

23rd Sunday after Trinity

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Liturgy: WS p. 12

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Jesus
remember me
when You come into Your
KINGDOM



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #341

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Malachi 3:13-18

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we

spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?' ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.

¹⁷ "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.



Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his

beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***These words are written that we may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

G I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: TLH #343:1,7

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"



Luke 23:35-43

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Can You See the Glory Here?

I. It's hidden in Jesus' sufferings

II. It's revealed through Jesus-clinging faith

The Offertory

✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #219

"The Head that Once was Crowned..."

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: LSB #538

"Praise Be to Christ"



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way; Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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Thanksgiving Worship will be this Thursday at 9:30 am.

Election Meeting – The voting members of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Election Meeting in the auditorium on Sunday, December 7, immediately after the service. Besides the Election of Officers, the Agenda will include: appointing of communion assistants for 2026 and setting Pastor's housing allowance for income tax purposes. Please let Chairman Phil Strike know if there are any other agenda items to be included. The Chairman and Elders met as the Nominating Committee to prepare an initial slate of nominees for each office, which is included in the bulletin. Nominations will also be welcomed from the floor at the meeting. Please contact the Chairman or Elders if you have questions.

Advent VBS – Join us for advent Vacation Bible School on Tuesdays in December, the 2nd, 9th, and 16th, from 3:15-5:15 pm. Children in Preschool through 8th grade are invited for an afternoon of crafts, Bible stories, music and snacks. Please register on our church website. Volunteers are also being sought to help make this event a blessing for our students. If you can assist in any way, please contact Mary Albrecht at 605-839-9154 or speak with her in person.

Calendars – 2026 religious calendars are available now for a suggested donation of \$5 each. Please place your money in the basket on the table in the entry next to the calendars. Any extra money received will be given to our school. Please see Phil Strike with any questions.

Ushers	11/23	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	11/30	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	12/7	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – The Eigenbergs (wk. 2)	
	Up Next – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan	

Nomination Committee Proposal

Election Meeting December 7, 2025

(Nominations also welcomed from the floor.)

Office	Term	Current	Tenure	Nominees
Elder	3 yrs	Jim Kazemba*	20-25	Steve DeWall
		Regan Lueck	24-26	James Albrecht
		Brandt Wendland	25-27	
Trustee	3 yrs	Nathan Voit*	20-25	Josh Zuehlke
		Les Ruthenbeck III	24-26	Monte Rosen
		Duane Voit	25-27	
Chairman	1 yr	Phil Strike	23-25	Ron Strike
				Phil Strike
Secretary	1 yr	Christian Kazemba	25	Christian Kazemba
				Bruce Eigenberg
Treasurer	1 yr	Nathan Albrecht	23-25	David Schmidt
				Nathan Albrecht
Education	3 yrs	Rick Gustaf*	20-25	Nathan Voit
		Lloyd Kalfs	21-26	Jim Kazemba
		Steve Winters	22-27	
Finance	2 yrs	Larry Boernsen	24-25	Ron Strike
		David Schmidt	24-25	David Schmidt
		Ron Strike	24-25	Joey Jensen
		Joseph Albrecht	25-26	Rick Gustaf
		Lance Baumann	25-26	Mike Fogelman
		Don Lueck	25-26	Larry Boernsen
Cemetery	3 yrs	Steve DeWall*	20-25	Jim Sullivan
		Craig Ahrens	24-26	Allen Jensen
		Joe Liepold	22-27	

Name = present term is completed

*Six years completed or does not wish to hold the same office in the next term

** Appointed to fulfill another's term

"Only such members as have been voting members of the congregation for at least one year shall be eligible for election to a regular office in the congregation." (St. John's Constitution, Section 5.07)