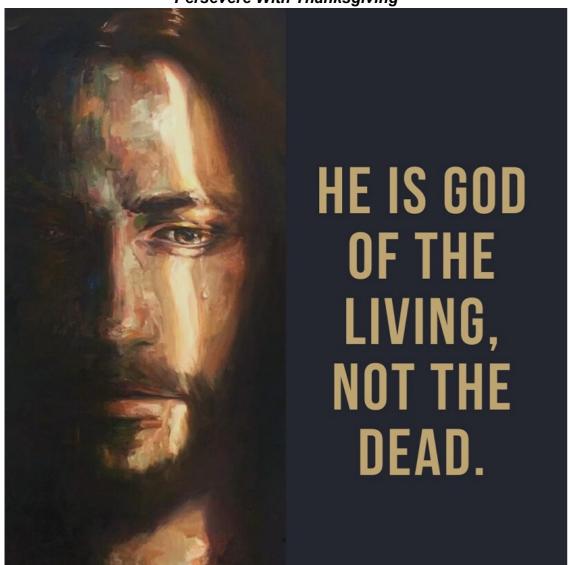
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8-9, 2025

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"

"Persevere With Thanksgiving"



Music of Preparation,
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: "Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."

Welcome! We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... WORSHIP NOTES

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. *Please list the name of each person in worship.* (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available in the main entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

LSB, hymn #790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?

Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Matthew 28:19b
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 - : who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise 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. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.

(Moment of silent reflection)

- P: 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
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,
- C: 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. Amen.
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C:** Amen. John 20:19-23

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)

Mark 10:47

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

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung) Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

Special Music: "So Great"

Youth Choir

THE READING OF THE WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING - PSALM 148

- L: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.
- C: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

- L: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.
- C: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
- L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
- C: He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.
- L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations,
- C: you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.
- L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
- C: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

(The Great I AM)

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

(The HOPE of Christ)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be guickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . . But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Stand (as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse John 20:31

C: (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:27-40 (The God Of The Living)

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

8:30am - Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: "Earth and All Stars"

LSB, hymn #817

Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees!
Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Children of God,
Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth,
Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Sermon: "The God Who Lives!"

Luke 20:34-38

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LSB Hymn#805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR VETERANS

P: Dear friends in Christ, at this time, I ask that all of our veterans as well as those in active service in the armed forces of our country to please stand.

Today, we gather at this time to lift up prayers of thanksgiving to our God on behalf of the service that you have offered and still offer to our country as veterans of our armed forces. We live in a broken world where Satan and sin would seek to rise up and destroy peace in our world to hinder the work and will of God. Thus God, in His wisdom, granted the authority of the sword to government that it might be an agent of God's wrath to bring punishment on the wrong doer (Romans 13:4). For God desires to put down evil that we might live quiet and peaceful lives. In view of the sacrifice that you have made as you have served in the armed forces to secure and guard the peace that we now enjoy by God's grace, I now ask the people of God this question. Will you use the gift of this peace to work to further the Kingdom of God that others might come to know the peace of God which is found in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior?

- C: We will with the help of God and we praise God for the peace that is ours in Christ and for the gift of peace He has granted to us to allow us to work while it is day before the night comes when no man can work.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, on this Veterans Day, we give thanks for those who selflessly served our country to make and keep us free. May their sacrifices not have been in vain as we seek to preserve them in our generation. We thank and praise You for the gift of peace and freedom that is ours within this land. We praise you for the gift of the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces as they have dedicated themselves to preserve this peace and freedom. Grant that by the leading of the Prince of Peace, we may dedicate our lives to furthering the Gospel of Peace in the lives of those for whom Your Son died that they might live. All glory be to You as we look forward to a time when peace shall reign forevermore upon Your great return in Christ our Lord.
- C: Bless us and them and keep us strong in the Lord.
- P: O Lord, we remember before You those who need Your strength in physical protection today. Keep safe in body and soul those serving in our nation's armed forces or other occupations whose duty puts them in harm's way. We pray for those service members who are deployed, those who serve our country far from home, and the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. May Your care be shown to them by many. Bless our chaplains as they faithfully minister to many on land and sea.
- C: Keep them all strong in the Lord. Amen.
- P: Dear friends, We thank you for your service to our country and pray God's continued blessings upon you. Let us all stand for the prayers of the Church.

Stand (as you are able)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. . . . Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for wonders of Your creation, but especially for the gift of Your forgiveness and salvation in which we have the promise of the resurrection and life eternal. Help us to live in thankfulness and praise of You in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

P: Protect Your whole Church. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors and other workers. Give Your faithful people an increasing faith and devotion to You. Bless the preaching of Your Word and bless our witness of Your grace to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially*, . . .). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Be with all who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .) P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:
- C: 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.

 Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Psalm 103:1

P: 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.

C: Amen. Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" LSB, hymn #922

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing - You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

See You In Worship Next Week!

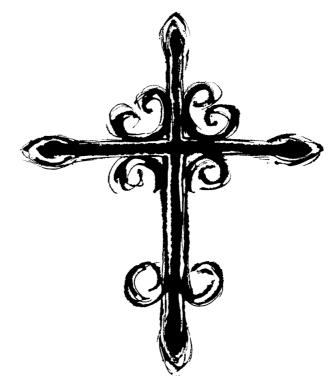
After worship prayer

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my mother, Ginny, by Mellody McDonald; also to the glory of God and in memory of our little angel, Winona June Harris, by Kayla Smith & David Harris, brother Asher, sister Veda, Carol Ginger and Kim Smith.



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