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10a at Gethsemane	August 9	August 16	August 23
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LECTORS	Stephanie (G)	Sandy G (G) + Carla (St)	Ann (G) + Donna Ten (St)
HOLY COMMUNE	Gina (G) - Wafer Alvin (St) - Cup	Sandy G (G) - Wafer Shawn (St) - Cup	Ann (G) - Wafer Judy S (St) - Cup
TECH	Gail (G)	Gail (G)	Gail (G)
COUNT	Judi (G) Donna Ten, Shawn (St)	Judi (G) Donna Ten, Shawn (St)	Judi (G) Donna Ten, Shawn (St)
FOOD	Wendy (G) + _____ (St)	Gina (G) + _____ (St)	Carol L (G)+ _____ (St)



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Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
August 9, 2026

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "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. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Welcome + Announcements + Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Righteous God,
ALL: ...we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Greeting + 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

⁹At 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?"

¹⁰He 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."

¹¹He 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;

¹²and after the earthquake a **fire**,
but the LORD was not in the fire;
and after the fire a **sound of sheer silence**.

¹³When 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?"

¹⁴He 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."

¹⁵Then 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.

¹⁶Also 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.

¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

¹⁸Yet 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.

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.**

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, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips 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 and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

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 + Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 + Homily



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² Jesus made the disciples get into the 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* **ELW 756**

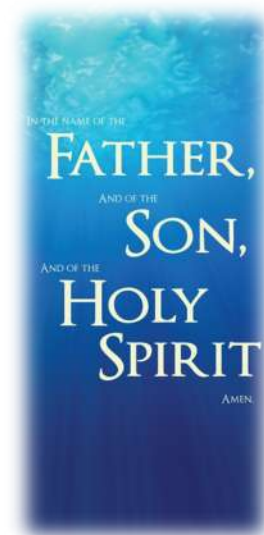
Apostles' Creed

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 + Peace + Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving + Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks...

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Leader: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

*And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*

Holy, Holy, Holy

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

Communion Hymn

Nothing Can Trouble

Noth-ing can trou- ble, noth-ing can fright - en.
Those who seek God shall ne-ver go wanting. Nothing can troub-le.
nothing can fright-en. God a - lone fills us.

Post-Communion Prayer + Blessing

Sending Hymn *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* **ELW 763**

Dismissal *Go in peace! Share the harvest!* **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



August 9, 2026, The Lord Stood By Me
2 Timothy 3:14--4:8, 16-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of grace and power, you have always stood by your servants even in the worst of times, even when the weight was so great they could not see you. Open our minds and our hearts to recognize you in one another and in the whole Christian family, that we might be strengthened for the work of sharing your love with all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. (2 Timothy 4:17)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul advises Timothy to practice integrity moving forward—to pursue his mission for its own sake, regardless of how it might be received by his community. Paul testifies that God is the only source of confidence, affirmation and energy that any of us needs.

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