



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

These summer months take us through the heart of the Gospel according to St. Matthew (selections from chapters 11–16), and in these texts we learn more about the heart of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our compassionate Savior invites us to “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28 ESV). What is the kind of life and rest Jesus invites us to experience with Him as He reigns as our Savior King? *This is Part 7 of a year-long series, “A Year in Matthew.”*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 722 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

BAPTISM OF ALEXANDER & HENRY BEUMER (8:00 am)

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by

His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

P Those who look to him are radiant,

C and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

C and saved him out of all his troubles.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C and delivers them.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

C (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text with tune, see page 204.

C (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Colossians 2:6–7*

C As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4–18*

After Job pleads for a reason for all the tragedies he has endured, God gives him an answer. Yet, God does not directly address Job's questions. Instead, God asserts that He is the all-powerful, all-knowing God. He is far beyond what we, with our human limitations, can comprehend.

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ ¹²“Have

you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17*

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Our purpose as God's people is to make that name known through the preaching of the word of Christ.

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But 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); ⁹because, 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not

be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.*

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33*

Jesus walks on water, demonstrating His power over the forces of creation.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain

by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth

watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the

water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal. (10:30 am)*

SERMON HYMN 717 *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

SERMON *The Heart of the Gospel: "Power to Save"*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 739, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 208 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true

body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 720 *"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

HYMN 715 *"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"*

HYMN 731 *"O God, Forsake Me Not"*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 211–212.

CLOSING HYMN 739 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: Today's Gospel reading captures our imaginations because, in it, someone other than Jesus walks on water—for a brief moment. This detail stirs our imaginations and helps explain why so many devotions and sermons focus on Peter walking on water. "Step out in faith," and "You can't walk on water if you

don't get out of the boat," are familiar themes. But this misses the most important point. Jesus—His power, His loving salvation, and His faithfulness despite our lack of faith—is the great lesson for us today.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Emerson Rankin, *Organist*

Tytus Lark, Konner McKnight, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Kiefer Lange, Evan Rankin, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Phillip & Rachel Lange, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Kathy Schnakenberg, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

John Beerman, Jeff Bingham, Chris Gerds, Andy Jones, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Gloria Driver, Debbie Woodall, Brenda Frerking, Mark Tolias, Ruth Rode-wald, Rebecca Camp, Sandy Alvey, Ann Wolters, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Arleen Fiene, Trisha Boland, Annette Kirchhoff, Karol Meyer, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Susan Reeves, Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhause, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people of United Arab Emirates

Partners in Mission: Timothy Lutheran Church; Blue Springs, MO and Rev. Kendall Meyer and Rev. Ryan Hochgrebe, LCMS Missouri District

Birthdays: (8/9) Randy Frerking, Richard Frerking, Sam Hafley, Dorothea Mueller, Jana Mueller; (8/10) Betty Dedeke, Marilyn Galloway; (8/11) Tylan Thomas; (8/12) Tim Denk, Donald Fiene, Travis Moore; (8/13) Gena Brackman, Karon Meineka; (8/14) Cassady Close, Dale Dieckhoff, Elias Harper, Alessandra Oetting, Jeremy Sayre, Troy Steinkuhler; (8/15) Amy Gerds, Michael Heins, Lydia Kirchhoff, Nathan Meyer, Bruce Strobel

Anniversaries: (8/9) Jeffrey & Hannah Bingham, Rev. Leslie & Yvonne Mitkos, Ronald & Cindy Stuenkel; (8/10) Matthew & Katherine Drefs, Gene & Judy Rittman; (8/12) Jeremy & Blair Sayre; (8/13) Jonathan & Becky Haase; (8/14) Ty & Gloria Flandermeyer, Troy & Stacey Steinkuhler

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

Which way do I go? Question Siri? Check Google maps? Ask Alexa? Consult someone who has been there before? It depends upon what we are searching for. What about those personal life decisions? We do not necessarily choose the circumstances that come into our life, but we can choose how we react to them. Does it make us a bitter person or a better person? Think of Moses. Think of Joseph. We all come up against crises in our lifetime. These crises may produce feelings of fear, anger, confusion, or overwhelmedness, and they might steal enormous amounts of time and energy away from us. Stress and worry creep in even with the best of intentions. God is our source of strength. We know that, but our actions dictate to what level we experience that strength. We feel drained and distracted. Do we let those feelings draw us away from God, or do those feelings motivate us to run into His open arms? That is really our choice. God is constantly reaching out to us and extending His gifts. How do we receive them? We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work faith in our hearts and cultivate that love for our Savior knowing that in Him is where we find our true strength, comfort, and peace. Seek your Savior, stay connected, be present in His Word, do not be rerouted, and have confidence that God's got you!

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8; Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32; Matthew 15:21–28
Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 653, 571, 770 (*My First Hymnal* 88), 851, 795, 848



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