

Full Service Bulletin

PRAISE SERVICE

AUGUST 13, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may

*pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

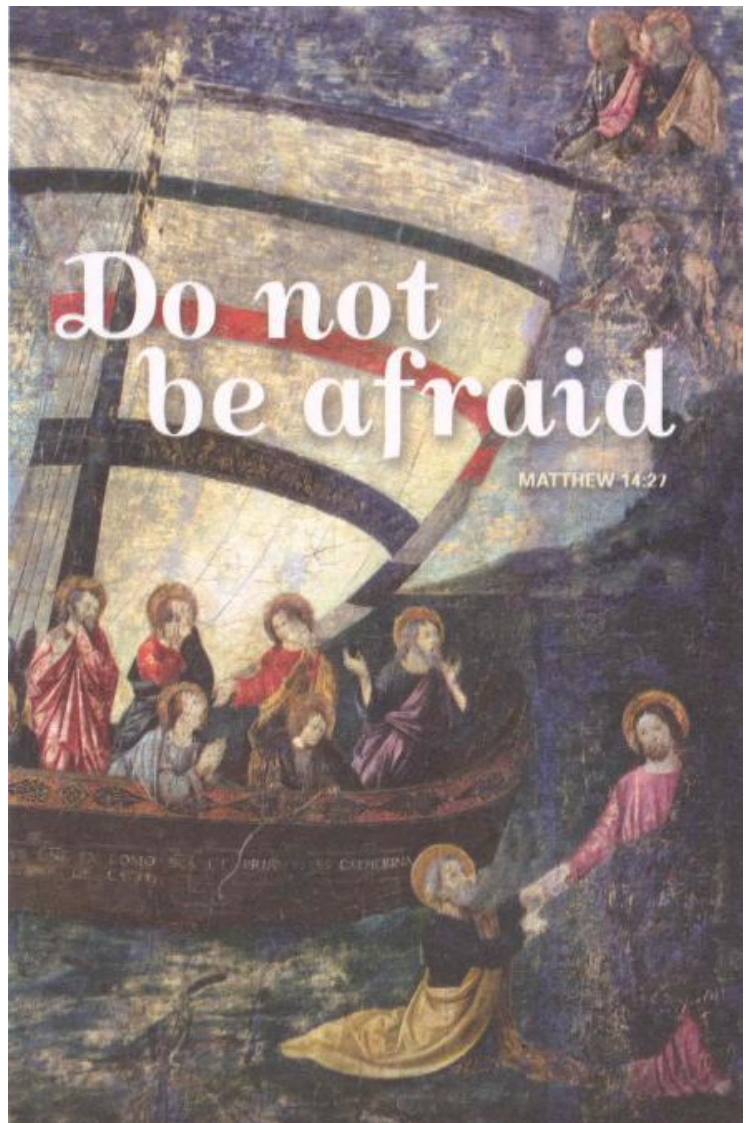
CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

We see sibling rivalry again among the sons of Jacob. Joseph, his father's favorite, would be sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Many twists and turns would followed, but Joseph's trust in God did not waver. When

the disciples faced a great storm on the sea, they cried out in fear. Jesus said: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. God grants us peace and sends us to be a sign of God's presence to others.



COMMEMORATIONS

Florence Nightingale (1820–1910); Clara Maass (1876–1901); renewers of society - When Florence Nightingale decided she would be a nurse, her family was horrified. In the early 1800s nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. Florence trained at Kaiserswerth, Germany, with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She returned home and worked to reform hospitals in England. Nightingale led a group of thirty-eight nurses to serve in the Crimean War, where they worked in appalling conditions. She returned to London as a hero and resumed her work there for hospital reform. Clara Maass was born in New Jersey and served as a nurse in the Spanish-American War, where she encountered the horrors of yellow fever. She later responded to a call for subjects in research on yellow fever. During the experiments, which included receiving bites from mosquitoes, she contracted the disease and died. The commemoration of these women invites the church to give thanks for all who practice the arts of healing.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (Maj # 433 - favorite)

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who forgives all our sin,
Whose mercy endures forever.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

A: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death’s grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

A: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God’s grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD’S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

PRAISE SONG *“Love Lifted Me”*

(Maj # 642 - favorite - Text: James Rowe; Tune: Howard E. Smith)

1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver-y deep-ly
 2 All my heart to him I give, ev-er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
 3 Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
 pres-ence live, ev-er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
 by his love out of the an-gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift-ed me, now safe am I.
 mer-its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be-longs.
 bil-lows his will o-bey; he your Sav-ior true will be: be saved to-day.

