



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 17, 2024**

**10:45 a.m. Worship**



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# Be Vigilant in Faith

*Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, prompting His disciples to ask about the signs of the end times. He emphasized the importance of being watchful and discerning, as many will come in His name, leading to confusion and deception. Take time to pray and seek God's guidance daily to remain vigilant and aware of the signs of the times, while encouraging others in their faith walks. Let's commit to staying grounded in our faith and regularly engaging with Scripture to recognize truth from falsehood.*

## ♪ “Living Waters”

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Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,  
Rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters.  
Lay your life down, all the old gone,  
Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus: There's a river that flows with mercy and love,  
Bringing joy to the city of our God;  
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,  
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, mercy washing;  
Healing in these living waters.  
Lead Your children to the shoreline,  
Life is in these living waters. (*Chorus*)

### *Instrumental*

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,  
Christ, He is our living waters. (*Chorus*)

Ending: There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,  
Praise the Lord of living waters.

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

P We confess.

C **Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more—and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way, often without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that You are the only One we need. Amen.**

P Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Introit

*Ps. 48:11-14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

**that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.**

**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.**

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 12:1-3*

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And

many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:1-13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began

to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand  
of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Deacon Townley

### ♪ “All Sufficient Merit”

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All sufficient merit shining like the sun,  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.  
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended, eternal now in time.  
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die.  
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

Chorus: It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe.  
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.  
(*Last time*): merit now my own, merit now my own.

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts.  
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host.  
Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.  
No more fear of judgment, His righteousness is mine. (*Chorus 2x*)

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death.  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.  
And when I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.  
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross (*Chorus 2x*)

# Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Communion Preparation

**P As we gather around the table of the Lord, we remember the promise of eternal life for those who trust in Him.**

**C We come with hearts full of hope, knowing that our names are written in the Book of Life.**

**P We reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus, who offered Himself once for all, making a way for us to draw near to God.**

**C We honor His love and grace, and we commit to encouraging one another in our faith. We will hold fast to our confession and stir one another to love as we partake in this communion.**

## The Words of Institution

### ♪ “Be Thou My Vision”

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Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## ♪ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Precious Jesus Lord and friend,  
I give everything to You.  
Shelter, Shepherd, Savior, King,  
I give everything to You.

Are we weak and heavy laden,



Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Precious Jesus Lord and friend,  
I give everything to You.  
Shelter, Shepherd, Savior, King,  
I give everything to You.

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Shelter, Shepherd, Savior, King,  
I give everything to You.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.  
**C Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

**P** Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.  
**C Amen.**  
**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

# “Great Things”

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin

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Come let us worship our King. Come let us bow at His feet.  
He has done great things.  
See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes.  
He has done great things. He has done great things.

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.  
You free every captive and break every chain.  
O God, You have done great things.  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.  
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.  
O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm.  
You'll be faithful forevermore. You have done great things.  
And I know You will do it again for Your promise is Yes and Amen.  
You will do great things. God You do great things. (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah, God above it all. Hallelujah, God unshakable.  
Hallelujah, You have done great things (REPEAT)  
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

Ending: You have done great things  
O God You do great things

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## General Announcements

### 1. Family Resources

- a. Check out the Youth & Family Life bulletin board for new resources to focus on God's Word and giving thanks this month (Lunch Hugs, FAITH5 bookmarks, & ThanksLIVING challenge!)

### 2. Voters' Meeting

- a. **Sunday, November 24, 2pm** in the Lounge.

### 3. Christmas Visits & Present Delivery

- a. Presents for the shut-ins are available in the Church Office on **Sunday, November 17**.
- b. Please pick up your designated presents today.
- c. If you have any questions please contact Linda Bebeau.

### 4. Parking

- a. If you find the parking lot full and would prefer not to park on the street, you are able to use the MPS parking lot on the corner of Carpenter & George.

### 5. Awareness (School related)

- a. The school is no longer participating in the Family Fare receipt collection program.
- b. In addition, we are no longer collecting ink cartridges for recycling or re-use.
- c. Thank you for your continued support!

### 6. Thanksgiving

- a. Thanksgiving Worship Service is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 27, at 7pm**.
- b. The Church Office & School will be CLOSED on **Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29**.

### 7. Welcome/Visitor Center

- a. Thank you for joining in worship with us.
- b. Visitors to St. John's are encouraged to stop by our Welcome Center located in Alcove "F", next to the bathrooms.

*Altar flowers are given in honor of  
Herman & Viola Glawe from their family*

*Pulpit flowers are given in honor of  
Bayley & Kayla Chartier's 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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