

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>Oh, Sing to the Lord</i>	ELW 822
Hymn of Day	<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	ELW 756
Sending	<i>What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine</i>	ELW 774
Prelude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Schreiner
Anthem	<i>Blessed Is the Man</i>	Corelli
Communion	<i>I will Lift Up Mine Eyes</i>	Schreiner
Postlude	<i>Plein Jeu</i>	Couperin

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.”

Psalms 85:8-13

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 ¹ 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.

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!”

Matthew 14:22-33

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.”

SERVERS	Today	Next Week
Greeters	*Need Volunteer	Frank Yonce
Lector	Ruth Nicholson	Charles Nicholson
Worship	*Need Volunteer	Charles Nicholson
	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Ushers	Jim Garner, Chief	Wayne Lybrand
	*Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
Tellers	Beth Cleland	Beth Cleland
	Melba Murphy	Sandra Hughes
Offering Pickup	Jim Garner	Wayne Lybrand
Property	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Charles and Ruth Nicholson	Isma Boland
		Melba Murphy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 53rd anniversary on August 5th by Steve and Beverly Nivens.

- The weekly bulletin is printed on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- WELCA Community Service Project. This summer, the Cameron Rebekah Circle is collecting TWIN sheets, pillowcases, blankets and pillows for a Scooter Scott project. Two blue containers are in the Cameron Hallway for these items. Money contributions are also accepted. Make check out to Our Saviour WELCA and give it to Ann Satterwhite or Linda Hill. Thanks for your support and help.
- Lutheran Men invite you to join us for our annual lunch at Shealy's in Leesville at noon on Tuesday, August 18th.
- **DON'T FORGET** – 2nd Camp Sunday/Casual Sunday is August 16th.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th

Sunday <i>August 9</i>	10:00 a.m.	Chat & Snack
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday <i>August 11</i>	8:00 a.m.	Special Voting Primary
Thursday <i>August 13</i>	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
Sunday <i>August 16</i>	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Summer Camp)
	11:00 a.m.	2 ND Summer Camp Lunch
Tuesday <i>August 18</i>	12:00 p.m.	Lutheran Men

Those on our Prayer list below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Bill Aull
Gerald Bush
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Charles Kirby
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
The Black family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Gary