ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A Good View
August 9, 2026

AS WE GATHER
The only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God's mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you" (Isaiah 30:18). This "almighty and most merciful God" (Prayer of the Day) showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples' peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn't the point. It was the Lord's coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God's commandments, "We should fear and love God." We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

PRE-SERVICE SONGS

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Refrain Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly know You now. *Refrain*

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One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly serve You now. *Refrain*

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly love You now. *Refrain*

"Here I Am, Lord" W & R #559

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am , Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send*? Refrain*

WELCOME

VERSE
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

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As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.
Pastor: "Lord, save me."
People: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy, chief of which is deliverance from sin and fear. Aware of our great need for forgiveness and faith, we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer.
People: Lord, save me from my little faith, my doubt, my fears, my sin. I come to you now because you have promised to come to me here with your saving grasp of power and mercy. Forgive me of my sin and give me help and deliverance from all my fears, that I may worship you with a pure heart and say, "Truly you are the Son of God" and my Savior. Amen.
Pastor: The Lord your God has brought you out from the slavery of sin with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm of mercy by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own command I announce to you as a called and ordained servant of the Word: I forgive you all your sins. Peace be with you, in the name of the Father and of the ✠Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB p. 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4–18* (Who prescribed the limits of the sea?)
Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have
understanding.[5] Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who
stretched the line upon it? [6] On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its
cornerstone, [7] when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God
shouted for joy? [8] "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the
womb,[9] when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
[10] and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, [11] and said, 'Thus far shall you
come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? [12] "Have you
commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its
place, [13] that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken

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out of it? [14] It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. [15] From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.
[16] "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? [17] Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? [18] Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17* (Who calls on the name of the Lord?)
[5] For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. [6] But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
[9] because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. [11] For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. [13] For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" [17] So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)
HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33* (Who can walk on water?)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[22] Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23] And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24] but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. [25] And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. [26] But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. [27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."[28] And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29] He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." [31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32] And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33] And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.
(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The B-I-B-L-E"

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help me see
the love of Jesus, God's own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

SERMON HYMN #831 "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"
"How shall they hear," who have not heard News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word, Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?

"To all the world," to ev'ry place, Neighbors and friends and far off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace; Go while the great commission stands.

"Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all, To bring a lost world home again?

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"Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart, And make a world for Christ my goal.

Spirit of love, within us move: Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they bear and find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

SERMON

(Rise)

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
(Be seated)

SONG DURING OFFERING **"Thy Word"** W&R #664

Refrain: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** *2 times*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side;
and I will love you to the end. **Refrain**

Ending: **You're a light unto my path.**

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Son by faith.

People: **Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, bless all Christian homes with Your presence.

People: **Make them places of peace and refuge in Christ. Strengthen all married couples, that their union as husband and wife might be a reflection of Christ and His Church.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of compassion, teach us to make our requests known to You and to be anxious for nothing. Send Your healing hand upon the sick and the suffering including Miriam, Shirley, Nancy, Patrick, Sharon, Michael, Marlene, Zach, Carole, Kathy, Maxine, Pam, Marilyn, Dorothy, Janet, Jerry, Rhonda, Harland, June, Cathy, John, Debbie, Janice, David, Helga, Dick, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Guy, Jill and Sarah.

People: **Guard them with Your peace in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, our God, be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress.

People: **Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people.**

Pastor: Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who took on our human flesh and came to us from heaven to rescue us from the overwhelming flood of our sins by the sacrifice of His own blood on the cross. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB p. 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

"How Beautiful"

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful… how beautiful…
how beautiful… is the body of Christ.

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How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful… how beautiful…
how beautiful… is the body of Christ.

Bridge: And as he laid down His life we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as He died;
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride
who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful… how beautiful…
how beautiful… is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful… how beautiful…
how beautiful… is the body of Christ.

HYMN #829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"

Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.

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Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #763 "When Peace, Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul. **Refrain**

He lives-oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.**Refrain**

POSTLUDE "Shout to the North"

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.

Chorus

We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus sung twice

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Ending:

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Preacher & Liturgist — Pastor Richard Schneider
Organist — Deaconess Carole King

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