

Welcome!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 9, 2026 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Intergenerational Bible Study	Josh Kittleman & Karla Schettenhelm	Rooms 1-3
The Readings	Preacher of the Day	Gym
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

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" (*Psalms 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.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Joann Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"New Songs of Celebration Render"

LSB 792



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the

has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; Come and a - dore the might - y One.
bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.

He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which
Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such
Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -

all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to
sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in
es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose

ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.
truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; Matthew 14:30–31

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**
P "Lord, save me."
C **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 14:33

- P** 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.
C **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.**
P 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.
C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT (sung)

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

- P** I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
C **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me***
and delivered me from | all my fears.
P Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
C **This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him***
and saved him out of all his | troubles.
P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.

C Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I will bless the LORD at | all times;*

his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Who prescribed the limits of the sea?)

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(Who calls on the name of the Lord?)

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on 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, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will

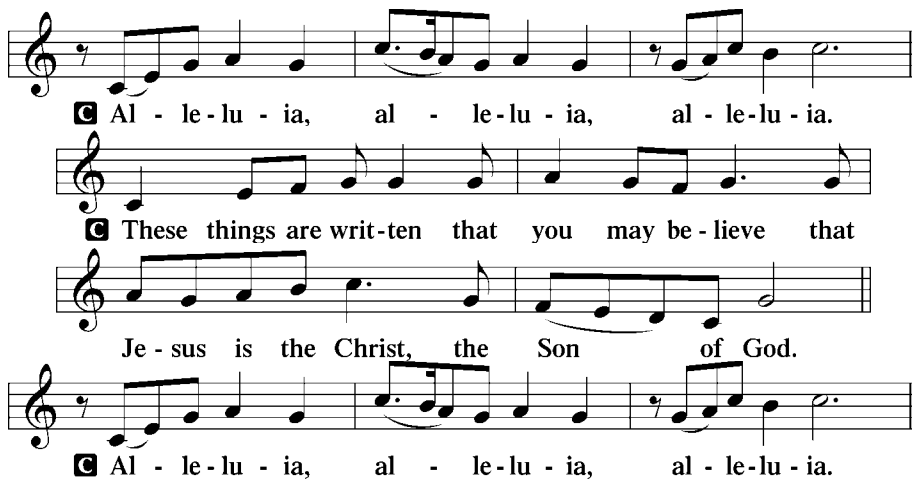
not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And 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!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(Who can walk on water?)

Matthew 14:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in

fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717

1. **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.**
- 2a. **O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
- 3a. **Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
4. **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.**

SERMON

"What are you looking at?"

Matthew 14:22–33

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

OFFERING

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PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. For the holy church throughout the world: that she always have confidence of divine help from the Lord and that her pastors and ministers be faithful in their proclamation of God's mercy and grace for all people, serving her members with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who cry out to God for deliverance and help: that their petitions be heard by the One who reaches out to all to rescue from danger and destruction, who can save by the grasp of His mighty hand of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our country and all the nations of the world: that leaders seek the ways of peace and freedom for the welfare and prosperity of the people they are called to serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who are sick or suffering illness or injury, all who are in any trouble, those who are lonely or afraid, and especially those who are in need whom we name in our hearts: that the Lord give strength, heal, and comfort all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks to the Lord. That we may be included in the fellowship of the saints in heaven now by faith in the Son of God and at last by God's mercy and grace when He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
C **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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578

1. **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
3. **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- △ 6. **God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Ken and Michele Cisson, in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary on August 8.

By Mike and Mary McGrath, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary on August 5.

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