

11th Sunday after Pentecost — August 9, 2026

Prelude *Nearer, My God to Thee* **arr. by Robert J. Hughes**

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Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

WOV Pg. 10

L: The leader leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

P: Amen

L: 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 and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

All: Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

P: Amen

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

Text in Public Domain by William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

Music by John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Apostolic Greeting

WOV Pg. 28

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

P: And also, with you

Gloria

WOV Pg. 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory

to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also, with you

L: 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. **P: 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." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 85:8-13 *spoken responsively*

- 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 before 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!”

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

WOV Pg. 31

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

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in 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."

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

ELW 755

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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 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**



Prayers

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Lord. in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: 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, Lord. in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: 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. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: 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. For our abundant earth, that its bounty may be distributed so as to relieve physical starvation, and that its beauty, wonder, and complexity may feed human souls, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: 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. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: 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. ... Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

L: For all these, and whatever else will feed our deepest needs, we seek from your gracious hand, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Amen

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received



Anthem

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

arr. James Montgomery

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Stand up and bless the Lord who is forevermore. Stand up and bless the Lord; your name we now adore. Stand up and bless the Lord; your greatness we proclaim. Stand up and bless the Lord; we praise your holy name. You alone are Lord. You alone are

Lord. You made the heavens and all the starry host, the earth and all that dwells within. You give life to everything. You give life to everything. The host of heaven worships you, and I would worship too. Stand up and bless the Lord, who is forevermore. Stand up and bless the Lord; your name we now adore. Stand up and bless the Lord; your greatness we proclaim. Stand up and bless the Lord; we praise your holy name. Stand up and bless the Lord, bless the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

WOV Pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving –

L: The Lord be with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: And also with you.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

Last week when we were gathered to receive this sacrament the pastor consecrated these elements of bread and wine. Together we were reminded of the events of the Last Supper and the promise Jesus made to us there. We recalled the way that he took bread and wine and invited us to eat and drink. He assured us that in these elements, we would be receiving his own body and blood. Our Lord told us that this meal is a pledge of a new covenant between God and humanity. Trusting in Jesus' holy words, we are set free from our sin and all that stands between us and the promise of new life in Christ. Today we will again accept what has been given to us- these gifts of bread and wine- and the promise of mercy that come to us in and through them. We will also speak together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

Agnus Dei

WOV Pg. 39

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 is distributed.

Communion Music

It is Well with My Soul

arr. by Cindy Berry

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within a setting of Ludwig van Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata in Public Domain
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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

WOV Pg. 41

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

Text in Public Domain by Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
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Dismissal

WOV Pg. 41

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

P: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Improvisation on "Love Lifted Me"

arr. by Marcia C. Newcome

Tune in Public Domain by Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918, (church organist from Connecticut)

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a list of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Charlotte Madia	Justin Wade & Family	Kyle W.
Casaundra Abeling	Audrey Marquard	The Videtto Family	Rowan
Roberta Alteri	Abigail Marine	Eveyln Walters	Stefan Nikola J
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Eric Marine	Sue Watkins	Janet E.
Michelle Ahrens	Richard Marine	James Weber	Wendy Fedor
Coni Aparo	Janis Martin	Diane Wright	Laurie Otis
Charlie Blakeslee	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Bruce Yauney	John Fleming
Kathy Ann Campbell	Michael Meyers	Clayton Young	Ethan Troy Danner
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Brigitte Mueller	Clarence & Priscilla	Fred Rabayta & family
Vinni Carey	Bob Murphy	Ed	Ryan English
Kathleen Wiley Kelly	Barbara Nalette	Jaiden	Mae Johnson
Emma Cortina	Karen Ness	Steve	Jackie Fleming
Emily Decker	Tom O'Brien	Lou W.	Kiley Lombardo
Irene Douglas	Karen Pagano	Todd	Christine & Fran Gaffney
Judy Elliott	Maria Payne	Robert K.	Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
Diane Engle	Melissa Pilbin	Hagbard	Shannon Hilton
Jan Eucalitto	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Peanut	Deb & Jon Sterling
Weston Faith	Ed & Susan Regner	Diane L.	David Little
Amy Falls	Baerbel Roehl	Judy Elliott	Carol Vrluk
Bruce & Liz Falls	Andi Craig	Pam Ewing	Terry
Rosemarie Foth	Vincent Scarrozzo	Michelle	Eric Walsh
Steven Fosbrook	Jean Schlapfer	Marci	Joyce Young & family
Bob Frantz	Sarah Seelye	Diane Tanner	The family & friends of
John Lewis	Lucille Videtto		Cecile Scheidel
Danise Hall	Paul Smith		
Renate Higgins	Sigrid Smitley		
Kathleen Hilton	Lori Sola		
Shaelynn Holmgren	Tom Sterling Sr.		
Bob Hauser	Ruth Ann Stone		
Rusty Judd	Patricia Switzer		
Marge Kiernan			
Marilyn Killingbeck			

OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above All Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beuis
Ethan & his Marine Unit
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit



Around the Church

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Community Soup Kitchen	8/9	
Church Council Mtg	8/10	6:30 am
Red Cross Blood Drive	8/11	12-7 pm
Toastmasters Meeting	8/12	7:00 pm
Hilltop Meeting (zoom)	8/13	
Property Committee Mtg	8/13	7:00 pm
Men's & Women's Breakfast	8/19	8:30 am
Worship & Music		
Committee (zoom)	8/20	6:00 pm
IT (zoom)	8/20	7:00 pm
Hilltop Parent's Orientation	8/26	6-8:00 pm
Toastmasters	8/26	7:00 pm
Next Concert		
Blue Rhythm Band, Sat. Aug. 29 th – 5:30-7 pm		

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$4,884
Shortfall	-\$1,406
YTD	-\$68,838

Minimalist bulletin

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

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- Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.
- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.
- Sandra Heintz (a church member) is searching for someone to help walk her small rescue dog a few times a day while she is home convalescing from a fall. If interested, please contact her at (860) 489-7511.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
CALLING ALL KIDS!
 Bring your backpacks to church!
Blessing of the Backpacks
 Sunday, August 23, 2026
 during 10:00 am worship service
 Everyone is asked to bring in school supplies and backpacks to be donated to children in need.



Gift Cards for sale!
 AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY!
 CAN ALSO ORDER! Can't find what you need? We can order it for you!
 CHURCH GETS A PERCENTAGE! Your purchase helps support our church.
 YOU PAY the value OF THE CARD.
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 Thank you for supporting our church!



Grieving the death of a spouse?
Or do you know someone who is?

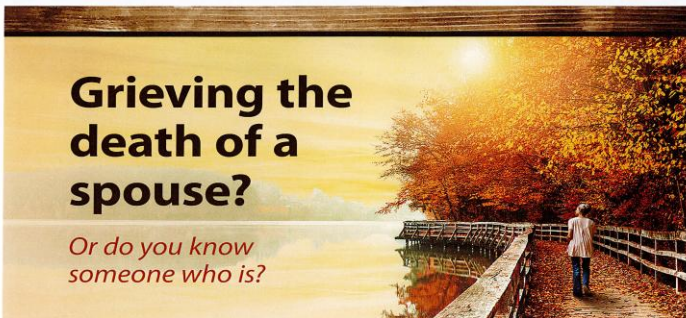
Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE
 Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

GRIEF SHARE

August 23, 2026, 3:00-5:00 PM
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 Register at: 860-482-6027
 or griefshare.org



Reminder of the next concert on
Saturday, August 29th

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FREE! 5:30-7

**20
JUN**

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ROCK AND ROLL

**25
JULY**

**ACOUSTIC
STEAMER**

CHILL ROCKIN'

**29
AUG**

**BLUE RHYTHM
BAND**

BLUES AND R&B

**19
SEP**

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