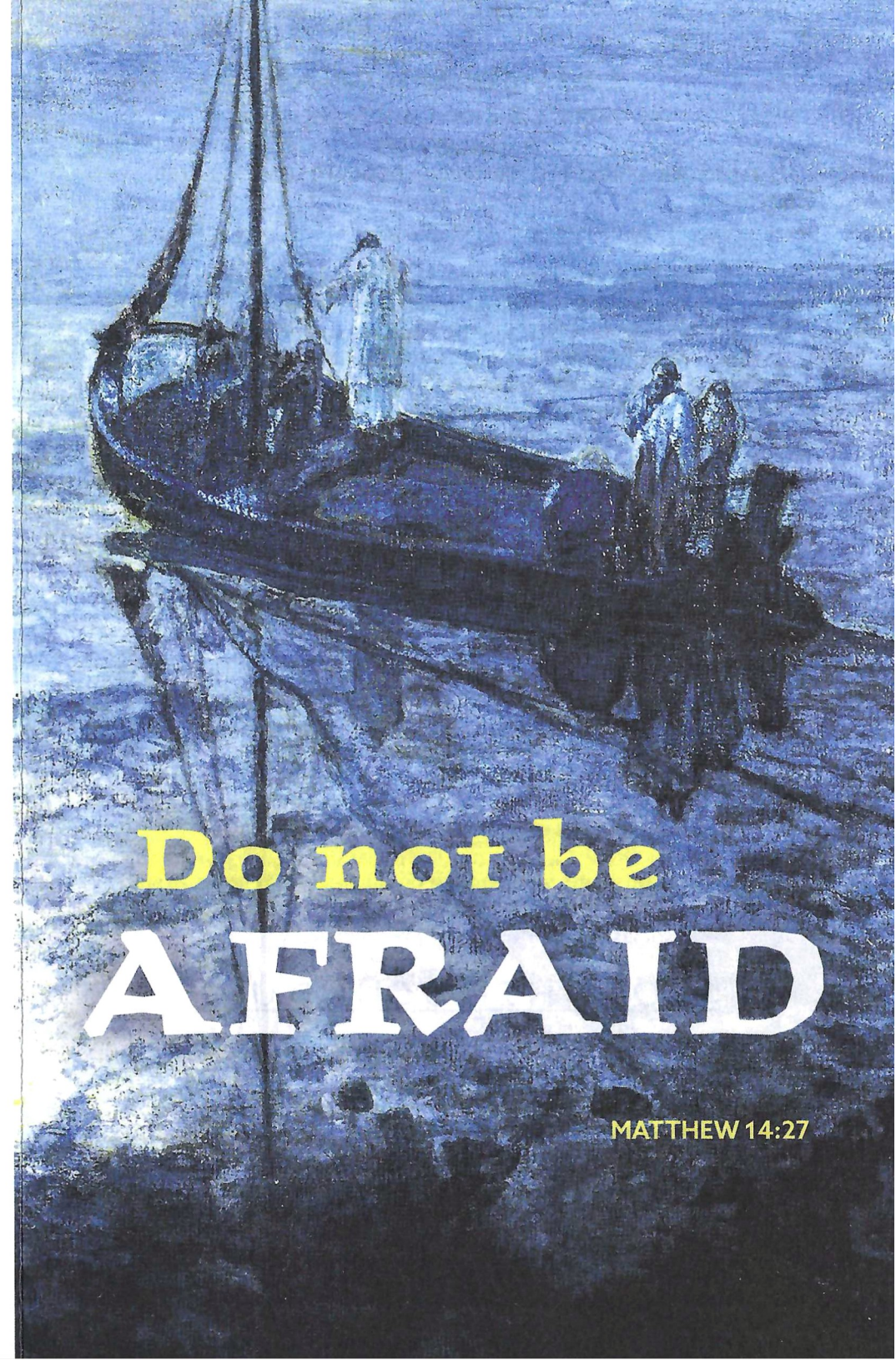




Do not be AFRAID

MATTHEW 14:27

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Leannah Comer, Todd Edgerton, Martha Harlow, Danny Lindamood, Anna Nilsen, Sherrie Ritenour, ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve and Linda Campbell, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Carla Eickenhorst, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Mike Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich McMinn, Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We lift in prayer the family of Nancy Bowers, who passed away at Life Care Center on Tuesday night and whose service will be this coming Tuesday at 1 PM at Heishman's in Woodstock. We especially ask the Lord to draw close to all those who are mourning the earthly loss of this oldest generation. May the Holy Spirit be at work in the remembrance of the faith they lived and continue to bear witness to the saving gift of Jesus Christ dying on the cross.

We also remember our Shenandoah County Public Schools as staff have already been working hard preparing for the new school year. Classes will begin on Wednesday.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: August 16 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.
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DID YOU KNOW ?

Matthias replaced Judas Iscariot as an apostle
(Acts 1:23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who or what is God? During August, our **Wednesday in the Word** study group will search scripture and discuss the presence and nature of God. We meet at 6 PM on Wednesdays at Zion and there is always a chair waiting for you!

Spring Forward will return for year 19 soon. We will be registering students for S/Y 2026-27 on Tues., Sept. 29, with the first session scheduled for Tues., Oct. 6. Thank you for praying that we continue to bless youngsters in this after-school tutoring/enrichment program.

Spring Forward is collecting Tic Tac containers for using with the study of sand. Please save these empty containers and leave them on the front pew. Thank You.

Tools for Teachers! "Just Because" is continuing to welcome donations of the most requested items by teachers: Expo Dry-Erase markers, glue sticks, #2 pencils, index cards, Post-It notes and scissors. **Purchase them today and you can save on the tax!** These items can be brought to the collection sites at each church.

