



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 9, 2026 10:45 BLENDED 2

Welcome

As We Gather (show during prelude)

Do you remember the old advertising slogan – “You’re in Good Hands with All State?” Well folks today we are reminded that we are in the best hands – God’s hands.”

Opening Song "Rejoice"

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

With each breath He's given
praise the Lord
In these times we live in
we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives

With each breath He's given
praise the Lord
In these times we live in
we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
to praise the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

With each breath He's given
praise the Lord
In these times we live in
we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
to praise the Lord
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 91:1–13

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵**You will not fear the terror of the night,**
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,**
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷**A thousand may fall at your side,**
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Confession and Absolution

A Despite God's call for us to stand firm, we have failed to do so. Despite God's gift of eternal comfort, we have sought temporal comforts that have led us away from Him. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and seek His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have placed our hope in the things of this world. We have looked for comfort from idols of our own making rather than from You. We have faltered and fallen and failed. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake, He restores your hope and comfort. 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. We are forgiven. We have eternal comfort in Jesus.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Song of Forgiveness "My Chains are Gone" SSP 39

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

Merciful Father, whom Your Son has taught to call You and to pray, hear the prayers of Your people and grant us all good things in accordance with Your will, not for our sake but for the sake of the name of Christ, in whom we are made bold to pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

C Glory to You, 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."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Song "This is the Day"

This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made
(that the Lord has made).
I will rejoice
(I will rejoice)
and be glad in it
(and be glad in it.)

This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made.

This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made
(that the Lord has made).
I will rejoice
(I will rejoice)
and be glad in it
(and be glad in it.)

This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made.

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "I Know My Faith is Founded"

I know my faith is founded

On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;

And this my faith confessing,

Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.

Our reason cannot fathom

The truth of God profound;

Who trusts in human wisdom

Relies on shifting ground.

God's Word is all-sufficient,

It makes divinely sure;

And trusting in its wisdom,

My faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior,

For Satan seeks by night and day

To rob me of this treasure

And take my hope of bliss away.

But, Lord, with You beside me,

I shall be undismayed;

And led by Your good Spirit,

I shall be unafraid.

Abide with me, O Savior,

A firmer faith bestow;

Then I shall bid defiance

To ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

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Message "You're in Good Hands" Psalm 91:1-13

Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever.
- A** For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,
- C O Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. Heal with Your mercy those we lift before You *Deane Peters, Rick Miller, John Haubold, Jan Peterson, Carla Weikert, Robert Wood, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Joseph Davis*. For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A For this congregation, during this Pastoral call process and granting your wisdom to our Call Committee and Staff during this vacancy. Knowing God is God and that we have been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with generosity toward God and others. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, John, Mary Kay. Lizzie Dagg, Doug & Judy Dalrymple, Mike & Carol Danner, Bruce, Lori, Joseph Davis. Bless the children of our CLC, Evelyn, Easton, Rhett, Aviola, along with their parents and our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God’s sanctified and thankful people. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations. In mercy, let us pray...

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offerings are Received: Mary Miller "Even If"

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

Communion Instructions

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

C Thank you, Lord, for blessing us that we might be a blessing to others.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

"We Proclaim Your Death" SSP 9

L The Mystery of Faith

C We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again

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Song of Forgiveness "Lamb of God" SSP 10

L Lamb of God,

C You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

L Lamb of God,
C You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

L Lamb of God,
C You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.

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Distribution Song "Thy Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)" SSP 92

My dwelling place is God Most High
My refuge and my fortress
When plague and pestilence draw nigh
I'm hidden in His presence

When terrors fall and arrows fly
His shield will be my safety
When stones across my pathway lie
On angels' wings I'm carried

My dwelling place is God Most High
A present help in danger
I rest secure in Love's pure light,
Beneath My Master's favor

He pulled me from the fowler's snare
Where sin and shame had bound me
Deceived I made my refuge there,
Till fearless He came for me

Wonderful, powerful,
my hope and my defender
Mighty God, Emmanuel,
my dwelling place forever

My dwelling place is God Most High
I'll never seek another
For I am His and He is mine
My heart He'll keep forever

I know the Name on Whom I call
He promises to answer
With life he satisfies my soul
And crowns me with his pleasure

Wonderful, powerful,
my hope and my defender
Mighty God, Emmanuel,
my dwelling place forever

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Distribution Hymn "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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Distribution Hymn "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Song of Blessing "Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

+ FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO A RON AND BEVERLY DUPREE +

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Ron DuPree, our DCE, has accepted a call to a new field of service in the Church. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.
- A** ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- A** ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Blessèd shall you be in the city,
and blessèd shall you be in the field.
Blessèd shall you be when you come in,
and blessèd shall you be when you go out.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

**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 O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on our congregation and school, its parents and children, through Your servants Ron and Beverly. By Your Word and Spirit preserve them in the one true faith. Grant Ron faithfulness in his new field of service and a readiness to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and skill for those he serves to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

Benediction

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song "Still" SSP 47

Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood

I will be still and know
You are God

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God
I will be still and know
You are God

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Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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