

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Seven

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.

Jays & Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C. we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Merciful God,

C. we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

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P. Righteous God,

C. 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Evening and Morning

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The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

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.

First Reading

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?" 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."



1 Kings 19:9-18

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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 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?" 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." 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. 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. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 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."

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 85:8-13

(tone 1)

chanted responsively



I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

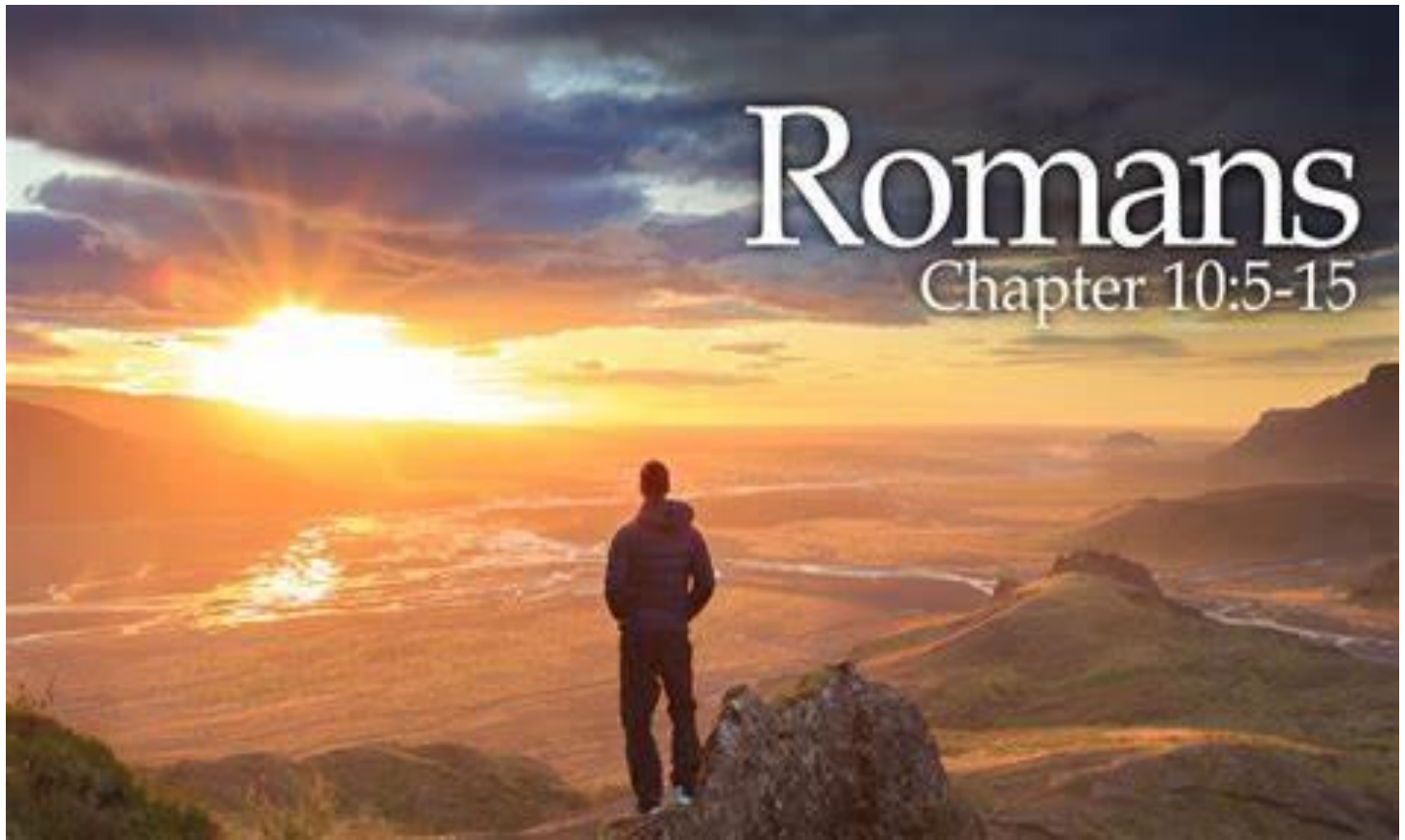
**Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway.**



Second Reading

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 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) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 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); 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 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. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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? 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!”

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

¡A - le - lu - ya, *a - le - lu - ya,* *a - le - lu - ya!*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, *a - le - lu - ya,* *a - le - lu - ya!*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, *a - le - lu - ya,*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! *¡A - le - lu - ya!*
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter fourteen.

