

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Jean Welch, piano – “It Is Well with My Soul,” arr. Bliss

GATHERING

Call to Worship with Our Youth

L: Welcome! We gather today in the name of our triune God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Lord God, we gather in the middle of our busy lives. We are busy with school, work, family, and more. Some of us are tired and overwhelmed. Some of us are afraid and frustrated. We lay our burdens at your feet.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

L: Lord God, we come to church today to worship you. We give you our music, our songs, our prayers, and our time. You are worthy of all our praise and we worship you.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

L: Lord God, we come and give you thanks. We see your glory in the beautiful colors of fall and know that you hold everything in your hands. Thank you for caring for us and for all you have made.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

L: Lord God, we come and ask for your forgiveness. We know we make mistakes that hurt others and ourselves. We think other things are more important than you. You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Please forgive us for our failures and help us walk with you.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

L: Lord God, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Even though we sin again and again, in compassion, you forgive us and give us the gift of new life.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

L: Lord God, in our readings today, you remind us that you come to us in the silence. We look for you in the whirlwind, fire, and earthquake, but you are always with us in the stillness. We trust in your faithfulness and welcome your presence.

C: Open our hearts to receive you today.

**Prayer of the Day*

L: Lord God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we ask for forgiveness, we trust in your faithfulness, and we welcome your presence. Give us faith like Elijah to seek you in the storms of our lives, and also give us patience and diligence to seek you in the stillness.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Gathering Song – “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those,

Who gladly trust you now. Refrain

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Reader: Beckham Oldenettel

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from

the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 6:25-34

Reader: Marilyn Dichsen

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Scripture Song – “You Are Mine,” vv. 1-2

1. **I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**

2. **I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me. I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

Sermon: “God Speaks to Elijah”

Speaker: Adam Krohe

Song of the Day – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807

- 1 **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

**“I Want My Life to Make a Difference,” by Rachel Kurtz
Marilyn Dichsen and Youth**

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing,
share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offertory*

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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 Songs

“Beautiful Savior” ELW 838

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

L: The Lord bless you.
The Lord keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you.
The Lord be gracious to you.
The Lord be merciful to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor,
And give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Ablaze”*

**1. Cold is the wind that blows in the night.
The darkness is deepest where there’s no light.
Who will You send to carry the flame? Who will proclaim your name?
People are lost and don’t even know it.
If we know the way, then why don’t we show it?
Ignite the flame, O Lord fan the spark that we may shine in the dark.**

*Chorus: Set us ablaze, O Lord. Set us ablaze to tell Your story.
Shout aloud the hope of glory so that the lost will find the way.
Set us ablaze, O Lord, and fill your church with holy fire,
To share your love our one desire All our days. Set us ablaze.*

**2. For You, Lord, alone are the one who can save.
 Your cross alone, and Your empty grave.
 Hearts to renew, and sins to forgive that all of the world might live.
 Ignite the flame, O Lord, send your Spirit,
 that we proclaim, and that they may hear it
 Send us to show them the way that is true.
 Send us to lead them to You. *Chorus twice***

**I've got a calling. I've got a mission.
 Out of the boat and on with the fishing, Ablaze!
 Hearts that are burning, minds that are learning,
 filled with a yearning to see lives turning. Ablaze!**

**Dismissal*

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Acolytes: Maddie & Nola Crossin

Communion Assistant: Benen Dichsen

Greeters: Benen Dichsen, Adam Krohe, Maddie Crossin, Lux Horton, & Vicki Robson

Readers: Beckham Oldenettel & Marilyn Dichsen

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What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 9, 9:30am: Youth-Led Worship

Sunday, November 16, 9:30am: Worship

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Confirmation

Wednesday, November 19, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, November 20, 6:00pm: Council Meeting

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith’s Little Flock -- (Ages 2–7)

gathers during worship right after the Children’s Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

In November, Faith’s Little Flock will explore stories about Elijah, and messages of justice, light, and hope from the prophets Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Through engaging activities, the children will experience the themes by learning, living, and singing them. We will also be practicing songs for Christmas!

Faith's Little Flock warmly welcomes—and deeply appreciates—our adult and older youth volunteers. If you're interested in spending time with the children during part of the Sunday worship service or joining the teacher rotation for Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street, Liddy Stark, or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Bible Boot Camp

It will be a big month for Bible Boot Camp with three events in November. We are looking for helpers at each one to lead an activity/craft or provide a meal for approximately 20. We will meet on **Sundays, November 16 and 30 from 4:30-6:00pm.** Contact Pastor Adam for more information and signup to help.

Upcoming Youth Events

Our youth have a lot going on this month with Confirmation/Youth nights on **November 16 and 30.** We'll join the Boot Camp crew for a meal at 5:30 and have our event from 6:00-7:30pm. Remember our Carlinville Retreat on November 21-23 with the youth from across the synod.

Discipleship Group

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at **10:00am on Wednesday, November 19,** in the Faith Library as we meet for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. We have a lot of fun with lively discussions. Let's grow together in compassion, connection, and purpose.

Children's Christmas Program

This year we are going to celebrate the Christmas season with a simple and short Nativity play using kids ages 3-12 as the actors. If you have not signed your child up to participate, please do. This will be a fun and positive experience for them. The sign-up sheet is at the Coffee Sales counter in the Gathering Area. **There will be 2 practices — Nov. 23 and 30 at 9:00am before church begins.** We will present the Nativity on December 7 during the 9:30am service. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Street, Liddy Stark, or Pam Devlin.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concert

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

December 3: JHS Madrigal Singers

December 10: Matthew Nall on piano

December 17: IC Percussion Ensemble

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The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for

\$5. We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.** Thank You!

Women's Mini Retreat – November 15 at First Presbyterian Church

You are invited to a Mini Retreat, *The Power of Little Things – Finding Joy in the Every Day*, at First Presbyterian Church (870 W. College), from 9:00am till Noon on Saturday, November 15. The speaker, Rev. Ann Schwartz, is the Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of Great Rivers; the special musician is Marilyn Dichsen, who is studying communications and music at Illinois College. A continental breakfast will be served, and the lunch is catered by April Folker. Please RSVP by calling the church office: 217-245-4189, or email: office@firstpresjax.org.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

There is always a need for food donations at the Food Center. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet). Donations of money are also greatly appreciated – those can be placed in the offering plates, if they are clearly marked for the Food Center.