

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?
Can drive me from his love?

This I believe, yes rather, of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, my friend who loves me most,
And that, whate'er betide me, my Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land,
And bring me safe to land.

Please Stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

A quiet moment for reflection

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

HYMN:

He canceled my offenses, delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses my soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful of God's great Judgment Day,
Of God's great Judgment Day.

No sin can now condemn me or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me; its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me; no guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me and shields me with his grace,
And shields me with his grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

9 He came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?" **10** He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

11 Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. **12** After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?” **14** He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

15 Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. **16** You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. **17** Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. **18** But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 73 *You are invited to **sing the refrain** and to **speak the verses** responsively.*

REFRAIN: **Surely it is God, who saves me. I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

M: I am always with you, O LORD;

C: **You hold me by my right hand.**

M: You guide me with your counsel,

C: **and afterward you will take me into glory.**

M: Whom have I in heaven but you?

C: **And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: **But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:28-39

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. **31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

HEBREWS 11:1

M: Alleluia. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for

C: **and assurance about what we do not see. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23** After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. **24** By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. **25** In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” **27** But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

28 Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” **29** Jesus said, “Come!” Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” **31** Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” **32** When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. **33** Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY 834

STILL, MY SOUL, BE STILL

MESSAGE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. (There is an opportunity for giving via the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or online.)



PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

(Numbers 6:24-26)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 868

BY FAITH

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Schedule

TUES	Women’s gathering	10am
	Bible Information Class: What’s the Bible Got to Say?	7pm
	Topic: What church should I attend/join? How important is this?	
SAT	Men’s Gathering / Study	9:30am
Next Sunday	Worship	10am

News & Notes

- **Look for upcoming fellowship events, which are being planned:**
 - a) Maybe you've played euchre, maybe you haven't but would like to learn... plans are in the works for a time over Labor Day weekend for getting together for this opportunity for a little fun. Euchre is a trick card game, played by four players in teams of two.
 - b) Potluck gathering with the Mascia family when they visit - rescheduled date yet-to-be-determined.
- **Sunday morning Bible hour startup isn't far off.** Get ready for our 9am timeslot being added to our Sunday morning schedule.
- **Youth Catechism class startup... will also start up soon.** Youth of congregation, typically in 6th-8th grade, take this Bible Instruction class in preparation for confirmation.

Ongoing Volunteer opportunities

- Weekly Cleaning - Please share your name if you're willing to take a turn in the rotation that has been set up. Right now it would be taking a turn approximately once every two months. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to take on coordinating the repeating schedule and be a contact point for new volunteers, please let Pastor Glende know.

Jim Story	week of Aug 10-15
Louis/Molly	week of Aug 17-22
Shankweiler/Wilmot	week of Aug 24-29
Teddy/Marcus/Keegan	week of Aug 31-Sept 5
Jason Allan	week of Sept 7-12
Smith family	week of Sept 14-19
Iseminger / Gen	week of Sept 21-26
Jacqueline/Zac	week of Sept 28-Oct 3
- Property care - please talk with Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to get involved in helping with lawn / yard care and other property tasks for upkeep.
- Weekly snacks – you're welcome to bring something for refreshments and/or snacks on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who does!