Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 | 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
November 9, 2026 | 6:30 PM

St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" **LSB 516**

"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION **LSB 151**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT **Amos 5:18-24**
Pew Bible Page 768

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the
day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a
lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand
against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of the Lord
darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I
despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I
will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I
will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down
like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

EPISTLE **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
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13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who
are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this
we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have
fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry
of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the
trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

[17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13**
Pew Bible Page 830

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

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **DCE Justin Weber**

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”** **LSB 515**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff’rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O’er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth’s redemption That sets Your people free!

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SERMON **“Keep Watch”** **Pastor Barry**

+ Sermon Notes +

SERMON HYMN

“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” LSB 820, vv. 1-2

My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev’ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff’rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o’er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav’n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Son of God, Eternal Savior” LSB 842, v. 2

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45)

Rhonda Berg and Jordyn Berg
Jarryd and Brittany Berkness (Greenlee Berkness)
Ben and Amanda Bloomer (Ashlynn Bloomer)
Dale Borstad
Annie Hanson (Izzy, Ellie, and Monty Hanson)
Kylie Kauphusman (Joey and Cliffy Kauphusman)
Tanner King
David and Tanya Knippen
Will Lizardo
Brianna Loomis (Weston and Georgia Loomis)
Blake and Marissa Roberts (Welsey Roberts)
Janice Sieger
Jilena Simonson (Caleb Simonson)
Kobey and Lydia Woolhouse (Ada Woolhouse)

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, the gathering of God's forgiven people, that we may support and encourage one another as we await the day of the Lord's return. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods. May justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream in our courts and in all centers of government, that we may lead lives that are peaceful and peaceable. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those with special need, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, that their needs may be met according to God's gracious plan. This day we remember… and all those in need of our prayers. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our veterans and their families. Bring healing and peace to all who have been wounded physically, mentally and spiritually during wartime. Help us bring Your saving grace to heal the invisible wounds of war. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" LSB 850, vv. 1-2
God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
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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 Barry
Organist: 8:00/9:30/10:45 Linda DeRocher
Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte:	8:00 Finley DeWaard/10:45 Hannah Davenport
Elders:	8:00 Chris Mundahl/9:30 Pete Siedelman
	10:45 Paul DeRocher/6:30 Pete Siedelman
Usher Team:	8:00 Jeff Rasmussen/9:30 Mark Young
	10:45 Craig Pauling
Welcome Team:	8:00 Gayle Degler/9:30 Elizabeth Bennes
	10:45 Chris Ries
Tech Crew:	8:00 Eickhoff Family
	9:30 Martin and Meity Sihombing
	10:45 Rylee Koepsell
Coffee Hour:	DeWaard Family
Banner & Paraments:	Joan Bode

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.

Today at St. John's
8:00/9:30/10:45 AM | Traditional Worship
9:00 AM | New Member Reception
9:00 AM | Coffee Hour
9:30 AM | Education Hour and Sunday School
6:00 PM | Club 56
7:00 PM | Sunday Night Basketball

Upcoming Week	
Monday, November 9	6:30 AM Monday Morning Men's Bible Study
	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, November 10	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
	6:30 PM Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Wednesday, November 11	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	7:00 PM Rehearsal: Advent Choral Vespers
Thursday, November 12	9:30 AM LifeLight Bible Study
Friday, November 13	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, November 15	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM Worship with Communion
	9:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School
	6:00 PM Youth Night
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Basketball

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.



Join us on Thursday, November 12, for a special Veterans Day breakfast and chapel hosted by St. John's School 8th-grade students! Breakfast begins at 8:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by chapel at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary. School and church families, friends, and loved ones are welcome to join us as we gather to honor and thank our veterans for their service.



Help us celebrate Christ's birth by donating the cost of a poinsettia plant to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas worship! A suggested donation of $20 per plant helps provide white poinsettias for our Christmas services. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone or something special. Donation envelopes and collection boxes will be available at the Welcome Counter beginning November 8. After November 15, donations may be dropped off at the church office.

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