

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	ELW 705
Hymn of Day	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	ELW 785
Sending	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	ELW 856
Prelude	<i>Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir</i>	<i>Samuel Scheidt</i>
Anthem	<i>A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays</i>	<i>Jean Berger</i>
Communion	<i>Supplication</i>	<i>A. Schreiner</i>
Postlude	<i>God the Father dwells with us</i>	<i>Samuel Scheidt</i>

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; 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 riches hidden in secret places, so 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 give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**]

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ 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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 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 are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

SERVERS	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Doris Wessinger	Steve and Beverly Nivens
Lector	Wayne Lybrand	Beverly Nivens
Worship	Gail Marcum	<i>*need volunteer</i>
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Ushers	Jim Garner, Chief <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite
Tellers	Pam Hanfland/Gail Marcum	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy
Offering Pickup	Pam Hanfland	Steve Nivens
Property	Jim Garner	Steve Nivens
Altar Guild	Gail Marcum/Marie Lybrand	Steve and Beverly Nivens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

In celebration of their grandson Charlie's 7th birthday, Sandra and Howard Hughes have placed a basket of requested food items in the church today to the glory of God. The donations will help God's Helping Hands continue its mission of serving and providing for members of our community who are in need.

- The weekly bulletin is printed on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **DON'T FORGET** – Lutheran Men Breakfast tomorrow at the Lizard's Thicket on Augusta Road at 9:00 a.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th. **Treasure Find Yard Sale:** 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; **Fall Fest:** 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve your space, contact OSLCEVENTS26@gmail.com or call/text **803-719-3569**
- **We need blessing box supplies!** Thank you for continuing to support the Blessing Box. The need for food and basic supplies remains strong. Please drop supplies off in the Cameron Hallway or in the kitchen. Thank you for helping keep it stocked! **Helpful items include:** Peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant. *Please choose items that do not require refrigeration. Pop-top cans are especially helpful.*
- Please check the updated Membership Information sent via evine to confirm that the information for your family is correct. Email any changes that are needed to be made in

the 2027 Directory. Also please respond and let us know if you have a new photo you would prefer to use.

- A **Called Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following the Worship Service on **November 1** to consider and approve an expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the replacement of one of the four Fellowship Hall HVAC systems.
- Don't forget to wear red next week for Reformation Sunday!

In our prayers this week, we commend the following individuals to God's gracious care. If a name belongs to someone outside our congregation, please let the office know your connections. If there are any names to update, please also let us know additions or changes.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

Sunday October 18	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	3:00 p.m.	Joint OSLC-WELCA
Monday October 19	9:00 a.m.	Lutheran Men Breakfast
Wednesday October 21	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, October 25	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday, October 28	12:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
Thursday, October 29	3:00 p.m.	SRAA using Parking Lot