



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING

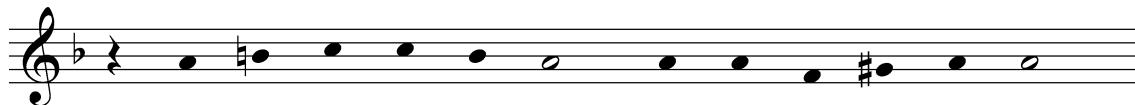
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE & GLORIA

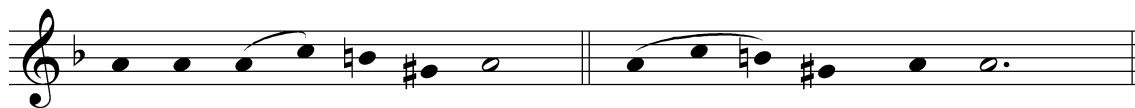


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion,

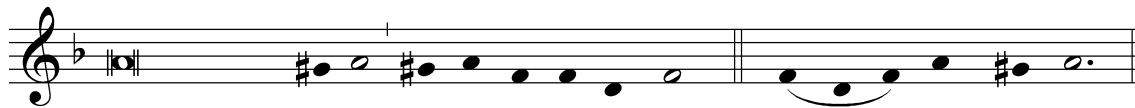


let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**
Ky - ri - e e - lei-son.

Help, save, comfort and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - - - men.**

Organ *Assembly*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOB 19:23-27

A reading from Job.

“**O** **THAT** my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

Sung by the choir. Music by Janet Yieh (contemporary).

PSALM 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

HYMN 507

O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
And show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

SOME Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him²⁸ and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless;³⁰ then the second³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.³² Finally the woman also died.³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage;³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SEQUENCE

HYMN 507

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
To sinful hearts your justice and your grace;
And questing spirits, longing for your healing,
See your compassion in the Savior’s face.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

REV. NICK SOLLUM

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan’s stormy bank

HYMN 437

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS

MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Crossing the Barr

PARRY

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

<i>Organ</i> 	<i>Assembly</i> 
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,	
	
God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -	
	
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.	
	
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the <i>Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>	
	
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.	

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in
this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death,
resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the
Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new
and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully
receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,
and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and
with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor
And glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;
Thy king-dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres-pass-es as
we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the
king-dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.
A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sins, and promising eternal life, are welcome at the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

We sit.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O when the saints

WHEN THE SAINTS



1	Oh, when the	saints	go march-ing	in,	oh, when the
2	Oh, when the	Lord	in glo - ry	comes,	oh, when the
3	Oh, when the	new	world is re -	vealed,	oh, when the
4	Oh, when they	gath -	er round the	throne,	oh, when they



saints go	march-ing	in,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
Lord in	glo - ry	comes,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
new world	is re -	vealed,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
gath - er	round the	throne,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that



num - ber	when the	saints	go march - ing	in.
num - ber	when the	Lord	in glo - ry	comes.
num - ber	when the	new world	is re -	vealed.
num - ber	when they	gath - er	round the	throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.



POSTLUDE

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Holy Feast Mass by Larry Long

Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaans, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Nick Sollom
Organist Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling

Worship Assistant

Reader

Communion Assistants

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Committee Janet Segerdell

Counters Noel Bartels, David Hendrickson

Little Free Pantry Cathy & Mike Mahler

Coffee Hour Sheila Koch, Michele Taylor

This week we pray for . . . Pr Emeritus Dennis Albrecht, Pr Martha, Andrew, Beryl, Brita, Cat, Diane, James, Lee, Marie, Ron, Sandra, Shirley, Toby, and Valerie.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 12

12:00 noon - Midweek Eucharist - Chapel
4:30 pm - Confirmation Class - Sweden Room
6:00 pm - Bells | 7:00 Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 16

8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 noon - Midweek Eucharist - Chapel
4:30 pm - Confirmation Class - Sweden Room
6:00 pm - Bells | 7:00 pm Choir

WE NEED YOU!

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



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