

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025

Numbered hymns and page numbers will be found in the cranberry hymnal. Psalms will be found in the front of the hymnal, after the last red tab.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bells

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
AMEN.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Most Merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. AMEN.

Hymn: *Jerusalem my Happy Home* #628

Greeting

L: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

First Lesson: Job 19:23-27a

Laura Jensen

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia!*

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Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

Christy

Wetzig

Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

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Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Strandskov

Choral Anthem: *A Jubilant Song*

Mary Lynn

Lightfoot

Peace

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

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The Lord's Prayer (*Begin with Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father*)
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Blessing

Sending Hymn: *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

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Dismissal L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements

Our Ministry Team

Rev. Shawn Mai, Interim Pastor

Christy Wetzig, Interim Parish Associate

Liz Dodge, Church Administrator

Our Music Team

Christine Johansen, Pianist

Charles Parsons, Organist

Harry Johansen, Cantor and Choir Director

We welcome everyone to a time of coffee and fellowship after worship. Today's refreshments are provided by Paul and Maggie Petersen, Laura Jensen, and Patty Pearson in celebration of Chuck and Shawn's becoming permanent Polk County residents.

Please remember in your prayers, calls, and visits:

All those experiencing times of transition.

Our elders, those who are ill, those who don't get out much: Keith (Nikki's cousin), Bob (Nancy Moe's brother), Al, Larry, Deacon Jodi of Bone Lake, Nancy, Kristan, Marlis, Donna Mae, Donna, Tom and Joyce, Danny and Marilene.

For the suffering people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all war torn lands, that they may find help, healing, justice, and peace....

Please note the signup sheets on the table in the fellowship area and volunteer as you are able. We need fellowship providers , prayers, and lectors for November and December.

Don't miss Steven Hobert's piano concert this coming Saturday! 7:00 pm at church, invite your friends and neighbors!

All are welcome to join the Quilters in finishing quilts for our neighbors. These are tied quilts, no experience necessary! Monday at 11:30 at the Hall.

Church Council will meet via Zoom on November 17th at 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars now for the Cookie Walk, December 6, and Annual Meeting, December 7.

Please donate peanut butter for the Backpack Program and cleaning supplies for the Confirmation Class project.

Welcome to

West Denmark Lutheran Church

November 9, 2025



Statement of Welcome

West Denmark is a safe place to worship, study, and build relationships with God and others, regardless of race, creed, economics, cultural background or sexual orientation or identity. **We're glad you've come!**

The St. Croix Valley Food Alliance Winter Farmers' Market will be held today from noon until 3:00 pm at Abrahamson's Nurseries, 1257 State Road 35 in St. Croix Falls.

CALENDAR

Worship and Music Notes

As we approach the end of the church year, today's readings point us to the hope of heaven, highlighted in our opening and closing hymns.

Jerusalem, My Happy Home is adapted from a manuscript dated 1593 held in the British Library, with the author listed only as "F.B.P." It is thought that F.B.P. was a Catholic priest and that the original 24 stanzas in Latin are based on the writings of St. Augustine. Numerous translators and adaptors have produced the version we sing today. The tune LAND OF REST is a North American folk tune published in *The Sacred Harp* as a shape-note tune in 1844.

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand was written in Norwegian by Wilhelm Andreas Wexels (1797-1866), who was born in Copenhagen but spent much of his life in Christiania (now Oslo), Norway where he was a Lutheran minister preaching spiritual revival. The translation we sing is a composite of various versions over many years. Nikolaus Herman's (1480-1561) tune LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN is widely known in Germany as the tune for the Christmas hymn of the same name. Herman was a schoolmaster and church cantor in Joachimsthal, Bohemia (now Jáchymov, Czechia), who wrote and composed many hymns.

In Revelation 22:16, Jesus refers to Himself as "the bright morning star." This term has been used as a metaphor for Jesus Christ in many hymns, probably the best-known of which is Philipp Nicolai's (1556-1608) *Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern* (*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*). Nicolai was a Lutheran pastor who led an eventful life, frequently engaging in arguments with both Roman Catholics and Calvinists, and at one point in his life being forced to flee from invading Spanish troops. Although he published many polemical works in his lifetime, his legacy is the two beautiful hymns for which he wrote both words and music: the one we are singing today, and the Advent hymn, *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme* (*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*).

Today: Mindfulness Meditation in balcony, 8:30 am
Sunday School, 9:00 am
Choir Warmup, 9:40 am
Worship, 10 am
Fellowship, 11 am: Welcome Shawn and Chuck!
SCVFA Winter Farmer's Market, 12:00-3:00 pm
Memorial Gathering for Renée Showalter Hanson, 1:00-3:00 pm
Monday: Men's Breakfast, Tin Shed, 7:30 am
Women's Breakfast, Tin Shed, 10:00 am
Quilting, 11:30 at the Hall
Tuesday: Woodland School Committee, 7:30 pm in Fellowship Area
Wednesday: Last day for donating cleaning supplies for Confirmation project
Confirmation at Luck Lutheran, 6:00 pm
Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
Thursday: Women's AA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Saturday: AA meeting 9am
Steven Hobert Concert, 7:00 pm at church
Next Week:
Sunday: Mindfulness Meditation, 8:30 am
Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship 10am
Fellowship 11am

The Memorial Gathering for Renée Showalter Hanson will take place today from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway in Minneapolis.

The choir anthem, *A Jubilant Song* by Mary Lynn Lightfoot (b. 1952), is based on Latin hymns and the Psalms.