Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, August 24th, 2025; 9:30 am 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken ELW #556

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Call to Worship: Psalm 71:1-6

P: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

P: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. From my birth

C: I have leaned upon you, my protector, since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: God of power and justice, like Jeremiah, you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. By your tears and through your mercy,

teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Sylvia Benson

4Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." 9Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

By faith, the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so, they were drowned. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia Verse: Christ, Be Our Light Vs. 4 ELW #715

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

10Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and

was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

(After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children's Message

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Give Me Jesus ELW #770

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: The Church's One Foundation ELW #654

Offertory Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The 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.

Benediction

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace.

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW #886