

THE LORD’S PRAYER (10:00)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:00) (Please see below to prepare.)

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PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because Holy Communion is an expression of our oneness in faith, we request that each person desiring to commune with us examine him/herself on the basis of these points of faith:

- I believe that:
- + I am a sinner in need of God’s forgiveness.
 - + Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
 - + Jesus Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and
 - + The bread and wine I receive are also the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
 - + All my sins are forgiven through this Sacrament.
 - + As God enables me, I pledge to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

Those who hold in common these teachings are invited to join us at the Lord’s Supper. If you are visiting us for the first time, or have questions or reservations about these points of faith, we invite you to speak with the Pastor before the service.

The lighter colored wine is non-alcoholic for those with special needs. Gluten-free wafers are also available on the small table as you approach the railing.

Hymns during Distribution — Please join in singing:

- “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” #722
- Special Music #752
- “Be Still, My Soul”

Nunc Dimittis p211

Post-Communion Collect p212

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN — “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” #715

THE POSTLUDE

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

***WELCOME!** In the Gospel reading, when the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of Holy Scripture, and in the bread and cup of Holy Communion, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.*

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THE PRESERVICE MUSIC AND PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL AND PASTORAL GREETING

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

THE OPENING HYMN – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” #816

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (taken from D.S. IV—p 203)

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

THE KYRIE AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS p204

♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

♪ To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth.
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly king!

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To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, you take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high—
For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply!

THE COLLECT 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.
All: Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE FIRST READING — Job 38:4-18, ESV Pew Bibles p 522

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

THE EPISTLE READING – Romans 10:5-17, ESV Pew Bibles p 1124

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift
received in the proclamation of Jesus Christ. The proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord
Jesus Christ. Therefore Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving
actions.*
[St. Paul wrote:] Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person
who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say
in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will
descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The
word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith

that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and
are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture
says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference
between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in
the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to
them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the
feet of those who bring good news!”
L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

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♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 14:22-33, ESV Pew Bibles p 974

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.
Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other
side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside
by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable
distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw
him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But
Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter
replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said.
Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when
he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately
Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”
And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were 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.

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THE SERMON HYMN –“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” vs. 1-4

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THE SERMON

✠ THE RESPONSE ✠

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE –“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” v. 5

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS-
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH