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☞ ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 24, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ GATHERING HYMN

OH, WORSHIP THE KING  
LBW #548, STANZAS 1-4

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and meditation*

WL: Welcoming God,

All: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

WL: Beloved people of God: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Come, let us worship and praise!

All: Amen.

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

OH, WORSHIP THE KING  
LBW #548, STANZAS 5 & 6

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

PSALM 50:1-15

R: Our first lesson on this 11th Sunday after Pentecost is from Psalm 50.

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes

and will not be silent;  
a fire devours before him,  
and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above,  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me this consecrated people,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
for he is a God of justice.

“Listen, my people, and I will speak;  
I will testify against you, Israel:  
I am God, your God.

I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices  
or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

I have no need of a bull from your stall  
or of goats from your pens,  
for every animal of the forest is mine,  
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird in the mountains,  
and the insects in the fields are mine.

If I were hungry I would not tell you,  
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God,  
fulfill your vows to the Most High,  
and call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:4-17

R: The Second lesson is from the 12th chapter of Hebrews.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ VERSE

## ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? LBW SETTING 1, PAGE 62



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 13:22-30

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

“Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## TODAY’S MESSAGE

## ✠ HYMN

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION  
LBW #563, TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

## ✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

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.**

## ✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN

DAY BY DAY

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. You have strengthened us at your table with these gifts of the earth. Send us boldly forth, that we may share your abundance and work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING  
LBW #557

## ✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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### DAY BY DAY

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