

St. Matthew 14:27b

“Take heart it is I. Do not be afraid.”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

## Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn      *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*      (ELW) No. 767

\*The Confession and Forgiveness      (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting      (ELW) page 138

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)      (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise      *Our Father, God in Heaven Above*      (ELW) No. 746

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty and merciful God, only by Your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of You and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive Your promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Job 38:4-18

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 18:1-6 [7-16]

<sup>1</sup>I love You, O Lord, my strength.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

<sup>3</sup>I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**<sup>4</sup>The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

**<sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple he heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

[<sup>7</sup>Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because He was angry.

**<sup>8</sup>Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from Him.**

<sup>9</sup>He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet.

**<sup>10</sup>He rode on a cherub and flew; He came swiftly on the wings of the wind.**

<sup>11</sup>He made darkness His covering, His canopy around Him, thick clouds dark with water.

**<sup>12</sup>Out of the brightness before Him hailstones and coals of fire broke through His clouds.**

<sup>13</sup>The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

**<sup>14</sup>And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; He flashed forth lightnings and routed them.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at His rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

**<sup>16</sup>He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.]**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Allelula, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Allelula. Allelula.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

(ELW) No. 596

\*The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection (+) of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(SBH) No. 27

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Have No Fear Little Flock*

(ELW) No. 764

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Sending Hymn

*Be the Love of Christ*

Postlude

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## Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me. O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me on - to the end.



1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed  
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be  
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -  
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and



in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,  
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give  
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,  
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve



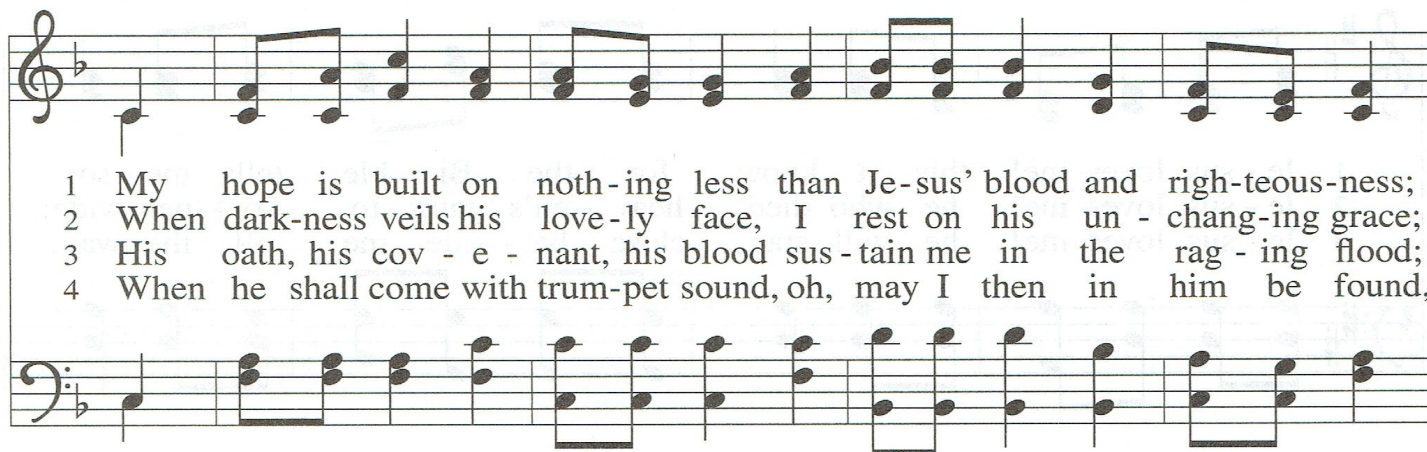
in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your  
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in  
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from  
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,



