Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 2026 | 8:00 AM
November 23, 2026 | 6:30 PM

St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525, vv. 1-4

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506, vv. 1-2

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**
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11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is
among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them
into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by
the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed
them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be
their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and
on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down,
declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak,
and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice...
20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will
judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push
with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till
you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no
longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will
set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will
be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am
the LORD; I have spoken."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

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[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

[35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' [41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **DCE Justin Weber**

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Mercy, God of Light" LW 397, vv. 1-4
O God of mercy, God of light, In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all That our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.

For all are kindred, far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will and grace provide To love them all in you.
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SERMON **“Our Shepherd King”** **Pastor Snow**

+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” **LSB 508, vv. 6-7**

May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev’ry evil.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY **“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”** **LSB 893, v. 3**

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Shepherd, to gather Your sheep according to Your promise. Grant that all of us who have been brought into Your church through the washing of Holy Baptism may join in Your ongoing mission of seeking the lost. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of Creation, in Your wisdom You have placed over us people with authority to watch over and protect us. Guide and strengthen them that they use their offices for the good of all, especially those among us who are the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, You know the needs of Your sheep and all the ways they have been scattered and wounded. We lift before You all who are in need of care… Help us to see those You have set before us who are hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, and in need of welcome. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of time and eternity, You alone know the true measure of our days. When our days seem long or when life feels brief, help us to hold on to Your promise of resurrection, that we remain steadfast in our gaze toward the new heaven and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God and Father, through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Elliot and Fremont Hanson and Soren Choat are made Your children today through water and Your Word in Holy Baptism, surround them and their parents with Your arms of mercy and with love and support from this congregation, that they may grow in their faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all these things we ask of You, dear Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735
Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow
Liturgist: Pastor Barry
Organist: 8:00 Linda DeRocher
Pianist: 6:30 Gunnar Olson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders:	8:00 Paul DeRocher/6:30 Bruce Bergo
Usher Team:	8:00 Jeff Rasmussen
Welcome Team:	8:00 Gayle Degler
Tech Crew:	8:00 Hunter Krueger
Coffee Hour:	Evan and Jenna Anderson
Banner & Paraments:	Elizabeth Kohls and Kim Gronholz

Today at St. John's
8:00 AM | Traditional Worship
9:00 AM | Coffee Hour
9:30 & 10:45 AM | Blended Worship
9:30 AM | Education Hour and Sunday School
7:00 PM | Sunday Night Basketball

Upcoming Week	
Monday, November 23	6:30 AM Monday Morning Men's Bible Study
	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	7:00 PM AA
Wednesday, November 25	7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service
	8:00 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 26	9:30 AM Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday, November 27	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, November 29	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	9:30 & 10:45 AM Blended Worship
	6:00 PM Youth Night
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Basketball

Thank you for worshiping 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.



Our final Monday Night Worship service of the season will be Monday, November 23 at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for more information about its return in late spring. In the meantime, join us for Sunday morning worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 AM, and midweek Advent worship beginning Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:15 and 6:30 PM!



Join us at St. John's as we gather to give thanks to God for His many blessings. We invite you to worship with us this Thanksgiving as we hear God's Word, receive Communion, and give thanks for His goodness and faithfulness.

Thanksgiving Worship with Communion

- Thanksgiving Eve | Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM
- Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 AM

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