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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

**“Baptized in Water”
“Blest Are They”**

**ELW #456
ELW #728**

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Welcome Song:

“We Have Come into His House”

**OSB #249
vv. 1&4**

- 1. We have come into His house
gathered in His name
to worship Him.
We have come into His house
gathered in His name
to worship Him.
We have come into His house
gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**4. He is all my righteousness,
I stand complete in Him,
and worship Him.
He is all my righteousness,
I stand complete in Him,
and worship Him.
He is all my righteousness,
I stand complete in Him,
and worship Christ, the Lord
worship Him, Christ, the Lord.**

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have
squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the
courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and
grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad

Refrain: He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad

***Greeting**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God our defender,

storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

‡GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

"Open our eyes, Lord"

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**ELW #708
vv. 1,3&4**

Refrain: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Hear us, O God,... **your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

...in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***Offertory Song:**

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

W&P #150

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord**

**And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy**

***Offertory Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of Institution

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW #817

- 1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

*Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

- 2. You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***

- 3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

- 4. You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ‡ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

***Sending Song:**

“Step by Step”

W&P #132

**O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

**O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

**And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for healing: **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michelle Smith, 8/15; Lou Kleager, 8/16

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Peanut Butter & Jelly

BACKPACKS: 16 oz Jars of Peanut Butter
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW August Mission Project

Cat & Pup Packs Program



Blessing
of the Backpacks

BACKPACK BLESSING

Join us Sunday, August 20th, during worship in the park for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks to the park or have them in your worship space at home (if worshipping online) and receive God's blessing as you start off the new school year! Students, teachers, administrators, and staff are also invited for our Backpack blessing.

Worship in the Park, Sunday August 20th

Join us on Sunday, August 20th @ 10:00 a.m. for Worship in the Park. We will be at Frank Park under the gazebo across the street from the church. Worship will be followed by a congregational picnic.

For the picnic, the Church Council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, plates, and silverware, while the congregation is asked to provide salads, sides, and desserts. Watch for sign-up sheets as we get closer to the date. To save on having to carry chairs across the street, the congregation is also encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

Plan now for a fun and celebratory worship service and opportunity for fellowship.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting **September 6th**.

Come enjoy a BBQ. Then stay for fellowship & some fun games in the Fellowship Hall!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!



Our JAM kickoff will be Wednesday, September 6th!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



Our first EPIC meeting will be Sunday, September 10!

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 6th-12th grade. We will begin our year with an outdoor picnic/lake party at Wally and Kathy Randall's home. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and drive out to the Randall home. We will have hot dogs/chips and dessert and then have some fun swimming in their private lake. Bring a friend and don't miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel and plan for a fun time!

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – August 13

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Jack Judy & Ben Moravec

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – August 20 Worship in the Park

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown &
Marlene Downer

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 13

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 14

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 16

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

Saturday, August 19

NO Worship

Sunday, August 20

Worship in the Park

10 a.m. – Worship in the Park
Followed by a picnic

AUGUST 13, 2023
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Even a little faith is enough.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Luke 17:1-6	Sayings of Jesus
Thursday	Acts 15:6-21	The council at Jerusalem
Friday	Romans 12:1-8	The new life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He [Jesus] said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in you during the difficult and scary times of life that we may still sing your praises through Jesus Christ, the one who calms our fears. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, you give what is good and bless our land with abundant food; for your goodness and mercy we thank you for this meal. Amen. (Psalm 85:12)

A Blessing to Give:

May God calm you when you are afraid and bless you with steadfast love.



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AUGUST 13, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a difficult time in your life.
- Who or what has helped you make it through a difficult time in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 14:22-33.

Once again, Jesus is on the sea with his disciples. And, again, Jesus points out the disciples' fears and little faith as he did when he stilled a storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Just the night before, Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus more women and children. Don't they understand how powerful and caring Jesus is? How many of us would have the faith and courage of Peter to step out of a boat during a storm and onto dangerous and deep waters? Yes, Jesus calls it "little faith," but that little faith is still quite remarkable. When we are in the midst of a storm, a painful period in our lives that scares us, our lives are very fragile, needy, and weak. We often do not respond with great confidence and faith. No matter how little our faith is, it is enough because of Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. When life gets calm following a difficult time in our lives, at least then we are relieved—even joyful—and can say of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).

Discuss: How does your faith help you when you face difficult situations?

Pray: Merciful God, when we experience moments that scare us and make us long for stable ground to stand on, give us even a little faith to hope in you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others who are anxious or worried?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtime is a special opportunity to think, talk, listen, and pray for yourself and others. Take time to think or talk about your highs and lows at bedtime this week. Give thanks to God for your highs. For your lows, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms." Then pray the Lord's Prayer.



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