

WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF TRUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a visitor card located on the welcome table.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE ~ “How Great Is Our God” with “Praise To the Lord, the Almighty”

Claudia Abraham, Pianist

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***OPENING HYMN ~ “Lord of All Hopefulness” #200**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Reclaim page 21**

***RESPONSIVE READING ~ Psalm 96:1-9**

¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ~**

O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ~ Isaiah 45:1-7

SECOND LESSON ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

CHILDRENS' SERMON

***GOSPEL HYMN ~ “Thy Word”**

***GOSPEL ~ Matthew 22:15-22**

SERMON ~ Pastor Jerry Merkouris

***SERMON HYMN ~ “Stand in Your Love”**

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DEDICATION OF THE QUILTS ~ See insert.

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

OFFERING ~ “In Christ Alone”

***OFFERING RESPONSE ~ “Sanctuary”**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

C: *We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music ~ "How Great Thou Art" with "God of Wonders"

"How Deep the Father's Love" with "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

"Jesus Loves Me"

CLOSING HYMN ~ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #211 verse 1

***BENEDICTION**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

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*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,
He will guide you into all the truth.
He will not speak on his own;
He will speak only what he hears,
And he will tell you what is yet to come.*

John 16:13

October 18, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service