11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Pastor John Stiles ~ Reader: Jim K
Communion Asst.: Elaine G, Judy W, John S

PRELUDE *Glenna Reierson*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN *'Eternal Father, Strong to Save'* *ELW 756*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING *1 Kings 19:9-18*

At that place he 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." 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."

The Word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Romans 10:5-15*

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!”

The Word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *‘Let the Whole Creation Cry’* *ELW 876*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 14:22-33* ~ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Immediately he 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.”

The gospel of our Lord. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC ‘*Prayer Medley’* *Sung by Caron Peters*

OFFERING PRAYER Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
You may greet and share Christ's peace with one another with a handshake or hands folded.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *ELW p. 144*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly'* *ELW 461*
'Now We Join in Celebration' *ELW 462*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Congregation Choice!

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

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Sunday (9th)
8am Prayer
9am Worship
10am Coffee & Fellowship

Monday
9:00am Quilting
5:30pm APFY Board
7:30pm A.A

Tuesday
9:30am KR Pastor's Conference
1pm Befrienders
4:30pm WELCA
4:45pm Finance
5:30pm Executive
6pm Worship
6:30pm Healing Prayer Team

Wednesday
7:30am Men's Breakfast
9:00am Sewing Group

Thursday
8am Sonrisers
1pm Grief Group
7pm Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Join us after service for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!

NEW COUCIL MEMBER: ORLC Council is seeking a new member to join council. What a great way to serve your church! Have questions? Please reach out to Pastor John or Lyndon Hagestuen.

RAINY DAY COMMITTEE: We have had some interest in forming a new team to serve on the Rainy Day Committee at ORLC and are looking for one more person. If you are feeling called to serve your community through your church please connect with Pastor John or Becca in the office.

CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL: We are enrolling for the 2026/27 school year. Join us for an open house on August 20th from 5-7pm to meet the teachers, see the classroom and ask any questions you might have in regard to the program. Want to 'test' out the program? Sign-up for the final August summer camp is still available! August 18-20th. It is going to be an 'out of this world' experience!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are gearing up for Lutheran World Relief School kits and with school supplies making their way to the store shelves we are looking for donations. If it so moves you to help supply kids around the world with basic school supplies see the list below. Items can be dropped off with Becca in the office. Thank you!
*70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled
*30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
*pencil sharpener, *blunt scissors, *unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
*black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); *box of 16 or 24 crayons, *2 ½" eraser

VIA DE CRISTO: There is a Via de Cristo retreat close, Forest Lake.
Metro Co-Ed Weekend #695
August 13-16, 2026 ~ Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake
Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge. Proverbs 30:50
With questions or interest in participating in a Via De Christo Retreat call Lynn Drewa, 612-275-5502, Callie Nordahl, 612-369-0148, or Lynne Zack, 320-260-9701. All are welcome to attend at no expense to you.

LET'S CELEBRATE! Helen Clarke, a longtime member, is turning 90! Friends are invited to a celebration on Saturday, August 12th from 12-2pm. Location of the party is at St. Andrews Village: 220 East Ave, Mahtomedi, MN in the Shoreline Room. A carpool will leave the church at 10:30am for those interested in riding down together. Can't go but would like to send will wishes? Please reach out to Becca in the office for Helen's personal address. Any other questions please reach out to Carolyn Tuckner.

RITE OF INSTALLATION: Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery of the NEMN Synod
Saturday, Sept 12th at 2pm at First Lutheran in Duluth. Invitation information is on the door of the main office if interested. RSVPs request by QR code but not required.

BACKPACK PROGRAM: ***August Needs:*** Individual oatmeal packets, Pudding cups and/or individual snack packs such as teddy grahams, animal crackers etc.

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Mary Jo Mettler in honor of family birthdays.
Note: When taking your flowers please do so by taking the vase around to the back side of the altar space. Remove the flowers from the plastic insert & place them in the bags we have there for your convenience.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP Dave & Mary Jo Mettler

CREATION CARE: August 9
As summer fruit comes into its abundance, do you or anyone you know have extra produce to share? If you can't eat all the apples on your tree or notice a fruit tree in your neighborhood laden with good fruit, inquire about picking it and donating it to a local food bank. If you can't harvest it yourself, inquire about local volunteer fruit gleaning groups who will come and harvest the fruit and give the excess to those in need. Inspired? Start a gleaning program in your own community (https://bit.ly/gleaning-guide)!

HEALING PRAYER TEAM
"Do not worry. Tell God what you need with a thankful heart. His peace will guard your mind." Philippines 4:6-7. Martin Luther viewed prayer as an essential, daily conversation with God rather than a chore. He advised engaging with scripture, starting each day with prayer.
Loving Father, When I feel overwhelmed, scared or anxious, please fill my heart and mind with Your perfect peace. Help me to remember that You are in control of every situation and that nothing is impossible for You. In Jesus name. Amen.

ORLC PRAYER LIST: Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.
<u>TO PRAY FOR:</u>
Heesook K (friend of Larry G), Carolyn M, Ray W, Nancy W (daughter of Judy B), Kinsley K, Lois B, Eric J (son of Sherwood & Marietta J), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)