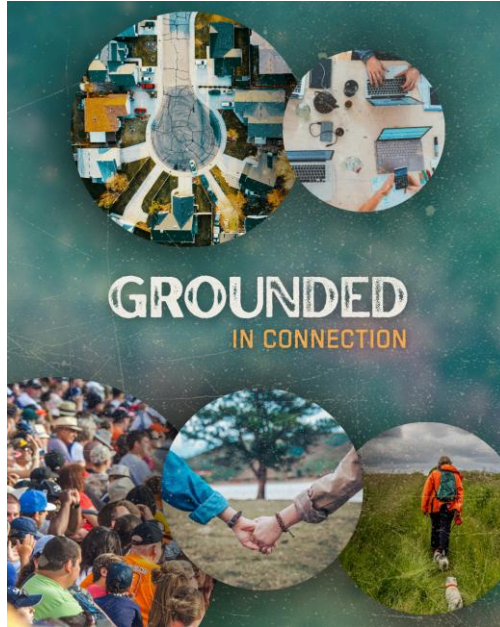


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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026
10:45 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Amber O'Brien & Chuck Coe, duet

Simon

Relevant “pop tunes” are not necessarily religious, in the sense that they were probably not intended for incorporation by the church. But they are spiritual in the sense that they beautifully bring to light deep aspects of our human condition in honest ways - ways that an artist-God who so wonderfully creates space and time and substance is certainly in beautiful and honest aspects of our own creativity. This may be new, and that’s OK. The goal of this practice is that faith and daily life come closer together, as we learn to listen for the God-message all around us. Because Sacred God stepped into our secular world with redemptive and creative power, we are invited to continue challenging the “sacred-secular” divide, growing in awareness of and participation in God’s active presence in all areas of our lived experience.

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to Worship

Come gather in worship today as we celebrate the joy, grace,
and strength found in living and growing together as one faithful community.

We join in our Mission Statement:

**Gathered by God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more
faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be God, who gives us life,
who makes water rise from the earth,
whose mercy rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

In baptism, we are given new life
through the grace, love, and connection of Christ.
We come in gratitude for kinship and community,
for forgiveness and resurrection,
for beginning anew each day.

Water may be poured into the font.

We give you thanks,
God of all creation,
for the water that has given us birth;
for your call to care for one another;
for welcoming us into the ever-flowing current
of your mercy and love.

Pour your grace into each of us and all of us
that we may live together in your newness and life.

Let us rest in you,
knowing that we are loved, held, and sent forth to care
for your creation, for our whole selves, and for one another.
In the name of the Holy Trinity +
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de - fends you;
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



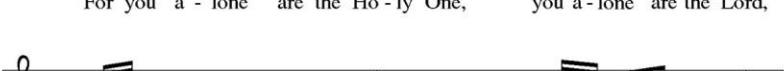
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



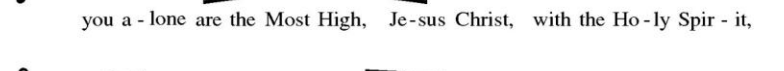
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

We pray. God of the covenant,
you call us into community and relationship with all of creation.
Fill our hearts with your care, that we may care for one another
and live in right relationship. Help us to honor our deepest relations
and commitments and ground us in your abundant love.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

Reading Exodus 20:1-21

Translation: NIV

A Reading from Exodus, the 20th Chapter

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
"You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an
image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the
waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I,
the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the
parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love
to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold
anyone guiltless who misuses his name. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it
holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a
sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor
your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any
foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and
the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 19: 7-10, 14

