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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Partita français

Craig A. Penfield

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Hymnal p. 684

“Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

**It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.**

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

**O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!**

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 803 sts. 1,3

Joyful Joyful

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Fountain head of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

L: The first reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter nineteen of 1 Kings.

Elijah flees and the Lord feeds.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 34

L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

C: And let us exalt His name together!

L: I will bless the Lord at all times;

C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

L: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

C: Let the humble hear and be glad.

L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

C: And let us exalt His name together!

L: I sought the Lord, and He answered me

C: And delivered me from all my fears.

L: Those who look to Him are radiant,

C: And their faces shall never be ashamed.

L: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

C: And saved him out of all his troubles.

L: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,

C: And delivers them.

L: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

C: And let us exalt His name together!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17–5:2

L: The second reading is from chapter four of Ephesians.

New life as God's children

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35–51

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, chapter six.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus, the bread of life, continues teaching.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Hymnal p. 534

**Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!

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**Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were
slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

**Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Look Ye Saints

Donald Busarow

OFFERING SONG

Lord of All Good

Hymnal p. 786 st. 1

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (+) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Be Still My Soul

Hymnal p. 752

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;

In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly, Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.
Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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POSTLUDE

Lauda Anima

Kevin Norris

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office

open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

HOME COMMUNION: Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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