



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

People commonly use the term “forward thinking” to refer to a proactive, progressive approach to planning and innovation. Yet, this too often does not think forward far enough. In this series, we will contemplate our ultimate future, thinking about our Christian hope and being ready for Jesus Christ’s return. Drawing on end-times themes in the Gospel of Luke, this series moves from understanding the nature of eternal life to watching for signs of the end and finally to the assured hope of salvation through our Savior’s sacrifice.

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 461 *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (v. 5: women; v. 6: men)

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8–9*

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

C Amen.

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11*

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C He is their help and their shield.

P Why should the nations say,

C “Where is their God?”

P Our God is in the heavens;

C he does all that he pleases.

P Their idols are silver and gold,

C the work of human hands.

P Those who make them become like them;

C so do all who trust in them.

P The dead do not praise the LORD,

C nor do any who go down into silence.

P But we will bless the LORD

C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

C 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.

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C He is their help and their shield.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.

Refrain: (sing) This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Colossians 3:16*

C Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 3:1–15*

The Lord calls Moses to lead His people from slavery in Egypt.

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your

feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites,

the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17*

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerns the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the Gospel.

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ...

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us

and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your

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hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.*

C (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 20:27–40*

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate a convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, who is not a God of death but of life.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,

³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN 741 “*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*” (vv. 1–6)

SERMON *Forward Thinking: “The Resurrection of the Body”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

KINDERGARTEN BIBLE MILESTONE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, Easter Greeting, and Closing Hymn 697, “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death.”



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 468 *“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”*

HYMN 474 *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”*

HYMN 482 *“This Joyful Eastertide”*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle (“Thank the Lord”), Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN 697 *“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Rachel Martens, *Trumpet (8:00 am)*; Madie Kuecker, *Trumpet (10:30 am)*

Jonah Virus, Truman Eckhoff, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Elena Strecker, Eden Beissenherz, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Ann Wolters, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

Mark Schelp, Andy Jones, John Beerman, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Paul Brackman, Alan Luebbert, Barb White, Libby Kallenberger, Mike Rodewald, Diane Stumpenhous, Bobbie Poese, Lisa Arnett, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

Ongoing: Gene Virus, Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Death: Wendell Olson

Nation and World: the people of Russia

Partners in Mission: Peace Lutheran Church; Slater, MO and Rev. Walter Snider; Lutheran Church Charities

Birthdays: (11/10) Barbara Knapp, Paul Pennington, Matilda Virus, Alan Vogelsmeier; (11/11) Norma Evert, Phillip Lange, Marvin Moss, Easton Sheets, Kaseyn Stein, Benjamin Stuenkel; (11/12) Amanda Strobel; (11/13) Kathryn Hass, Jody Heimsoth; (11/14) Jeremiah Brown, Calvin Faris, Maya Fiene, William Kirchhoff, Shawn Lockney, Kelsie Anderson, Jacob Stegmann, Rebekah Stegmann; (11/15) Greg Bushman, Roger Kirchhoff, Quinn Marsh, Axel Mitchell

Anniversaries: (11/13) Eric & Teresa Ritzma

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