

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 16, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #566: By Grace I'm Saved

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

P: God is in His holy habitation;

C: **[He] settles the solitary in a home.**

P: The God of Israel—He is the one

C: **who gives power and strength to His people.**

P: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered;

C: **and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!**

P: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

C: **they shall be jubilant with joy!**

P: O God, when You went out before Your people,

C: **in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.**

P: Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

C: **God is our salvation.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: God is in His holy habitation;
C: **[He] settles the solitary in a home.**
P: The God of Israel—He is the one
C: **who gives power and strength to His people.**

Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: 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.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain,

"Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 (ESV)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Hymn #565: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Sermon

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have given us the promise of eternal life! Fill our hearts and minds with the knowledge of our true wealth and security, so that we would not cling to worldly riches that pass away but share them generously to serve our neighbor and spread Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #618: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
2. #680: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
3. #814: O Bless the Lord, My Soul
4. #821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Thank the Lord (sung) (stand)

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Hymn #576: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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