

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "O Holy Spirit Enter In" LW 160

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance Life from heaven now is given overflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**

**Left to ourselves, we surely stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us; and give us steadfastness that we
May follow you forever free, no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those hearts now broken; Give some token you are near
us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.**

**O mighty Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in doubt and
strife
Be in us strongly burning that we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith, from you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy on us shower; by your power Christ confessing,
We will cherish all your blessing.**

INVOCATION

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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: 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 the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

DOXOLOGY

LW 461

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-3, 10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD, ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. ... ¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Galatians 5:22-26

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

*People: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:5, 12-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

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

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." ... ¹²"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not

choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” LW 691

**Fruitful trees, the spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.**

**Laden branches freely bearing gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.**

**Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.**

**Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in live unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.**

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with
your free Spirit.**

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
Jesus.**

**(refrain) In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to
the Father. (refrain)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of
Jesus. (refrain)**

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE