

Worship
Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost
August 2, 2026
9:00am



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

L. Welcome in the name of the holy Trinity, one God whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Shout to the Lord"*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L. Let us confess our sin to God, trusting in God's unfailing compassion.

Silence for reflection

L. Compassionate God,

C. **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L. Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"What a Beautiful Name it is"*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ. What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, is with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. O God our defender, 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.

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

BIBLE READING Matthew 14:24-33

Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

L. The Word of the Lord,

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: **No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing the prayer song before and after the prayer petitions

**The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.
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OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERING SONG *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Special Music

SONG *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Refrain: **Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. *Refrain*

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a
blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have
blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

SENDING

L. Hope is alive.
Go and share the Good News.

C. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Members

Cole Steele, waiting for kidney donor
Randy Sell, cancer treatment
Josh Karels, hospitalized after liver transplant surgery
Family & friends of Jodi Sonnichsen, grieving her death

Friends & Family of Members

Richard DeGrote, hospice (father of Angie Huizel)