

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026 - 9:30 am

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

All: To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

Greeting

Prayer of the Day L: O God our defender, **C: 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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595 vs. 1

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [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.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

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, 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Welcome Song ***"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."***

Children's Message & Sermon

Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

Offering

Gratitude for your tithes, gifts, offerings, & all the ways you are at work in the world for the sake of Christ +

Prayers of the People

response, L: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Communion Welcome: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

Dismissal L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

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We Thank

Ushers

Pianist: RaNae Martinson

We remember in our prayers:

Nordland: Jerrod Quade (upcoming surgery/recovery), Kathy Chesness (illness), Terry Porter (illness), Susan Pederson (knee replacement), Philip Bergstrom (long term care), Joan Schmidt, Nordland's Call Committee;

Friends: Maggie & Michael Kihui (terminal illness), Jacob & Emily Peterson (fertility), Carol Rohr (illness), Wilder Christenson (infant illness), Nick Carlson (kidney transplant), Bob Olson (illness), Family of Bill Holzer (brother of Nancy Powers)

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today	9:30 / 10:30	Outdoor Worship / Fellowship
	3 – 7:30 pm	BBQ Bash, freewill donation, bring your lawn chair
Wed.	5:30 / 6 pm	Summer Bible Study at Trinity LC, Grove City
Sat.	8:00 am	Men in the Basement
Sun.	9:30 / 10:30	Worship / Fellowship

Salem Fest is today Aug. 9, at Salem Historical Church, 28547 220th St. Paynesville. Potluck picnic begins at 12:30 pm, please bring a dish to share. Program at 2 pm "Bonse Aba", men's quartet. Root beer floats will follow. An offering will be received to help maintain and preserve Salem Church.

BBQ Bash is today, Aug. 9, 3 -7:30 pm. T-shirts are \$20 each, please mark your payment "BBQ Bash T-shirt". Entertainment: Josie Sanken, 3- 5 pm & Custom Made Band 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Menu: Burgers, smoked chicken, sweet corn, chips & pop. Other refreshments available. Donations this year will be used for Building Updates & Renovations. Sign up for helpers & tents in the entry. Thank you in advance for all of your help! We appreciate it!!! Please join us for a fun afternoon with family & friends & neighbors.

Summer Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grove City, 5:30 pm light meal and Gather study "I am worthy" will follow at 6 pm, Pr. Donna Putney will lead the study.

Benefit for Nick Carlson, (son of Kathy Pickle) at Calvary Church, Willmar on Sat. Aug. 15, 11 am – 2 pm. Free will Offering Lunch, Bake Sale, & Live Auction at Noon. Nick is on the kidney transplant list. (see poster for info.)

Dear Nordland Lutheran Church Family,

Grace and peace to you!

Your Call Committee would like to provide an update on our search for our next pastor. Since May, we have been meeting monthly and have been faithfully working through the call process together. During these meetings, we have spent time in prayer, discussed our congregation's needs and hopes, and taken the next steps outlined in the ELCA call process.

This is a thoughtful and prayerful journey, and we are committed to seeking the person God is calling to serve alongside our congregation. While we know many of you are eager for updates, we also want to respect the confidentiality that is an important part of the call process for both candidates and congregations.

We continue to prayerfully discern where God is leading us. Although we cannot predict the timeline, we are making steady progress and remain hopeful for what lies ahead. We ask for your continued prayers for God's guidance and wisdom for the Call Committee.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers throughout this process. We trust that God is at work, even in the waiting, and we look forward to sharing more information as we are able.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

God's peace,

The Nordland Lutheran Church Call Committee