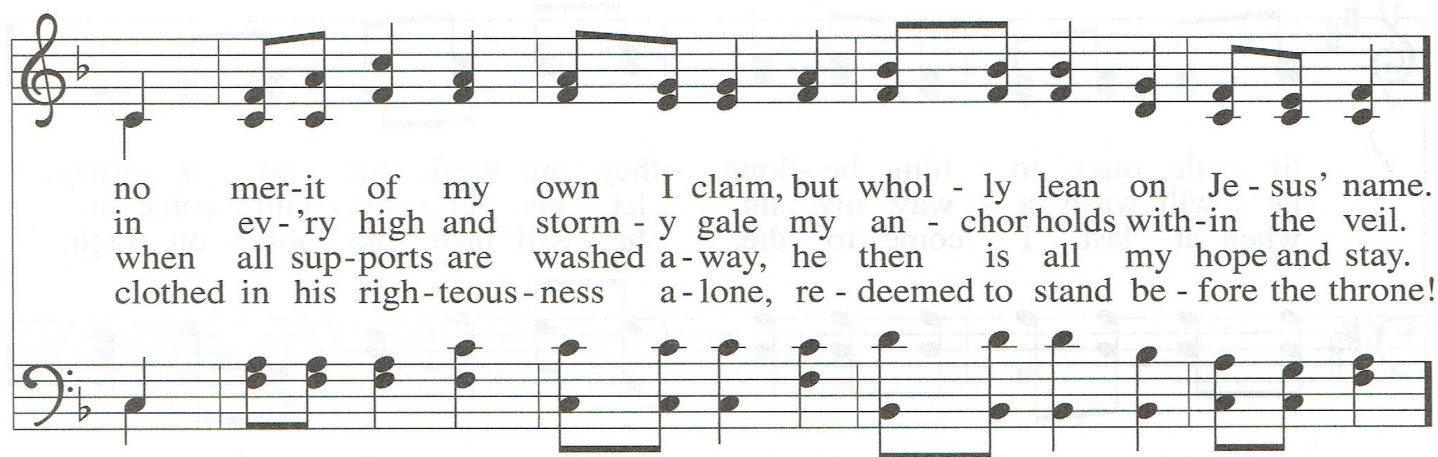
will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.  
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.  
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.  
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!



## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

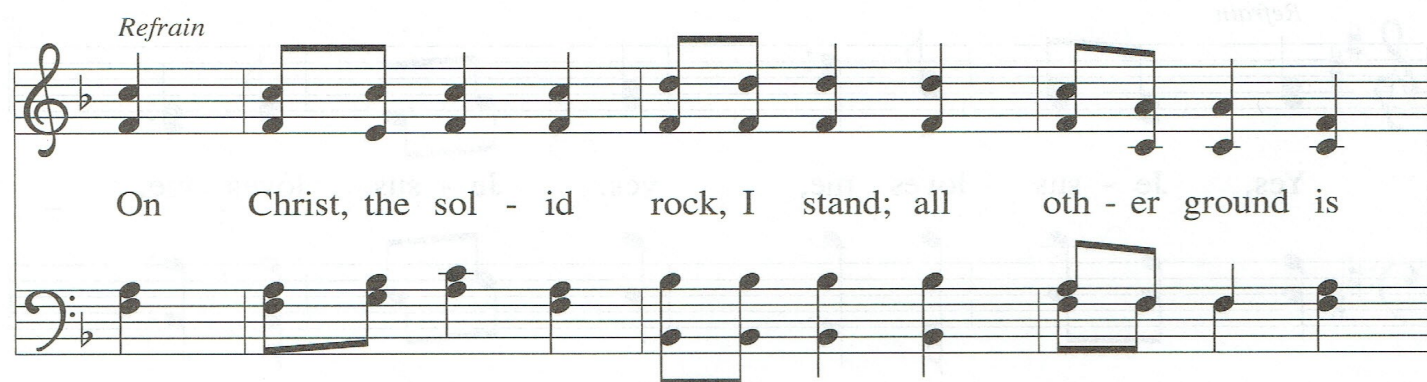


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

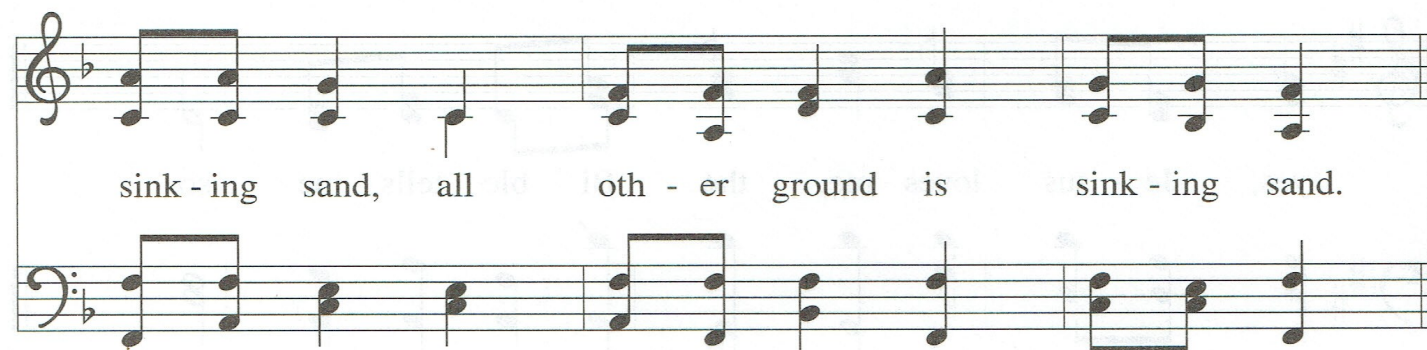


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation for 'The Communion'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -'.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -'.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are 'way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly'.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of'.

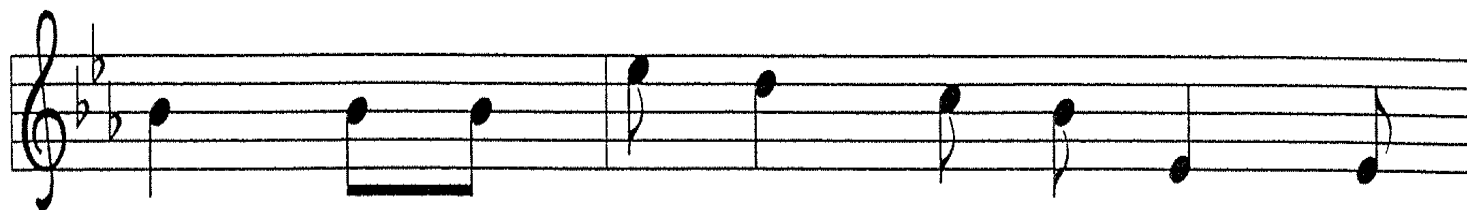
thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are 'thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.'

## Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God.

**The Lay Reader** is Ron McGoogan.

**Acolytes** are Julia Jeffcoat.

**Counters/Greeters** today are C. Group and V. Group.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2026** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2026.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2026.** Please sign up.

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Greg Mason, Ed Dupas, Pat Dupas, Carol Cancelmi, Sandy Hebrank, Richard & Lisa Hager, Anneleise Christian, Rick & Amande, RJ, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westcott, Jerry Garrison, Apollos Yocca, Cathie Schuett-Weaver, Grant Baun, Nikki Thon, Amy Verderber, RJ and James, Dennis S., Mike Miller, and Bob Phillips.

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**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

# LISTENING FOR THE PROMISE

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2026

*But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

*And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

*Romans 10:8-9, 13-15, 17 –*

Have you ever finished a great book or watched an entertaining movie and couldn't wait to share it with someone? It's only natural to want to share special moments with others; we were made to be in relationships. And, feeling knowledgeable and excited about something, makes it all the easier to share.

How many times, however, have you thought, “I know I should share the Gospel, but I don't always feel comfortable doing it,” so it gets left up to pastors, leaders of the Church, and theologians; people who are “qualified” to share the Gospel. But guess what? We have everything we need to share the Gospel, and it's not only good news but a message of salvation! So what holds us back?

We read in Romans 10:8, “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” These are the very words we can proclaim and share with others. When we allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through us, sharing the Gospel will become as natural as sharing about a good book!

Allow God to work through you today, because someone is out there waiting to hear the Good News of the Gospel from you! Let the last words of Romans 10:17 resonate within you, “As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’” Amen.

