



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Service Theme

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Hymn

820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

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Tune: NETTLETON

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -

well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and

glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the

joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

Text: Michael A. Perry

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

⁹There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 73D



1 In sweet com - mun - ion, Lord, with you I
2 Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall
3 Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but you, to
4 Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the
con - stant - ly a - bide; my hand you hold with -
guide me and con - trol, and then to glo - ry
whom my thoughts as - pire? And, hav - ing you, what
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion
in your own to keep me near your side.
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.
more on earth is there I can de - sire?
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 11:1

Refrain

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

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

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.

Refrain

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²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

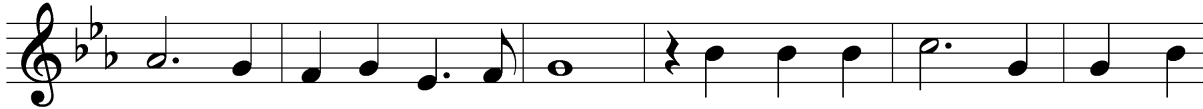
Be seated

Hymn of the Day

847 *Be Still, My Soul*



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take to guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part and all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let
 dark-ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point-ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith-ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your
 fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.

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Sermon

When Faith and Doubt Collide

1 Kings 19:9–18

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

Hymn

533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul



1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy
3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in
4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er



bos - om fly while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the
thee I find. Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the
all my sin. Let the heal - ing streams a-bound; make and



tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my Sav - ior,
sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly is thy
keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain



hide, till the storm of life is past; safe in -
name; I am all un - right - eous - ness. False and
art; free - ly let me take of thee. Spring thou



to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Tune: Simeon B. Marsh, 1798–1875

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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

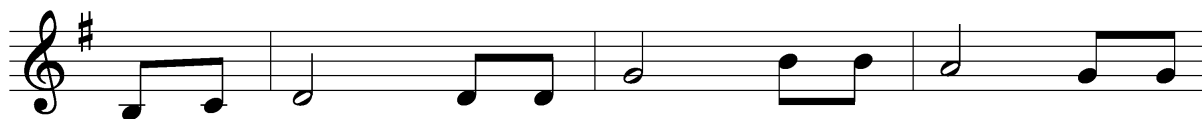
Amen.

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.

Blessing

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.
Amen.



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2 When my way grows — drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, when my life is — al - most — gone,
 near and the day is — al - most — gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.
 hand. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.

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Dates to Save

Sunday, August 23rd, 9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class resume

Wednesday, September 2nd, 7pm – choir resumes

Tuesday, September 8th, 7pm – Financial Peace University (see Gary Graves)

Friday, September 18th, 7pm – next Ladies' Book Club

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30am – Fall Festival (one service; meal; activities)

Sunday, December 6th, 2pm to 4pm – Ladies "Advent by Candlelight"

Saturday, December 12th, 9am to Noon – Christmas for Kids

Sunday, December 20th – Christmas Sing Along

Faith Craft Group: Our next Faith Craft Group meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Kathy Sabari will teach us how to make the beautiful handmade cards she creates. We will also be planning our fall projects. Please join us for a fun, creative, and meaningful time together! For more information, contact Candi Aubin at 850-508-3107.

Financial Peace University beginning Tuesday, September 8th.

For details and to share via your social media contacts...



Fall Festival – October 11th



Ways you can help and be involved...

- Usher crew
- Guest Services
- Click the QR code and use “share” to post to your social media contacts
- Food donations / food serving (detailed list in early September)
- Grill crew
- Set up / take down / clean up
- Game set up and coordination
- Activities assistance (things like pumpkin painting)
- Personal invitations to guests
- Thrivent event grant (available for Thrivent members)
- Photo “booth” (to populate congregational directory)

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