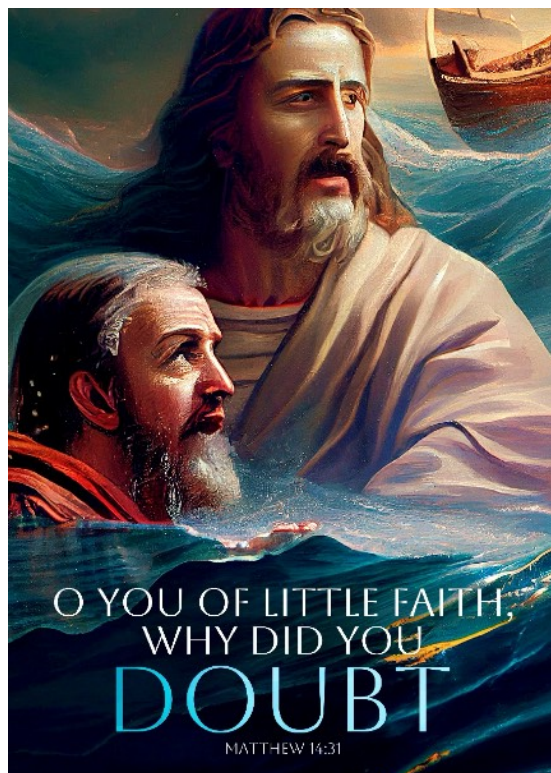


## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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**Prayer Upon Entering Church:** O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**About This Service:** The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

**Are My Children Welcome?** Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

**Visitors:** Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

**Communion Statement:** All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

**Ring of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn TLH 245 "God Loved the World So That He Gave" Δ**

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,  
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done,  
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.**

**If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Δ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! Amen.**

### **The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH**

**Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**Confession of Sins TLH Page 16**

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution TLH Page 16**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: [Sung] Amen.**

**Introit** (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

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

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

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

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

P: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,  
and delivers them.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**Gloria Patri:** *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie:** *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect**

*TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

*(prayed together)* – **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.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading – Job 38:4-18

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.”

### Epistle Reading – Romans 10:5-17

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But 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); <sup>9</sup>because, 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. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But 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? <sup>15</sup>And 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!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**Gradual** (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: 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.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...* **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

**The Nicene Creed** *TLH Page 22*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn** *TLH 258 "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"*

**Lord of our life and God of our salvation, Star of our night and Hope of every nation,  
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication, Lord God Almighty.**

**See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling; See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.  
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling, Thou canst preserve us.**

**Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth; Lord, Thou canst save when sin assaileth;  
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth; Grant us Thy peace, Lord:**

**Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging; Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;  
Peace when the world its busy war is waging. Calm Thy foes' raging.**

**Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven; Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven, Peace in Thy heaven. Amen.**

**The Sermon**

**Offertory**

*TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Preface:** *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**The Sanctus:** *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** *TLH Page 27*

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

**The Distribution** *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

**Distribution Hymns TLH 329 “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”**

From depths of woe I cry to Thee, Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, My prayer let come before Thee.  
If Thou rememberest each misdeed, If each should have its rightful meed,  
Who may abide Thy presence?

Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand, But all must fear Thy strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

And though it tarry till the night And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken.  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
Wait for your God's appearing.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow. Amen.

**TLH 297 “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”**

The Gospel shows the Father’s grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And call the souls with guilt opprest To come and find eternal rest.

It brings the Savior’s righteousness Our souls to robe in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the power of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.

It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The heavy-laden souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.

May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our Righteousness! Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

*TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31**

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 294 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky—  
We praise Thee for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world;  
It is the chart and compass That o'er life's surging sea,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old!  
Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face! Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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# WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO: THE INTROIT

The word “Introit” comes from the Latin of Psalm 43:4, “I will go to the alter of God” (*introibo ad altare Dei*). The Introit in the Divine Service is a collection of Psalm verses either spoken or chanted at the beginning of the liturgy. It changes week to week with the changing of the Scripture readings, and you can often see the major theme in our readings already showing up in these Psalm verses.

The Introit, though it comes after the Confession and Absolution, is the beginning of what is called the Service of the Word (the portion of our liturgy that begins with the Introit and continues until Service of the Sacrament begins after the Prayers). As such, the Service of the Word is already preparing us to receive the Sacrament. In the Introit, we are beginning the journey up to the altar to receive Christ’s body and blood. That is why during Confession and Absolution the pastor is towards the front of the chancel and then for the Introit makes his way to the altar.

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Hymn #245: Scripture: John 3:16; Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt; God Loved The World So That He Gave; Author unknown: (1791, cento);

Translator: August Crull († 1923, alt.); Tune: St. Crispin; Composer: George J. Elvey (1862).

Hymn #258: Text: Psalm 79:9; Christe, du Beistand; Lord of Life And God Of Our Salvation; Author: Matthaus A. Von Lowenstein, 1644;

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Hymn #329: Scripture: Psalm 130; Aus tiefer Not schrei’ ich zu dir; From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee; Author: Martin Luther; Translator:

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Hymn #297: Scripture: John 3:16; The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace; Author: Matthias Loy (1863); Tune: Herr Jesu Christ, dich;

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Hymn #294: Text: Psalm 119:105; Author: William W. How, 1867; Tune: Munich; Source: “Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch”, Meiningen, 1693.

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## Catechism Recitation for the Week:

### Table of Duties: To Wives

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Eph. 5:22

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5–6

## Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 40
- **Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 1
- **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 2
- **Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 3
- **Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 4
- **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 5
- **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Timothy 6

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**Prayer for Departing Church:** O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ’s sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.