

19th Sunday after Trinity

October 11th, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 22

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*Come to the
Feast*



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #11

“Safely Through Another Week”

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 and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #39:5

C ♪ *Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

The Introit

Is. 61:10; Ps. 46:2

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

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

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen.**



Isaiah 25:6-9

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



Matthew 22:1-14

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the

wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ 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.' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 #67:1-2, 6-7

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"



Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me.

You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Secret to Contentedness



The Offertory

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✪ 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: WS #761

"In You Is Gladness"

✠ 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: WS #736

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



October Quarterly Meeting - The voting members of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our third quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2025, after a noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, Agenda items will include: Setting the Fall Worship Schedule; Election Meeting date and installation date for elected (re-elected) officers; Annual Meeting date. Any other agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

Dennis Ahrens Inurnment – Today, the family and friends of Dennis Ahrens will be gathering together to lay Dennis to rest at St. John's cemetery. The congregation is invited to join in remembering Dennis. A gathering with desserts and coffee will be held here in the fellowship hall at 3:00 pm, and the inurnment will take place at the cemetery at 4:30 pm.

Pastoral Conference – Pastor will be out-of-town Monday evening through Wednesday noon at Pastoral Conference in Hutchinson, MN. If you need to contact pastor for any reason, you may still feel free to do so.

A Joint Reformation Service will be hosted by Faith in New Ulm, November 1, at 4:00 pm, with a meal to follow. If you are interested in singing in the joint Reformation Choir and would like a copy of the music, please reach out to Phil Strike.

Nepal Disaster Relief has been approved to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran

Confession Nepal (HCLCN). This support will help rebuild the homes of fifteen HCLCN families and provide humanitarian relief. Donations can be made to “Kinship” on your offering envelopes or by visiting lutheranmissions.org/kinship.

CLC Call News – Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has **accepted** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico with the approval of his congregation. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has **received** the call to St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Ushers	10/11	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	10/18	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	10/25	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
Cleaning	This Week – DeWall, Thaemlitz (wk. 1)	
	Next – Lueck, Liepold	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 12th - 17th, 2026

Mon Matthew 9:1-8 A paralyzed man is brought to Jesus, but Jesus deals with his sin as the first priority. Then He uses His power to heal the man's body and show His authority to forgive the man's sins.

Tues Ephesians 4:22-28 Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians to take off the old sinful self and to put on the new self created to be like God. This will make a real difference in their day to day lives with one another.

Wed Isaiah 44:21-23 The Lord wants His people to keep in mind that He has made them His servants, redeeming them and removing their sins and rebellions. Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth!

Thurs Psalm 61 King David may be "out on a limb," but he remembers where his strength and refuge are (v3). He knows who has heard his vows (v5), and whose merciful presence has filled his heart with music!

Fri John 1:35-39 John the Baptizer directs his disciples to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." This one takes away the sin of the world. They go to Jesus, and He invites them to come and see where He is staying.

Sat Psalm 119:145-152 To call from the heart, to call to the Lord, this is what we want to remember to do. Whether early in the morning (v147), or late at night (v148), we wait to hear His merciful Word (v149).

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