Refrain

Love lift-ed me! e-ven me! Love lift-ed me! e-ven me! When noth-ing

else could help, love lift-ed me. love lift-ed me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 105:1-22, 45

(congregation reads indented)

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;

make known among the nations what He has done.

Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;

tell of all His wonderful acts.

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and His strength;

seek His face always.

Remember the wonders He has done,

His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced,

O descendants of Abraham His servant,

O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.

He is the LORD our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers His covenant forever,

the word He commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant He made with Abraham,

the oath He swore to Isaac.

He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

“To you I will give the land of Canaan

as the portion you will inherit.”

When they were but few in number,

few indeed, and strangers in it,

they wandered from nation to nation,

from one kingdom to another.

He allowed no one to oppress them;

for their sake He rebuked kings:

“Do not touch My anointed ones;

do My prophets no harm.”

He called down famine on the land

and destroyed all their supplies of food;

and He sent a man before them—

Joseph, sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet with shackles,

his neck was put in irons,

till what he foretold came to pass,

till the word of the LORD proved him true.

The king sent and released him,

the ruler of peoples set him free.

He made him master of his household,

ruler over all he possessed,

to instruct his princes as he pleased

and teach his elders wisdom.

that they might keep his precepts

and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.

PRAISE SONG (*Please sit.*) “Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

(Maj # 45 - favorite - Gloria & William Gaither)

Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let's just lift our hands* to
heav-en and praise the Lord; Let's just praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Let's just lift our hands* to heav-en and praise the Lord!

Fine

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

1 O we thank You for Your kind - ness, we thank You for Your
 2 Just the pre - cious name of Je - sus is worth - y of our

1 love, We have been in heav - enly plac - es, felt bless - ings from a -
 2 praise, Let us bow our knees be - fore Him, our hands to heav - en

1 bove; We've been shar - ing all the good things, the fam - ily can af -
 2 raise; When He comes in clouds of glo - ry, with Him we'll ev - er

1 ford, Let's just turn our praise toward heav - en and praise the Lord.
 2 reign, so let's lift our hap - py voic - es, and praise His name.

D.C.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGGenesis 37:1-28.....Pg. 60

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGRomans 10:1-17.....Pg. 1760

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus” vs 1-2 (Maj # 385= favorite)

UNKNOWN FOLK MELODY FROM INDIA
Unison

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low
2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-
3. Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will
4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
Je-sus, Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

The image shows a musical score for a unison hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: '1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low; 2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-; 3. Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will; 4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low'. The second system continues the melody and lyrics: 'Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. Je-sus, Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.' The melody is a simple, folk-like tune.

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 14:22-33.....Pg. 1520

A: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse s 3-4*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON *“When You Face Your Fears, Dreams Can Come True”*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)* *“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”*

(Maj # 402 - favorite - Text: Edward Hopper; Tune: John E. Gould)

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem - pes - tuous sea;
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the o - cean wild;
 3 When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful break - ers roar

1 Un - known waves be - fore me roll, Hid - ing rocks, and treach -'rous shoal;
 2 Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
 3 'Twi - xt me and the peace - ful rest Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast,

1 Chart and com - pass come from Thee, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!
 2 Won - drous Sov -'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!
 3 May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee!"

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 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.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

A: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)* “It is Well With My Soul”

(ELW # 785 - favorite - Text: Horatio G. Spafford; Tune: Philip P. Bliss)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

ASSISTING MINISTER & PREACHER: Jonathan Mosebach

SONG LEADER: Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Mike Zyskowski

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Jim Femister

ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham, Sharon Branigan

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

GRASS CUTTERS: Sam Glasmire, Rich Stein

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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