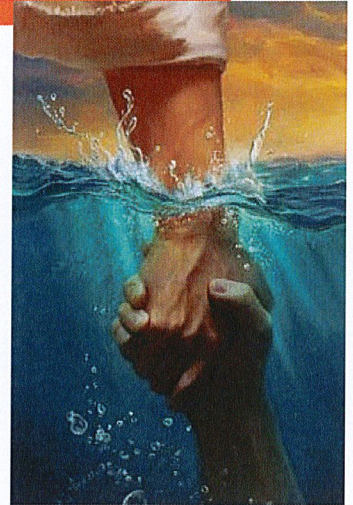


Grace Devotion

Week of August 9, 2026

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, ^[b] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

(Matthew 14:28-33 NRSVUE)



Dear friends,

Sometimes in life, we focus on the things that just aren't important. In the moment though, they are the things that we cling to—the things that we feel we can control. Peter stepped out of the boat because he was focused on Jesus. But, as soon as he noticed the wind and the waves around him, his attention shifted. The storm became bigger than Jesus who called him. How often do we do the same thing? We begin with faith and courage. We trust that God is leading us. But then, we notice the challenges, the uncertainty, or the things that are out of our control. Slowly, often without our realizing it, our focus moves from God's presence to our fears. The beautiful part of this story is that when Peter begins to sink, Jesus doesn't walk away. Instead, Jesus immediately reaches out his hand to catch him. Even in the moments when our faith feels small, God is still present. Even when we lose sight of Jesus in midst of our own battles, Jesus never loses sight of us. May we remember that the storms around us don't have the final word. Jesus, who calls us forward, is also the same one who reaches out to hold us.

Prayer:

Faithful God, Thank You for the gift of Your Word— for its challenge, its comfort, and its hope. Let it not just be something we hear, but something that changes us from the inside out. Help us to walk from this place with hearts softened, eyes opened, and hands ready to serve. Amen.

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

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August 9, 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Westminster Chimes and Prelude Welcome/Announcements	
Lord's Prayer Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace Celebration of Our Gifts ** Offertory Response: "Doxology" ** Prayer of Dedication	#53 #625
**+ "Give Me Your Eyes" ** Call to Worship Lector: These past few weeks, we have walked a journey together.	#382
Congregation: God has met us along the way. Lector: We have taken steps of faith. Congregation: God has guided our path. Lector: We have faced questions and challenges. Congregation: God has shaped us through the journey.	Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:13-21
Lector: We have been changed by God's grace. Lector: Today, we open our hearts and our eyes. Congregation: We worship the God who walks with us and continues to lead us forward.	Time for the Young at Heart Message: "When We Can't See the Whole Story"
** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud) Gracious God, Thank You for walking with us and shaping us along the way. Open our hearts and our eyes to Your presence today. Continue to guide us, change us, and lead us in Your love. Amen	Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus) (<i>on the screen</i>) Holy Communion **Prayer of Thanksgiving Loving God, Thank You for meeting us at this table once again. Thank You for the bread that reminds us that we are nourished by Your grace and the cup that reminds us that we are deeply loved. Help us carry that love into the world around us and may it shape the way we care for others this week. Amen
**° Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" ** Sharing the Peace of Christ Joys and Concerns Praying for Others	**+ "Your Grace Is Enough" ** Final Blessing ** "A Choral Benediction" Postlude ** Please stand, if you are able. + Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

Announcements

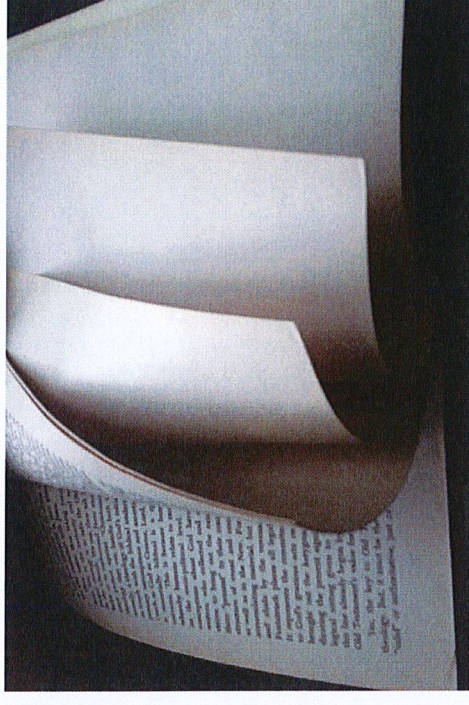
- Please consider sharing your talents by hosting snacks in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings or acting as Lector. Both sign-up sheets can be found in the Gathering Place on the bulletin board.
- **5th Sundays Are Special – August 30th!** Join us for a special outdoor worship service, Continental Breakfast Potluck and our Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases as we prepare for a new school year. Enjoy a morning of worship, fellowship, and community!
- Join us for Blessing of the Pets September 12th @ 1:00 PM
- Confirmation & Sunday School Kick off, September 13th @ 9:00 AM
- **Congregational Meeting After Services on August 16th to vote on fixing the flat roof on the parsonage**

Upcoming Events

- Second Saturday Share – Games – August 8th @ 1:00 PM
- Women's Ministry – ZOOM – August 12th @ 7:30 PM
- Monthly Movie – August 14th @ 3:00 PM
- Congregational Meeting – After Services – August 16th
- Women's Ministry – In Person – August 26th @ 7:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Meeting – August 10th @ 11 AM
- Consistory Meeting – August 10th @ 5:00 PM
- Worship & Music Meeting – August 24th @ 3:30 PM
- Faith Formation Meeting – August 24th @ 5:00 PM
- Finance Committee Meeting – August 25th @ 1:00 PM



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

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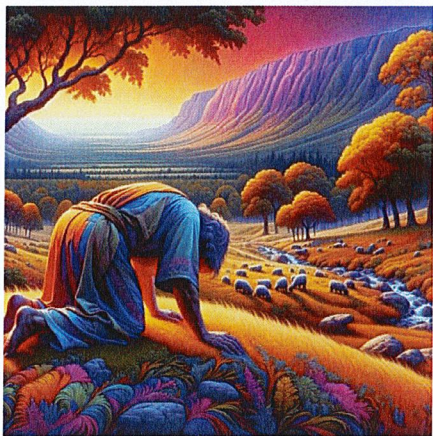
Lector - Jenn Weaver

Guest Pianist – Grace Neilson

Head Usher – Chelsey Topper, Vickie Arnold, Joleen Fennel

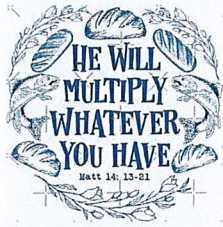
At Christ's table, all are welcome. Our bread and juice are always gluten-free so everyone may share in this meal.

GENESIS 37:1-4,14-28



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Devoured	Potiphar	Waterpit	Brothers	Jealousy
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Camels	Dothan	Flocks	Silver	Canaan
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MATTHEW 14:13-21

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