

Eleventh Sunday After *Pentecost*

August 13, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music *Organ Sonata in G* Domenico Scarlatti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW 756

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for Reflection

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise *Glory be to God in Heaven* Page 204

Prayer of the Day

God of grace, yours are the eyes that see us. Yours are the hands that save us. And yours is the love that heals us. Catch us in your wide embrace and keep us from sinking, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45

Give thanks to the Lord and call up- | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord a- | mong the peoples.

**Sing to the | Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**

Glory in God's | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice.

**Search for the strength | of the Lord;
continually | seek God's face.**

Remember the marvels | God has done,
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.**

Then God called for a famine | in the land
and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.

**The Lord sent a | man before them,
Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.**

They bruised his | feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an | iron collar.

**Until his prediction | came to pass,
the word of the Lord | tested him.**

The king sent | and released him;
the ruler of the peoples | set him free,

**setting him as a master o- | ver his household,
as a ruler over all | his possessions,**

to instruct his princes according | to his will
and to teach his | elders wisdom.

**that they might | keep your statutes
and observe your teachings. | Hallelujah!**

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Sermon

"A Hand Reaches Out"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day*Healer of our Every Ill*

ELW 612

Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements**Sharing of the Peace****Music at the Offering***God Himself is Present*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" forward during the Offertory Response)

Recognition and Blessing for those in Healing Ministries | Prayers of the People

(We invite all medical practitioners to come forward during the prayers)

Congregational response following each prayer petition: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

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Busy Bags filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

Bulletins & Coloring Sheets are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors.

Noisy Offering

Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response. This offering supports the Sunday School Ministry and is collected every Sunday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Liturgist:	Sumner Musolf
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Mark Johns
Lector	Lee Newcomer
Greeters:	Dave Myhre & Susan Baker
Sacristan:	Kim Sannerud
Ushers:	Chin Team

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