ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name!

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 *or* FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator! In grateful devotion our tribute we bring: we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing. With voices united our praises we offer; to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! Amen.

SERVICE THEME

The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing | 599

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word & Prayer | 266-267

1 KINGS 19:9-18

God hides Himself in a gentle whisper, which is found by faith.

He came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very zealous

for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

¹¹Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

All: After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

God Is the Strength of My Heart | 73

ROMANS 8:28-39

Paul teaches that in good or bad we cling to God's salvation.

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was

raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written: "For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise | 948



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.





He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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MATTHEW 14:22-33

Peter is saved from his eyes that doubted by Jesus' promise.

Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. ²⁴By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" ²⁷But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹Jesus said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Will Hold Me Fast | 813

Soloist will sing stanza 1; congregation is invited to sing stanzas 2 and 3.

"Trust Your Ears, Not Your Eyes"

Pastor Boehringer

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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HYMN OF SENDING

Rejoice, the Lord Is King | **524**

ORGANIST Erin Achey

GREETERS

9:00 ~ Judine Schicker