

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.



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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.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE ~ *Love of God*

**It's so good I almost can't believe it,
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream.
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me.
For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?
All my life, my heart will sing the answer - only the love of God.**

Chorus: **Singing oh, how great is the love of God.
He paid our debt on that rugged cross.
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise - how great is the love of God.**

**It's so kind, it leads us to repentance,
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee.
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence,
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed.
For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches? Only the love of God.** *Chorus*

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**Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it,
It's so high, too marvelous for words.
I could sing a million songs about it,
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth.
This all my life, the banner I'll be waving,
My anthem cry no matter what may come,
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven I'll still be singing this song.
For everything that You've done. How great the love of God.** *Chorus twice*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG ~ *Build My Life*

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe - we live for You.
Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one who could ever save,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.**

Chorus: **Holy, there is no one like You, there is none besides You,
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.**

Repeat verse and Chorus

Bridge: **I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation,
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.** *Repeat, then Chorus*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION ~ page 203

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

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, 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. (Luke 18:13)

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (John 20:19-23)

PSALM 1

People: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

People: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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.**

(Mark 10:47)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE ~ *How Great is Our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus: **How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.**

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,

Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son.

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,

My heart will sing how great is our God. *Repeat, then chorus*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ page 205

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

All: 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.

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.”

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA ~ LSB 952**GOSPEL READING****Matthew 22:34-46 (ESV)**

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED ~ page 207

**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,

I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. *Chorus*