

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



"Why Did You Doubt?"



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

August 13, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE



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Tune: IN BABILONE (87 87 D) Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse ... Contradansen, Amsterdam, c. 1710.

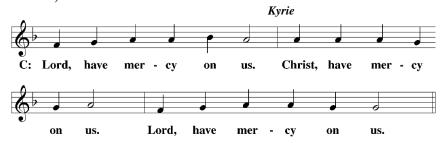
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sing) All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills –
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling! For death he gave me life indeed, and kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me – To God all praise and glory! (CW 236:1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: 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.



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THE WORD

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."



I am always with <u>you</u>, O LORD;* you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your <u>counsel</u>,* and afterward you will take me into <u>glo</u>ry.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my <u>heart</u> may fail,* but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for<u>ev</u>er.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹ because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³ Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵ What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to 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 rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 439)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE (74 74 D) P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860.

SERMON 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!"

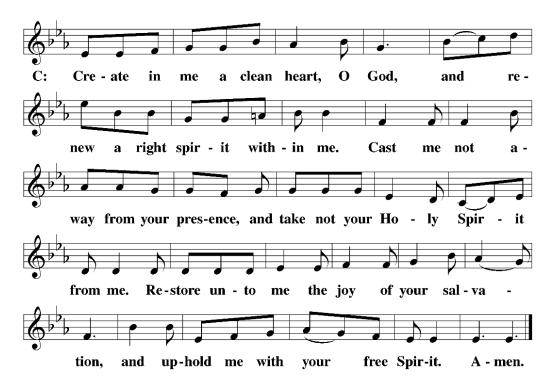
Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

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!"





After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For wisdom to steward God's creation well, until new life supplants the groanings of this age, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who care for the elderly in their homes or other facilities, that they might be instruments of comfort and company to the lonely, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not repent or believe, that God would be patient with them, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and that he would send his Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all leaders, that in the face of conflict and discord they would work for peace and justice, especially protecting the weak and defenseless, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness, *[especially* ______,] that their faith would be preserved and their sufferings be considered incomparable to the glory to be revealed in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have** mercy.

For all who receive the Lord's Supper, that we may come with hearts free of pride, presumption or any profaning sin; and that, hoping for what we do not see, we may receive his forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you have called us according to your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when you gather your wheat into your barn; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

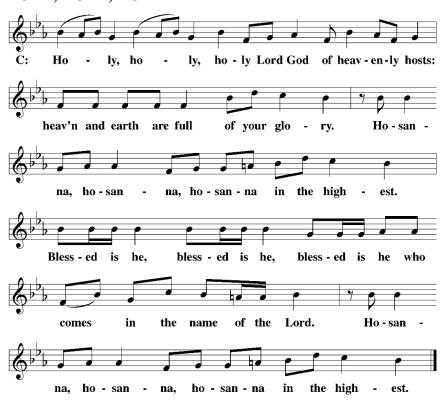


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



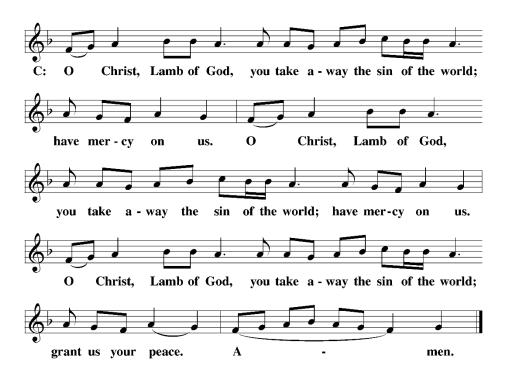
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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





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DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



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Tune: ABERYSTWYTH (77 77 D) Joseph Parry, 1841–1903.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 433)

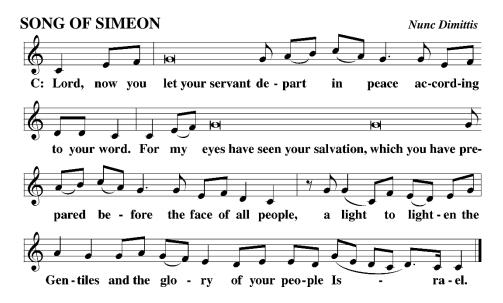
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



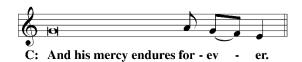
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THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Lord bless you and keep you. M:

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

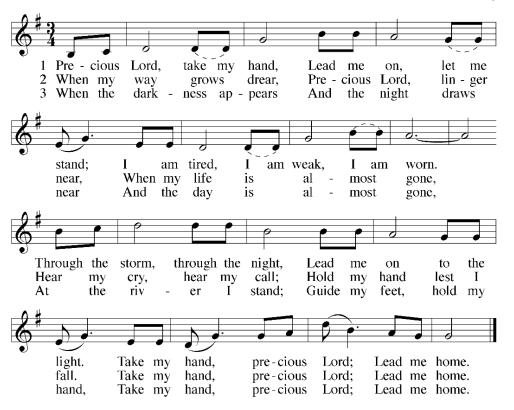
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Lord, Take My Hand



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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Bible Studies this week

Sunday 8:00 am: Bible Study, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Song of Songs, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Bible Study, downstairs

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am: Matthew

Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45. DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday School and Teen Class begins. September 10

Children aged 4 years through 8th grade are invited to join us for Sunday school starting this fall. Students 9—12 grade are invited to the teen Bible study. Fill out a registration form located at church or on our website. Classes meet downstairs between services each Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am. A time for music is included in the Sunday School hour. Come join us!

Sunday August 13: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: *TBA*
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Sunday August 20: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: TBA
- Ushers: Sef Fox, Jack Holzman, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Zionna Bakken (8/13), Mira Parker (8/14), Jen Sauer (8/15), Sara Natysin (8/16) and Bob Degnan (8/17) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Ashley & Dave Natysin (8/16), Corie & Dieter Bradley (8/17) and Diane & Greg Zeman (8/17) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- August 13: WELS Wind Ensemble "Celebrate America!" summer concert. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Beaver Dam. Free admission and hot dog supper. Air conditioned. Ample parking. 4:00 pm.
- August 16: Adult Bible Study, 6:30 7:30 pm
- August 29: Choir practice begins, 6:00 7:30 pm
- September 3: Sunday Worship services return to 8:00 & 10:30 time.
- September 10: New school year for Sunday school and teen class begins.
- November 10 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip