

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24 and 25, 2026



THE WORSHIP LEADERS

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Divine Service IV with Communion – LSB page 203

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ Though many congregations observe Reformation on the last Sunday in October, there are those who keep it on the day appointed. For those, the propers of the day place us in conversation with Jesus about the greatest commandment and a discussion of David. This is not unrelated to the issues that gave birth to the Reformation—Law and Gospel and the confession of who Christ is. Jesus spoke well to those who questioned Him—so well that from that day on no one dared question Him anymore. As hard as it is to admit, we do not reason ourselves into the kingdom of God but enter by faith, trusting in Christ who fulfills all the Law and the Prophets and the promise of salvation as David’s Son and David’s Lord.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **LSB 694**

1 - Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.

Thee will I love with all my power, with ardor time shall ne’er destroy,

Thee will I love, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.

2 - Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, who art my best and truest friend,

Thee will I love and praise forever, for never shall Thy kindness end.

Thee will I love with all my heart – Thou my Redeemer art!

3 - I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, whose radiance hath brought light to me;

I thank Thee, who hast richly given all that could make me glad and free;

I thank Thee that my soul is healed by what Thy lips revealed.

4 - O keep me watchful, then, and humble; permit me nevermore to stray.

Uphold me when my feet would stumble, and keep me on the narrow way.

Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!

5 - Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,

Amid the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward,

For Thine own sake, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 203 ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

(Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18)

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: 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 ~ Page 204 ↑

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

(Mark 10:47)

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♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Page 204 ↑

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will 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 heart-felt 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.

(Luke 2:14; John1:29)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God,
You have commanded us to love You above all things
and our neighbors as ourselves.
Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight,
that our faith in You may never waver
and our love for one another may not falter;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (ESV)

¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

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¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 (ESV)

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ ALLELUIA and VERSE ~ Page 205 ↑

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, these things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(John 20:31)

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑**Matthew 22:34-46 (ESV)**

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’?

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY ↓** *The Law of God Is Good and Wise* **LSB 579**

**1 - The Law of God is good and wise and sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, and dooms to death when we transgress.**

**2 - Its light of holiness imparts the knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate and turn from sin before too late.**

**3 - To those who help in Christ have found and would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight and should be done as good and right.**

**4 - But those who scornfully disdain God’s Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds and keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

**5 - The Law is good; but since the fall its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die and has no pow’r to justify.**

**6 - To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, saved by His grace through faith alone.**

SERMON ↓*What Do You Think about Christ?***NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑****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 ↑**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ~ Page 208 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

♪ SANCTUS ~ Page 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. 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 ~ Page 209 ↑

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: 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. Do this 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 ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI ~ Page 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.

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

**1 - Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.**

**Earth has no pleasure I would share. Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.**

And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in Thee can nothing shake.

Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,

Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

**2 - Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave my body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.**

**Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place may glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.**

**Let no false doctrine me beguile; let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me to bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.**

**3 - Lord, let at last Thine angels come, to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep my body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, my Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **LSB 411**

**1 - I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world, the star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain: **In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 - I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.** *Refrain*

**3 - I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.** *Refrain*

BLESSING ~ Page 210 ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Page 211 ↑

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:**

**A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

COLLECT ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste
of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us
firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His
coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of
the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB 706

**1 - Love in Christ is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.**

**2 - Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, reaching out in charity.**

**3 - Love in Christ abides forever, fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end.**

POSTLUDE



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the
Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.*