Meeting
	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, October 21	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	7:00 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22	9:30 AM LifeLight Bible Study
	5:00 PM LCMS Autism Listening Session
Friday, October 23	6:00 PM High School Lock-In
	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, October 25	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM Reformation Festival Worship <i>(Join Us in Wearing Red!)</i>
	9:30 AM Sunday School
	9:30 AM Combined Bible Studies: Creation and Dinosaurs
	4:00 & 5:30 PM Creation Ministries Seminars
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Basketball

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.