

21st Sunday after Trinity † October 25, 2026



I AM THE LORD
WHO DOES ALL THESE THINGS

Isaiah 45:7 ESV

THE OPENING

Today's service follows Setting 2 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.12ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 869 *With the Lord Begin Your Task*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and 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.

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ **C** *Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ **C** *Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.*

*Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE SCRIPTURE

Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 96:1-9*

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- P** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- C** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- C** Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!



- C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering,
and come into his courts!
- P** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
- C** Tremble before him, all the earth!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- 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!

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

- 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 LSB 765 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ² "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

THEME: THE LORD IS IN THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

I. He controls even kings to serve His almighty power.

II. He works all things to serve His redeeming love.

What are we tempted to think when we experience turbulence in life?

What kind of turbulence did Isaiah prophesy for the Israelites?

What's a good first step to take when facing pain and suffering?

How did the Lord display His almighty power through King Cyrus?

What is the most common name which God gives to His people in the Bible? What's the implication for us?

How did God use King Cyrus for the good of His redeeming love?

What promises does God make to us when we take a leap of faith and trust in His ways (especially when we don't understand them)?

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☩ 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.**

Hymn LSB 760:1-4 *What God Ordains is Always Good*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☩ 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☐ 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 peace.

♪ **☩ Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 752:1 *Be Still, My Soul*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home**, ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower Today: The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Jessica Robin after church today. Jessica is registered at Target and Amazon. May the LORD bless Jessica and baby with continued health and a safe delivery!

Outreach Committee meeting: This Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm (before Midweek Bible Study). We hope to narrow our list of projects and assign volunteers to each. All members of Grace are invited and encouraged to join the committee!

Next Sunday Joint-Reformation Service: Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm is hosting a CLC Minnesota Joint-Reformation Service on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend! Following the service, all are welcomed to gather for a fellowship meal. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to pastor so we can have an estimate of how many will be present.

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is coming up on Friday, November 13th on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 A.M. in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *The Sound of Music*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu

CLC Call News: Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion, Loganville, GA, and Faith, Manchester, MO, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity, Watertown, SD, and Zion, Hidewood Township, SD, has **accepted** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Jan Davis	Church Cleaners: Wales
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan, Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, Bob Vandever

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Steve Kuehne	Church Cleaners: S & A Kuehne
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther, Roger Ochsner, Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	11:15am	Baby Shower for Jessica Robin
Wed. 10/28	6:00pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. 9/1	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Reformation Sunday Service (w/ Communion)
	11:15am	Hospitality (Team A)
	4:00pm	Joint Reformation Service – Faith, New Ulm
Wed. 9/25	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed. 12/2	7:00pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jan Sandhoefer is in a transitional care facility recovering from a kidney infection. **Barb Sydow** is at home recovering from a heart infection. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 10/18: Worship = 96 <> Bible Class = 47 <> Sunday School = 11

Midweek Bible Study (10/21) = 31

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,601	CLC:	909			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,799	CLC:	-531.2			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	224,882	CLC:	68,776			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	226,800	CLC:	60,480			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-1918	CLC:	8296			
GLC Other:	135.00	Living Faith:	10	Tuition Aid:	135	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:	20.00	MDF:	40	Kinship:	155	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	110.00	ILC Bldg.:	70	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
CLC Nepal	-						
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	185	Sanctuary:	22,984			