



Welcome to Worship

Pentecost 11 ~ August 9, 2026

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

ELW 853

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Glory to you, O God:
you speak a word of power,
and Creation springs forth!

We praise you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
your Spirit hovers over the earth,
and order is birthed from chaos!

We bless you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
The sun rules our days,
The moon and stars brighten our nights,
Bringing your light to our darkness!

We exalt you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
May blessing, glory, and praise be yours!
Now and forever, Amen!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Setting 10, page 205*

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

♪ Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

GREETING:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their | hearts to you.

**⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

**¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ 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!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *ELW Setting 10, page 205*



GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th Chapter.

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG: "Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

ELW 755

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

*We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.*

PRAYERS: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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:

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

SENDING SONG: “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*” **ELW 774**

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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