Matthew 14:22-33

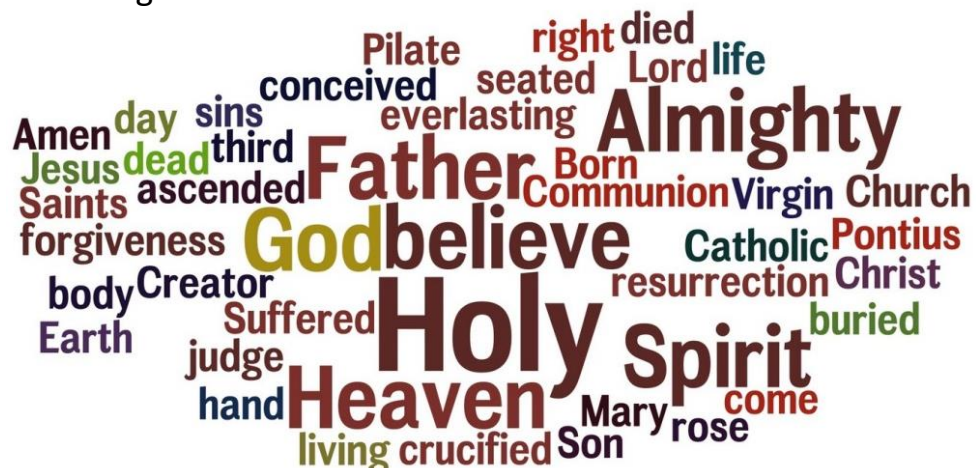
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

John Petry, Interim Pastor

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Prayers of Intercession

- A.** Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means.
Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.**

- P.** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

- C. Amen.**

The Peace

- P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

- C. And also with you.**

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you

John 14:27a

Jesus

The Offering

Anthem

Days of Elijah

~ Robin Mark

Let the Vineyards . . .



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right . . .



The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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Eucharistic 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

Invitation to Communion

P. All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

C. Amen.

O Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

ELW 755

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623



Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

C. Amen

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



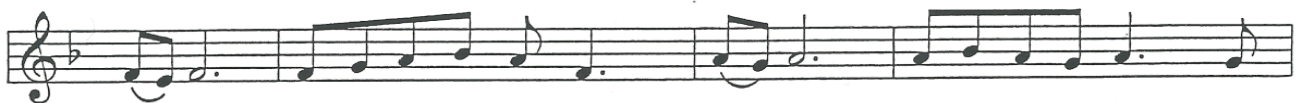
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA -THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

- A. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our
dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.

Blessing

- P. The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and
sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C. Amen.

Sending Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW 632

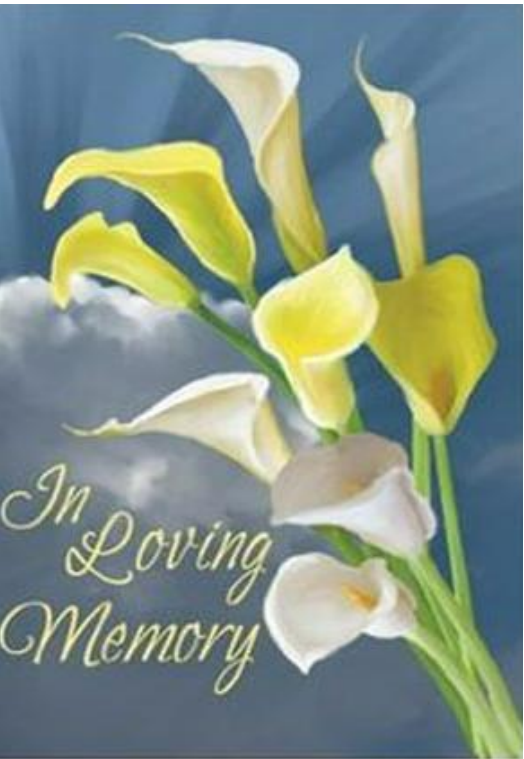
Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Servers for Sunday, August 13th

Assisting Minister Shannon Thomsen
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Helen Holderman
Greeters/Counters Alecia Harrison/Sylvia Lambert



Flowers this week are provided by Julia Lochra
in loving memory of her father, Albert Lochra.

Candles this month are provided by Julia Lochra
in celebration of family Birthdays.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the
candles in the sanctuary for the month or the
flowers that beautify the church each Sunday.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

*After Worship Fellowship
today is provided by your
Altar Guild*



*Pray for your
Call Committee*

Family of Monna Stamm

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – released from rehab, recovering from a stroke

Ginny King's sister, Mary Anna Strickler – broken hip; hip replacement

The Hart Family – death of Ms. Ruby and Jerry's health issues

Clyde Cook & Daniel Cook – both undergoing heart procedures

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Gale's friend, Ermin Patterson – massive stroke

Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman – recovering

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer

Judy Stewart – multiple health issues

Carolyn Watkins – recovering from minor stroke

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Sheryll's friend Tony – terminal cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's Great-Niece, Hope Emmaline – on-going health issues

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Tim & Rita's sister-in-law, Jane Clark – breast cancer has returned

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Diana Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Mary Ann Jackson

Dayshaun

Peg Stamp, myeloma

Sharon Vietri

Jim Powers

Jonathan McCoy

