

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts*

## GATHERING

*Call to Worship*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Confession*

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

- 1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*\*Prayer of the Day*

P: Lord God, salvation belongs to you, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb. The world around us can seem like a nightmare, and so we turn to you. We turn to you for forgiveness, for comfort, for healing, and for hope. You come to us as our Good Shepherd, and we give thanks. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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

*Children's Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise* – “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand,” vv. 1-2 (ACS 1024) (piano)

*Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.  
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.*

- 1 **There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.  
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood.**

*Refrain*

- 2 **It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.  
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.**

*Refrain*

## WORD

*Reading:* Revelation 7:9-17

*Reader:* Barb Davenport

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

*\*Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

*Song – “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand,” v. 3 (ACS 1024) (piano)*

*Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.  
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.*

3 **When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,  
my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. Refrain**

*Sermon: “The Lamb is the Shepherd”*

*Song of the Day – “The Lord’s My Shepherd” ELW 778 (organ)*

- 1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
- 2 **My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.**

- 3    **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**
- 4    **My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**
- 5    **Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.**

*\*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*

**“All My Days”**

*Singers and Congregation*

- 1    **All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**
- 2    **I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! Refrain**

*—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—*

## 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*

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ELW 623 *(organ)*

- 1 **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**
- 2 **Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**
- 3 **Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 **While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

“Welcome Table” (ACS 969) *(piano)*

1. **I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm a-goin'a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.**
2. **I'm a-goin'a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm a-goin'a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm a-goin'a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.**
3. **I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm a-goin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.**

*\*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*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*\*Sending Song* – “For All the Saints” ELW 422, vv. 4-7

*(organ)*

- 4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 24, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Bible Study

Wednesday, August 27, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Sunday, August 31, 9:30am: Worship

**Friends from Faith**

10:45am: Bible Study

Saturday, September 6, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

## 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

Faith's Little Flock activities for August include the following: August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will learn about some of the women in the Bible and construct a spinning wheel depicting 6 women of the Bible. Pam Devlin will have a fun lesson planned for August 31<sup>st</sup>, as Melissa will be gone that Sunday.

Snacks will include apple sections, graham crackers, and veggie chips. We have also started including children's videos that fit with the theme for the day.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Faith's Little Flock, and to the parents for trusting us with your little ones! We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Blessings, *Melissa*

### Discipleship Group

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at **10:00am on Wednesday, August 27**, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore the Book of Revelation with Sharon Zuiderveld.

### First Sunday Summer Worship Schedule

Our first, first-Sunday worship was a joy as we enjoyed the beauty of God's creation outdoors with a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and the comforts of air-conditioning with a full traditional service at 11:00 a.m. Not only are these services set in different sanctuaries, but the style of worship is distinctly different. The outdoor contemporary service is more casual with a less scripted liturgy. The music selection includes some of our familiar contemporary songs, as well as those you may hear on the radio. The indoor traditional service is more formal with a sung liturgy from the familiar Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal). The music selection includes familiar hymns led on the organ. Our final first-Sunday summer service will be held on **September 7**.

### Music at Faith

As always, we would love to have more people involved in the music ministry at Faith. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at our worship services – all are welcome! [jrwelch53@msn.com](mailto:jrwelch53@msn.com) or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

## **Musical Musings**

Last year, during Pastor Adam's sermon series on "What is a Lutheran," volunteers presented introductions to hymns. They researched about the history and theology, helping us to appreciate the significance of each note and lyric. Sharon Zuiderveld and Naomi Hahn welcome you to join them in offering these musical musings again. Do you have a hymn or song you would recommend? Would you be willing to be a presenter? If so, let them know.

## **Jacksonville Area Community Food Center**

With summer here and kids being out of school, there is need for lunch foods that kids can "cook" easily at home. 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).

## **Doorbell Dinners September 8-12**

Help us deliver meals in the community through our community-wide Doorbell Dinners ministry. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.