

Sunday, August 9th, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take my Hand”

ELW 773

1. 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. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. 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. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. 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. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: 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.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At 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?” ¹⁰ He 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.” ¹¹ He 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, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When 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?” ¹⁴ He 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.” ¹⁵ Then 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. ¹⁶ Also 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. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalms 85:8-13 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But 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), ⁹ because 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, 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."

Sermon:

written by Pastor Brad and Craig Formoe

*Hymn of the Day:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 473

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

*The Apostle's 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 into hell. 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

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

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"God's Word is our Great Heritage"

ELW 509

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.

*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.

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"The King of Love my Shepherd"

ELW 502

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lagers with the Lord will be Monday, August 17th at 6 pm at Buckshots

Tacos for kids every Tuesday until August 18th, We will be making taco's for kids in need and then handing them out, along with apple slices and cheese sticks. Sign-up in the Narthex and join us at 11 am to put the Taco's together. We also need people to help us hand them out from Noon till 1 pm by the library. You can even make the taco meat at home and bring it if you want. Questions? See PB or Heidi Kothrade.

Save the date for the Annual Lunch & Pie Social on Sunday, August 23! We look forward to seeing you between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for hot beef and pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade potato salad, baked beans, homemade pickles, homemade pie, and ice cream. Bring your family and friends to join us for lunch and a slice of pie – everyone is welcome!

Help needed for the Lunch & Pie Social! Check out the sign-ups for how you can help with this Trinity tradition! All are welcome to help, even for an hour or two!

Looking for float riders for the Cucumber Festival Parade Float on Sunday, August 23rd. All ages are welcome. Come to church at Noon by the shed. All youth who ride get their own candy bag.

It's back to school time!! The WOT will be collecting items for our local schools and for kits to go to Lutheran World Relief. There are two different boxes set out for collection so make sure you put yours in the box you want your items to go to. The bags you take off the pews are the ones that go to Lutheran World Relief and each bag has a printed copy of all items needed to fill that bag. There are copies of items needed for our local schools on the display table by the kitchen. Thank you for helping us help others!

New Parsonage Open House! Sunday, August 23rd from 10-Noon and Wednesday, August 26th from 6-7 pm. Come check it out!

Looking for help cleaning out the old parsonage and moving into new one. Watch for updates here and on facebook. On Wednesday, August 19th, we are throwing things in a dumpster at the current parsonage starting at 8 am. If you want to help, come on by! Would love all the help we can get as we move old furniture and heavy things from the basement!

On Sunday, August 30th there will be a Parsonage Blessing during service.

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson
Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh
Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw
Reader: Liz Lohfink
Greeter: Barb Doty

Ministers: All Baptized Believers
Ushers: Jerry Retz, Dan Chernak, Lionel Chernak
Altar Guild: Trudie Chernak, Lonna Borgert, Amy Schauer
Fellowship: Patti Stevens & Kathy Hanson

Schedule For The Week of Aug 9-16

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebensperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Megan Vullings
Tom Lohfink	Stephanie Anderson	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll
Kathy Joles	Phillip Bazille	Arlene Clack	Howard Edlin

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: 1 Kings 1:49-53	Monday: 1 Kings 2:1-9	Tuesday: 1 Kings 2:10-12
Wednesday: 1 Kings 2:13-25	Thursday: 1 Kings 2:26-35	Friday: 1 Kings 2:36-46
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:1-9	Sunday: 1 Kings 3:10-15	