

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Beverly Baker, Robert Wulf, Mildred Peters

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 833 712 526

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Aug. 21 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Aug. 21 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Aug. 23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Class

Aug. 23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Aug. 24 Noon Bible Study Class

Aug. 27 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

REMINDER FOR ENGLISH: Services will move to 8:15 a.m. beginning September 11th.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Listen, God is Calling*. In our Gospel reading, Jesus invites us to enter through the narrow door and find salvation. The door of God's kingdom was opened through Jesus' death on the cross. Now, God is calling, offering us forgiveness, comfort, and joy. There is no reason to put off God's invitation. To those who repent and believe, the blessings of eternal life begin today.

A WORD: Jesus is asked in the Gospel lesson, "Will those who are saved be few?" That is the wrong question. So Jesus redirects our attention to our own salvation. The narrow door of salvation is open to us today. Will we enter through? Or will we wait until it is too late? The epistle lesson encourages us to accept every kind of suffering as discipline from God, something useful for training us in righteousness.

The Old Testament reading gives us a picture of salvation, the Gospel being spread to every corner of the world, men and women from every tongue, tribe, and nation, coming to worship the Lord. This prophecy is being fulfilled in our own day as men and women continue to repent and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 32:22-31 Luke 8:42b-48
Ruth 1:1-18

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: At the beginning of our Gospel for today, Jesus says that the door is narrow, that is, salvation is through Christ alone. There is no other name by which we are saved (Acts 4:12). While the door is narrow, it is also open to all people. North, south, east, and west: God is calling all peoples through the Gospel to the one and only Jesus of Nazareth, the one Lord and Savior of all.

THANK YOU to my church family for all your well wishes and prayers for my sister, Marcia Neelly. She is feeling stronger every day.
Dennis Reuvers

THANK YOU: Gayle Johnson would like to thank the Daughters of Peace for visiting her and the rest of the shut ins. As Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

PICNIC AT THE PARSONAGE: We will be hosting one more Picnic at the Parsonage the last Saturday of August at 5:30. There is a signup sheet for the August picnic in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall for the directory photographer appointments. The photographer will be here August 30th. You may register online at www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter ia217 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment or if you wish to call and set up a time, Wilma is in the church office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and she will assist you with your appointment time.

BLESSINGS JAR: Today the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Aug. 21-Ashlie Slotter, Aug. 28-Pamela Young, Sept. 4-Lois Baatz, Sept. 11-Kathleen Dieren, Sept. 18-Bev Doorenbos, Sept. 25-Diane Drenth.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect condiments-olives, pickles, relish, mustard, ketchup, barbecue sauce, Heinz 57 etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann **Next Sunday is Team 3:** Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 833: LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
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.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18–23

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4–24

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 13:29

Alleluia. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 13:22–30

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

G 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 712: SEEK YE FIRST

SERMON

OFFERTORY

G Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
G Amen.

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HYMN 526: YOU ARE THE WAY; THROUGH YOU ALONE

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