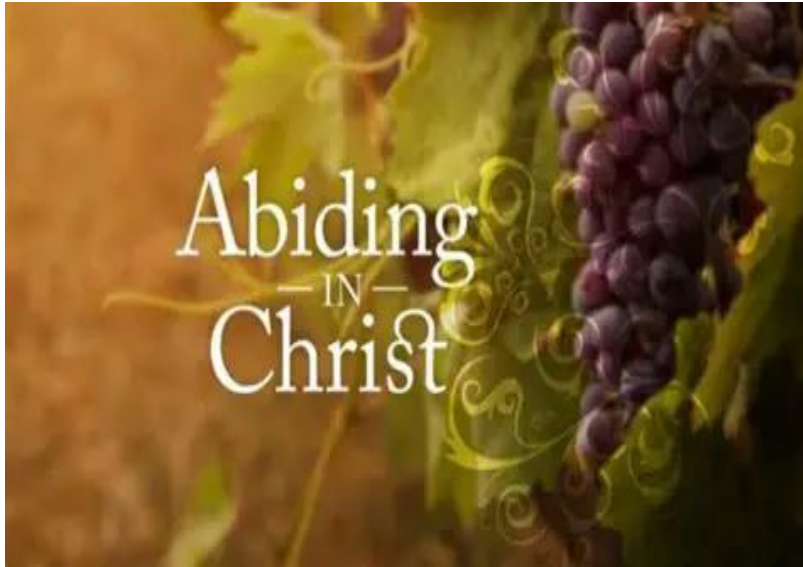




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**October 11, 2026**

# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

We encourage you to stay after worship. Please introduce yourself to new people, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Joyfully  
Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

## **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Divine Service One** (pp 151ff)

### **Prelude**

### **"Holy Forever"**

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest  
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And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever  
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## **Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Goodness Of God”**

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;

I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I will sing of the goodness of God.

### **Invocation**

*LSB 151*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

- L** Most merciful God,
- C** **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.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit (Entrance)

- L** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
- C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- L** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
- C** **my soul shall exult in my God,**
- L** for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
- C** **he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**
- L** as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
- C** **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**
- C** **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.**

### Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) *(Sung)*

*LSB 152*

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise** *(Sung)*

*LSB 154*

**L** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray together...

**C 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.**

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.<sup>8</sup> He 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.<sup>9</sup> It 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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**© Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

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## Alleluia *Sung*

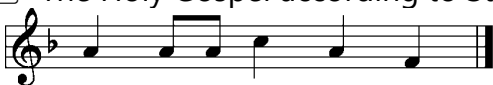
*LSB 156*

**© Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

## Matthew 22:1-14

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again 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."' <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**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.**

## Message Song

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Song Ending:*

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## Message

## "Owner of a Lonely Heart"

## Offering

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## Offering Song - Sung

*LSB 159*

- ☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

- ☐ 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 (Blessing)

LSB 166

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.



## Closing Song

## “What An Awesome God”

God is great give Him all the praise Hallelujah Name above all Names  
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins Everywhere His glory on display  
Take a look at those stars He can name them all  
Before His throne every knee falls  
The demons have to run the angels have to praise  
Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran He didn't run away He came and put death back in its place  
Friday on a cross broken for my shame Sunday morning rose up from that grave  
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet  
He saved our souls for eternity  
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King  
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away  
No more fear no more pain No more sorrow sin or shame  
The King is coming back again  
A reign of love that will never end  
For everything You've done and everything You do  
And everything You are I'll sing to You

My God You're an awesome God You're great in all You do

I'm made to worship You My God You're an awesome God  
God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God  
Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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