



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Rev. Joshua W. Rau, Pastor

A warm welcome to all today!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their bulletins, and sing & speak loudly!

We value the noise made by our children!

We have a nursery available in our education building with a video feed of our service.

Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please sign our Guest Register and feel free to fill out a “welcome slip” in the pews.

Please come again!!

Serving In Worship

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Jeff Long*

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Special Music: *Chris Cranford*
Keagan Zschille

Greeters: *Chris & Kelly Cranford*

Altar Flowers: *Heather Beggs*

Last Week's Numbers	
Attendance-85	Offering-\$3,511

We Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and our shut-ins and homebound members. May God's grace surround them with comfort and care.

Mary Lou Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Jeffrey Kies, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Cindy Smith

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

***Indicates congregation please stand if able**

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***TRINITY CHIMES** *(at the sound of the chimes, please stand)*

***INTROIT** *“Come With Rejoicing”*

Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
those who would worship in spirit and truth.
Come with your singing, come with Thanksgiving,
Jesus our Savior has made all things new.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elijah stood at the mouth of the cave, waiting for the Lord to pass by.
Not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in a still, small voice.

Peter cried out across the storm, "Lord, save me!"
And a hand reached out to steady him.

Come, let us listen for the voice of God amid our own winds and waves.
We come to worship the God who speaks in silence and saves in the storm. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

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***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting in the mercy of God, who in Jesus Christ meets us in our brokenness, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

Merciful God, we confess that 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, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have turned aside from Your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us from our sin, and renew in us a right spirit, that we may walk in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the good news: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all you sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Crawford and Keagan Zschille

FIRST READING

Isaiah 30:19-21

SECOND READING

James 1:5-6

SERMON

“On the Other End”

***SERMON HYMN**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

THANKSGIVING

God’s gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

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***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *“As We Go”*

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***POSTLUDE**

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

AS WE GO

As we go may Your Spirit go before us
As we go may we follow where You lead
May we live what we have learned
Share the message we have heard
And be a light unto the world as we go

Church Choir Invitation

It's time to lift our voices together again!

The church choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 19** and **Wednesday, September 2** in preparation for our first Sunday singing in worship on **September 13**.

Whether you've sung with us before or would like to join for the first time, we would love to have you be part of the choir family. Come share your gifts, enjoy fellowship, and help us lead worship through music.

We look forward to seeing you at practice!

Kelly Crawford, Choir Director



THIS WEEK

Today

8:00 am-Church Council Meeting

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jeff Long

Wed., August 12

6:00 pm-Budget Meeting

Sun., August 16

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ann Mowery

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to YouTube and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship 10:10 a.m.