# The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday - August 13, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



"It is I; be not afraid"

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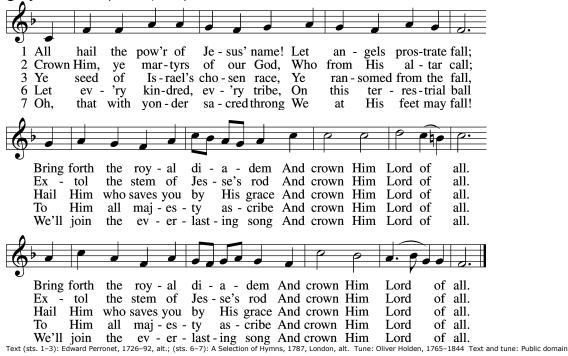
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# ↑ Call to Worship ↑

### **Greeting and Opening Prayer**

Opening Hymn #549 (v. 1-3, 6-7) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20* 

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

# ♣ Service of the Word ♣

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 18:1-6

- **P**¹I love you,
- C O LORD, my strength.
- P<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
- my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- **P**<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
- **C** and I am saved from my enemies.
- **P** <sup>4</sup>The cords of death encompassed me;
- **C** the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- **P**<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me;
- C the snares of death confronted me.
- **P** <sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD;
- **C** to my God I cried for help.
- **P** From his temple he heard my voice,
- and my cry to him reached his ears.
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Hymn #816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

**P**Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

# Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

 $^{10}$ and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

124 Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

16"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

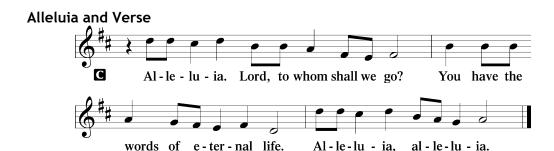
<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>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); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to

shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



John 6:68 LSB 156

# Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Sermon: "Where Were You When . . . ?"

Job 38:4-18 and Mathew 14:22-33

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### **Apostles' Creed**

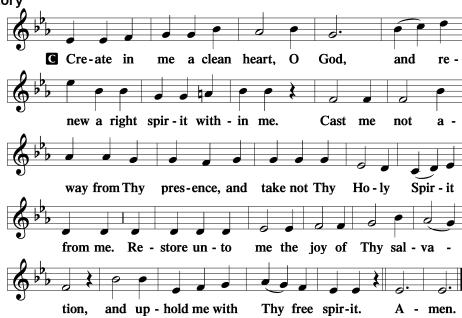
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

#### Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar as we sing:

Offertory Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192



Sit

#### Prayer of the Church

#### Responses:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

#### Final Petition:

Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who has forgiven our sins, healed our diseases, will one day raise us from the dead and has taught us to pray:

# 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

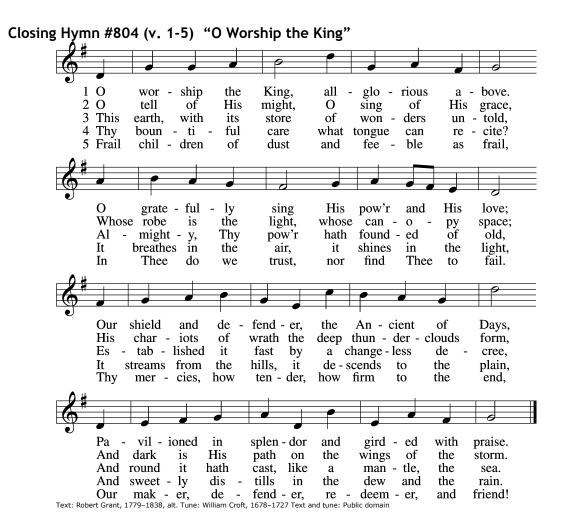
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





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