Translation: NIV

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

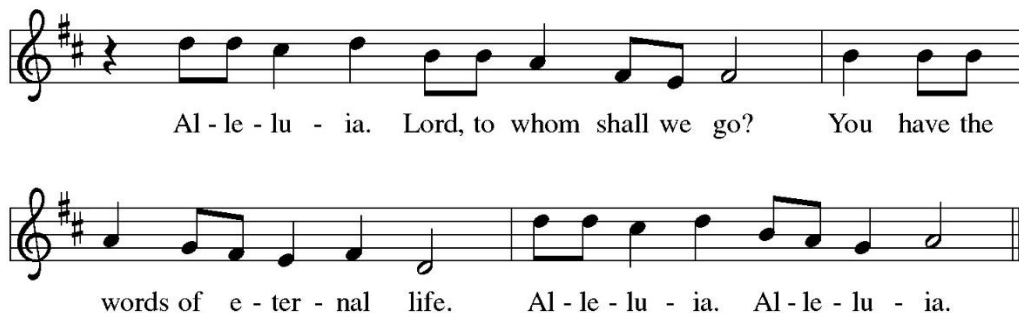
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

We rise in body or spirit.



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the God who calls us into community.

**We believe in God the Parent, who created us for relationship,
 weaving our lives together in love and purpose.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
 He broke down the walls of hostility that divide us,
 teaching us to love our neighbors as ourselves
 and to serve rather than be served.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life.

The Spirit binds us together as one body, distributing unique gifts for the common good and empowering us to live in peace.

As one body with many members, we covenant with God and one another.

We promise to bear one another's burdens, to rejoice in one another's joys, and to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.

All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Offering Song

We Are An Offering (no repeat)

ELW 692

CHORUS 1

BRIDGE

CHORUS 2

1 2

3

4

7

10

14

18

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

We pray. God of abundance,
you have blessed us with life together in you.
Let us share all that we have been given,
knowing that there is enough for all,
and that you bind us to one another in love.
Amen.

We rise in body or spirit.

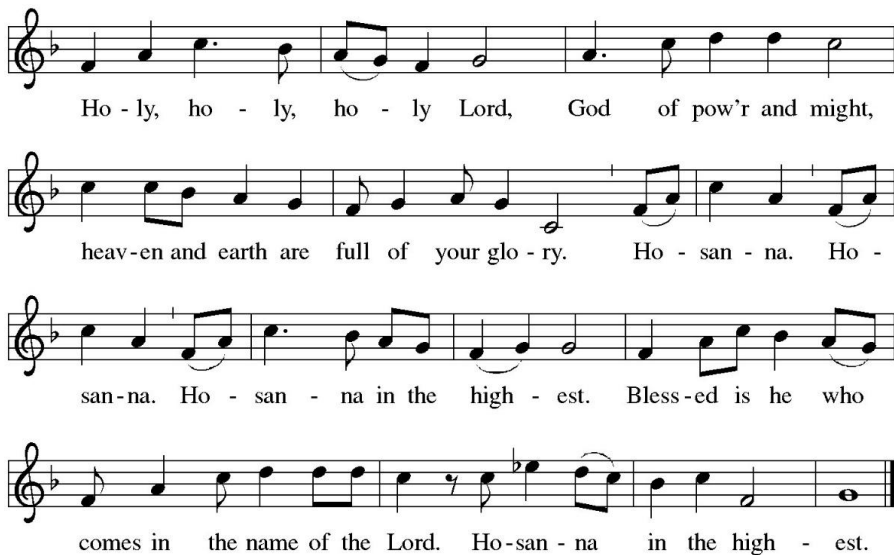
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of grace, God of care, God of relationship.
You birthed us all in the waters of creation.
You brought us from death to life through your Son Jesus,
and you meet us at your table where a place is set for each of us.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

At your table, we remember the self-giving love of Jesus
who taught us to gather around his love
and share in the feast together.
Send us your Spirit to bind us together
in all time and in all places
with your love that knows no end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

God in community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to the Table

Come gather at the table where all belong,
to share in Christ's grace
and connect with one another as one family.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Communion Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray. God of all,
 you have gathered us around your table
 and you have given us abundant nourishment and life.
 May we be filled with your grace and open our arms to one another,
 knowing that you hold all in your love.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the God of care hold you.
May the God of connection tend you.
And may the God of all creation +
bind us together in love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Dismissal

Go forth now into the world as one body, carrying the love and connection
we shared here today into every community.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J.G. Walther



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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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