

August 09, 2026 +Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

The Good Book – B is for Boat

Call to Worship

Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

Come, let us worship!

Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

Come, let us worship!

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the presence of God and of one another.

God of grace, **We confess that we have failed you, ourselves, and one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving them the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations. We fail to recognize your works waiting to be born. If only we would step up to help. If only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Our sins are forgiven. God's invitation is to another way of living.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchased of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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, we thank you for calling us to join you, to sail out of our snug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith. Open our eyes to see where you are moving, our ears to hear your voice, and our hearts to follow you without fear. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying.

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.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

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

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Reading – B is for Boat – Luke 5:1-11

Before: The Bible is full of GOOD NEWS!

We're listening, tell us our story.

After: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and
treach'rous shoal; chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2. As a mother stills her child, thou canst
hush the ocean wild; boist'rous waves obey thy
will when thou say'st to them: “Be still.” Wondrous
sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore, and the
fearful breakers roar twixt me and the peaceful
rest, then, while leaning on thy breast, may I
hear thee say to me: “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again 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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Offering & Giving Prayer

God of abundance beyond measure, **It feels like
privilege to offer back to you even a portion of
the blessings you have poured out upon us. Keep
us mindful of what we call our own, seeking new
ways to come alongside you in the creation of
abundance for the world. Amen.**

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**

Announcements

Blessing

May we delight in the grace and forgiveness of
Jesus, inviting us again and again to repentance and
repair. May we recognize new birth all around, the
spirit of God made manifest in abundant
imagination. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “On Our Way Rejoicing”

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go now in peace, Love your God, Serve your
neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

