

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 13, 2023**



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## INTRODUCTION

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.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## **WHO YOU SAY I AM**

**Who am I that the highest King,  
would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in,  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**

**Who the Son sets free,  
oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

**Free at last he has ransomed me,  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me**

**Who the Son sets free,  
oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house,  
there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

### *BRIDGE 2X*

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am**

**I am who You say I am**

**Who the Son sets free,  
oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house,  
there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

**In my Father's house,  
there's a place for me,  
I'm a child of God,  
yes I am**

### *INSTRUMENTAL*

#### *BRIDGE 3X*

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am**

**Oh I am who You say I am  
Yes I am who You say I am**

**Who the Son sets free,  
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I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house,  
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## **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**

Let us pray. 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.**

*Please sit*

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup>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?"

<sup>10</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>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?" <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>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 <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.

<sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>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.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

**HOMILY**

*Please stand*

***Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)***

**You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

**And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds  
me  
You've never failed and You won't start  
now**

**I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine**

**Oh and You are mine oh**

**BRIDGE 3X**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is  
without borders**

**Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could  
ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour**

**I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 INTERCESSION

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. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. Offering baskets can be found in the back pews.*

## **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ***Holy Is The Lord***

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty**

**The earth is filled with His glory**

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty**

**The earth is filled with His glory**

**The earth is filled with His glory**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please sit*

## LAMB OF GOD (Setting 7)



*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;*  
*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;*  
*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.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FAMILY TIME**

## **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **SENDING HYMN**

## ***The Lord Is Good***

**The Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
I have tasted and seen the Lord is good  
He is my Lord and King  
Better than life to me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good to me.**

**The Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
I have tasted and seen the Lord is good  
He is my Lord and King  
Better than life to me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good**

**Good, good, good**

**The Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
I have tasted and seen the Lord is good  
He is my Lord and King  
Better than life to me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good.**

**He's put clapping in my hands  
Dancing in my feet  
Blessed me more than I can ever say I  
know down through the years  
He's watched over me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good to me  
The Lord is good The Lord is good  
I have tasted and seen the Lord is good  
He is my Lord and King  
Better than life to me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good**

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Dancing in my feet  
Blessed me more than I can ever say  
I know down through the years  
He's watched over me  
Oh yes, I know the Lord is good  
He's put clapping in my hands  
Dancing in my feet  
Blessed me more than I can ever say  
I know down through the years  
He's watched over me  
I know the Lord's been good to me (4x)**

**I know the Lord's been good to me (4x)**

**Good to me, good to me, good to me, I  
know He's been good to me. (2x)**

**I know He's been, I know He's been, I  
know He's been, I know He's been  
(2x)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

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*"Who You Say I Am"*

*"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"*

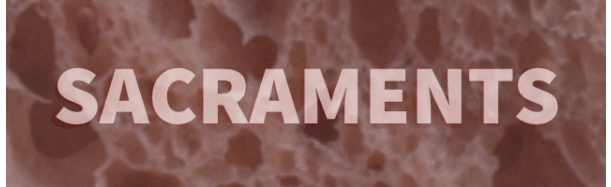
*"The Lord Is Good"*

## Sacraments Bible Study

What is a sacrament? How many are there — 2, 3, 7? Do we have Holy Water? Join Pastor Keith for a study on the sacraments using scripture and theological sources to answer these questions and more about how God shows up in our world. **The class will meet for four Tuesday evenings at 7pm**

**online using Zoom, beginning August 15th.** Go to

<https://mygoodshepherd.net/bible-study/> for more information.



## Interfaith Food Pantry

The Interfaith Food Pantry located at Aldersgate Methodist Church is in need of support. Good Shepherd is a member of the Food Pantry.

For the month of July, our financial report did show a loss, again due mostly to the need to purchase food to supplement grocery donations. These numbers do also include several financial donations from individuals and churches.

The Pantry took in a total of \$1325.00 and spent \$3834.14. Our expenses include the purchase of food as well the ongoing expenses of running the Pantry (bills, etc.)

We served a total of 881 individuals which included 308 families. Of these families we helped 627 adults and 254 children.

Good Shepherd members & friends are encouraged to keep donating food and non-perishable items. The pantry serves many who may not have electricity or are homeless. Non-perishable items that do not need to be heated are appreciated. Please leave your donations in the narthex.

We do have one request: The printer in the pantry has died. If anyone, has an extra one, and would be willing to donate it, this would be appreciated.

**Our Stewardship  
For the month ending July 2023**

	Church	Little Lambs
Needed monthly	\$ 28,514.45	\$ 51,864.17
Giving/Income for the month	13,902.54	47,969.45
Monthly Expenses	\$ 21,973.71	\$ 50,587.85
Giving/Income YTD	105,156.13	515,575.31
Expenses YTD	188,352.54	362,588.69
Estimated Cost for Roof and Renovations		\$ 150,000.00
Total Paid Out for Roof and Renovations so far		\$ 123,494.00
Contributions towards Roof and Renovations		\$ 20,480.63