Looking Ahead: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mark Ludlow will speak at the Edinburg Heritage Center (formerly St. Paul UCC) regarding ground penetrating radar. This technology allows you to identify where people have been buried and we are considering using his services for a portion of the Zion cemetery. Come join us to learn more! Also, **mark your calendar** for our **Wreaths Across America** meeting date on **Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 a.m.** We will review ideas and rehearse for our 3rd year, which will be on December 19 at 11:30 a.m.

You never know what you'll be asked! Our new neighbors at the parsonage are looking to re-home the former owner's goldfish from the outside pool. Seven fish are wondering if you have any ideas where they might live? Let Pastor Katie know by Wednesday.

Are you feeling handy? Pastor Katie is looking for help to replace her mailbox. She has the box but isn't sure if the old hardware will work. Let her know if you might help.



11th Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church

August 9, 2026 + 11 AM

Welcome ...today our pictures look back to August 9, 2020 ...when COVID was changing our way of worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 is kept 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.**

Assurance and Forgiveness

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, 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**

Gathering Hymn

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear Thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



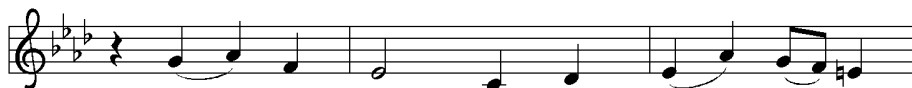
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today's Readings

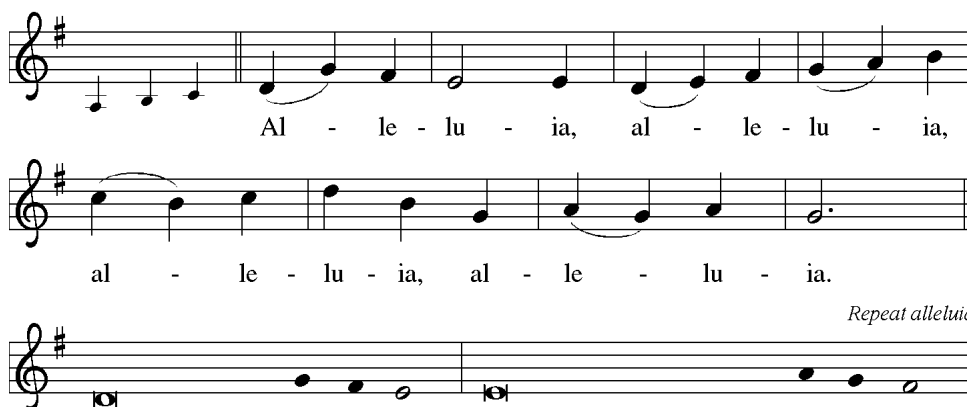
1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85

Romans 10:5-15

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th, beginning with the 1st verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of
the Lord.

**Praise to You,
O Christ.**

Sermon





1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.



Offering

Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all You have made is good, and
Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from
the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these
gifts, that we might be for the world signs of Your
gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the
choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Words of Consecration +



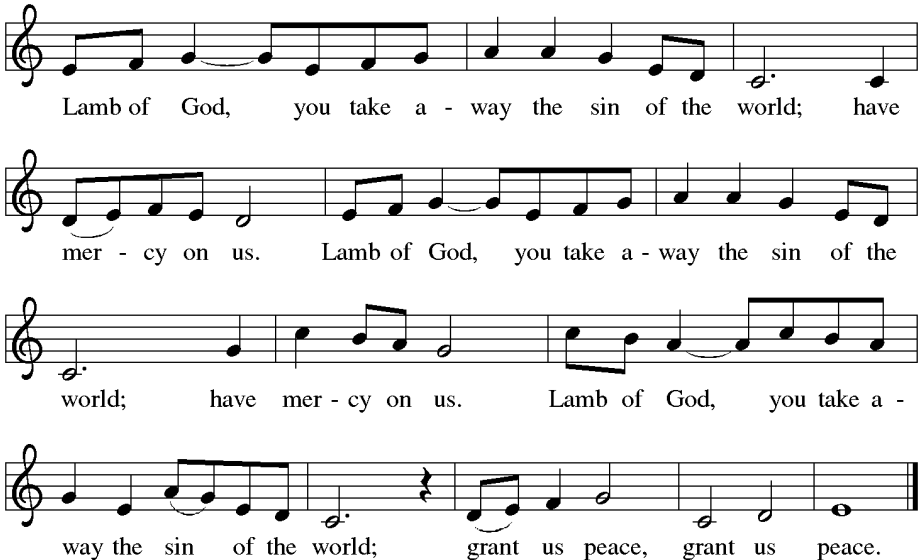
The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence, there is fullness of joy.
Come, share in His presence.

Sharing in Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

Communion Dismissal

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give You thanks, most gracious God, that You have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be Your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* # 756

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Sending

Go in peace and serve with love.
Thanks be to God.





and righteousness
shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Second Reading

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘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 one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,

Gospel

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,

¹³Righteousness shall go
before the LORD
and shall prepare
for God a pathway.

Romans 10:5-15

and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Matthew 14:22-33

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter 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, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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?” ¹⁰He 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.”

¹¹He 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, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When 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?” ¹⁴He 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.” ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13; tone 2



I will listen to what
the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace
to your faithful people
and to those
who turn their hearts to you.
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near
to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell
in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness
have met together;
righteousness and peace
have kissed each other.
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up
from the earth,

continued