



Sunday, October 25, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 9:7-11

The Lord reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.
He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.
The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

Prelude

Prelude and Ciacona in C Major BuxWV 137
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Introit

"Praise Our God"

Text and Music: John W. Peterson

IPC Choir

Cheyne Davidson, Director

*Call to Worship – Psalm 67:1-5

Nicholas Edmonds

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

People: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with
equity and guide the nations of the earth.

People: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

*Hymn of Praise – #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession

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Leader: Almighty God, we confess our sin before you. You have called us to be
the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our sinful and suffering
world.

**People: Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated
than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

**People: Empower us through your Holy Spirit to bring healing in mind, body,
and soul to this world.**

All: This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 145:13b-14

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Leader: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

People: The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 5:13-16

Leader: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?"

People: It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Leader: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

People: Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Leader: In the same way, let your light shine before others,

People: that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Receiving the Word of God

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word"

Text and Music: Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Old Testament Readings – Deuteronomy 31:6-8 (p. 209); Psalm 22:1-2 (p. 554)

New Testament Readings – Matthew 27:45-46 (p. 999); Hebrews 13:5-6 (p. 1212)

Sermon – "God's Strongest Promise"

Rev. Dr. James Bultema

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Response – #543 "Abide with Me"**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Patrik Jehle, Evening Worship Elder

Offertory

"Be Not Afraid"

IPC Choir

Text: Isaiah 43:1-7; Music: Taylor Davis

***Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

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. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcoming of Visitors

Patrik Jehle

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Rev. Dr. James Bultema

***Hymn of Dedication – #339 “Be Thou My Vision”**

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

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Choral Benediction

“May the Grace of the Lord”

Text: 2 Corinthians 13:14; Music: Ken Barker

Postlude

Allabreve in D Major BWV 589

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin cover features an image of the “Psalter World Map” from 1265. According to one cartographic expert:

Most maps can be said to codify and reflect the perspectives of their makers while at the same time revealing the philosophies and world views of the times and places in which they are drawn. The marvelous Psalter World Map created in the mid-thirteenth century is no exception. Drawing inspiration from similar maps crafted during the reign of Henry III of England, it not only reflects the geographic knowledge of erudite Europeans but also clearly encapsulates the religious and spiritual ideals of its makers. In the Psalter Map, Christ holds a red orb representing the entire world in his left hand, with winged angels on either side. Jerusalem is at the map's centre, expressing a western European world view dominated by the Christian Church, a highly developed example of European Medieval religious philosophy applied to cosmography.

The Psalter World Map is part of the collection of the British Library in London.