

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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PRESERVICE

OPENING HYMN

“GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD”

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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as

hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM 34:4-8; ANTIPHON: V. 1

I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
 and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,
 and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
 and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

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? ⁸“Or 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?’ ¹²“Have 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. ¹⁶"Have 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 34:9, 19 ALT.

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:22-33

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

C Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE” (ALT V. 2-3) 717

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy, **G** Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Andy Birkholz	+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Phyllis Ernst	+ Sonya Clausen
+ Scott Christenson	+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Cheryl Lueck	+ Maya Radtke
+ Blake and Leah Krienke	

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OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 194-199

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar. If you would still like to come forward to receive a blessing, please signify so by crossing your arms.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE"	617
"JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME"	715
"GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY"	765

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 127

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Blake Charles Krienke and Leah Michelle Kohls, who were united in marriage yesterday.
- 2. HYMNALS ARE IN** – If you ordered a hymnal, they have arrived. They are located on the desk in the Upper Narthex. Payment of \$20.00 per hymnal should be made to the church.
- 3. CPH BIBLE SALE** – Concordia Publishing House is currently offering 25% off on Bibles of all shapes and sizes. You may view them on cph.org. If you need help ordering, please contact the church office.
- 4. LWML** – It's time to collect items for School Kits that will be sent to Orphan Grain Train to distribute to kids who need them. The following are items requested by OGT. They ask not to deviate from this list. There is a sample kit on the LWML table. Light weight back packs (new or gently used). Spiral notebook (70 sheet), Pencils, Pens (like Bic), Construction Paper, 24 Count Crayons, 12" Ruler, Glue Sticks, Child Scissors, Eraser, 12 Count Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpener, Single Pocket Folder. Place items in the bin below the table. You may also donate cash and we'll purchase the items. Thank you for your continued support to the mission work of the LWML.

5. CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION – 7th and 8th Grade will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 pm.

6. SAVE THE DATE – Rally Sunday September 13th, "Lift High the Cross". Join us for our exciting new Sunday School curriculum!

7. THANK YOU to the many students and adults who helped make this year's VBS a success!

Adult leaders/helpers: Vicki Heldt, Jane Holasek, Amanda Streufert, Patsy Schauer, Pam Barlau, Lajean Hoof, Keyla Parpart, Mya Eckstein, Laura Beste, Jane Roth, Pastor Barlau, Pastor Bliss, and Pastor Arndt.

Student helpers: Krayton Ruschmeyer, Miriam Barlau, Lakely Thompson, Wyatt Thompson, Emmitt Christen, Hayley Schmalz, Greta Schmalz, Emily Garfunkel, Ella Novotny, and Johnny Schauer.

8. SCHEDULE – *August 16* ~ Ushers: Ethan Schultz, Chip Hentges; Acolytes: M. Vazquez, A. Vazquez; Greeters- Gary & Larisa Kosek; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Altar Guild: Rachel Barlau, Megan Salden; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug 9	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.
	10:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting
Mon. Aug 10	6:00 p.m.	Board Meetings
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed. Aug 12	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. Aug 16	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION