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✢ Opening Prayer ✢

Hymn: TLH #35 *"Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"*

Ⓟ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Ⓒ **Amen.**

Ⓟ Pastor
Ⓒ **Congregation**

Confession of Our Sins

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

Ⓟ Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Ⓒ **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sins.**

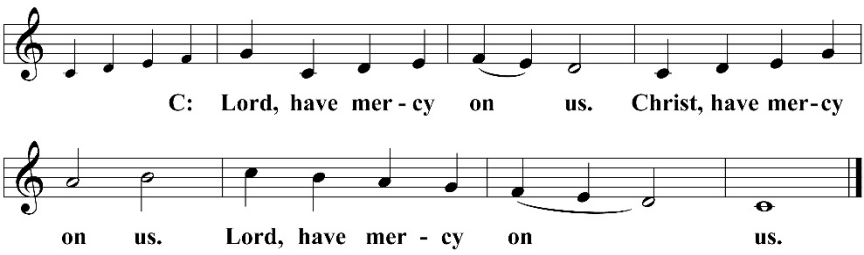
Ⓟ God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ **Amen!**

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23)

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

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




(P:) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on
earth. (C:) Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone
are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sunday School Children *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*



1 Thess. 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the

Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

C ♫ ***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*

C **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 #611:1, 5-7 *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"*



Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no

brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

"The Day of the LORD" is "Just One of Those Days"

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C ♫ ***Create in me a clean heart, O God. 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 me with Your free Spirit.***

✢ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✢

Hymn: TLH #446 *"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"*

✢ 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: TLH #429 *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

Voters' Meeting Summary – Noah Buck was accepted as a voting member of St. John's. An Advent pulpit exchange with Sleepy Eye, Mankato, and Eagle Lake was approved. The exterior of the parsonage addition was finished; however, volunteers are needed to help finish the interior. CLC donations from St John's are approximately $3,600 behind. St.

John's home donations are approximately $4,300 behind. A quote was received for headstone restoration. Bible Class continues to be livestreamed. Several dead trees on the north side of the Cemetery need to be removed and replaced. Approximately 80 plots remain in the Cemetery. A review of the constitution's process for removing inactive voters was proposed. The following schedule was approved:

- **Thanksgiving** at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26
- **Advent services** at 6:30 p.m., December 2, 9, and 16
- **Election meeting** on Sunday, December 13.
- **Christmas Eve** at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24
- **Christmas Day** at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 25
- **New Year's Eve** at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 31
- **Installation of officers** on Sunday, January 3
- **Next quarterly meeting** on Sunday, January 17

St. John's "Youth" Group will be having an end of harvest party, Wednesday, November 18th at 6 pm, here at church. Anyone from high school age to "young at heart" is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please ask Noah or Lydia Buck. There will be a devotion, games, and a finger food luncheon. (Please bring a snack to share!) If you have young children and would like to attend, please feel free to bring them along as there will be activities for little ones.

Winter Volleyball – The members of St. John's are once again invited to play on a court volleyball team in Windom. The league plays on Tuesday evenings. Please speak with or contact Christian Kazemba ASAP if you or someone you know would like to play; games start on November 17th.

Ushers	11/8	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	11/15	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
	11/22	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning		This Week – The Albrechts (wk. 1)
		Up Next – The Eigenbergs

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 9th - 14th, 2026

Mon Matthew 22:15-22 The Pharisees set a trap for Jesus by pitting God against the ruling government. Which should we serve? Jesus answer: Give Caesar what you owe him AND give God the love you owe Him.

Tues Philippians 3:17-21 Paul urges believers not to live like the enemies of the cross, but rather to live as citizens of heaven, who are eagerly awaiting the glorious return of their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Wed Isaiah 32:1-8 A king who will reign in righteousness reminds us of the Messiah, who is our Shelter and Refuge, Shade and Refreshment. In His Kingdom, His people walk not as fools, but walk in the truth.

Thurs Psalm 31:17-24 Though David is beset by lying lips (v18), his trust is in the Lord to deliver him. He looks to the Lord to hide him from the schemes of men (v20). When he feels alone (v22), God still hears him.

Fri Psalm 124 Without the Lord, those against us would swallow us, submerge us, sweep us away. But by Him we have escaped with our lives (v7)! Truly our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of all (v8).

Sat Mark 12:41-44 Jesus is watching how the crowds of people bring their offerings and sees it differently than most. The poor widow with two coins brought the greatest offering to God: all she had.

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