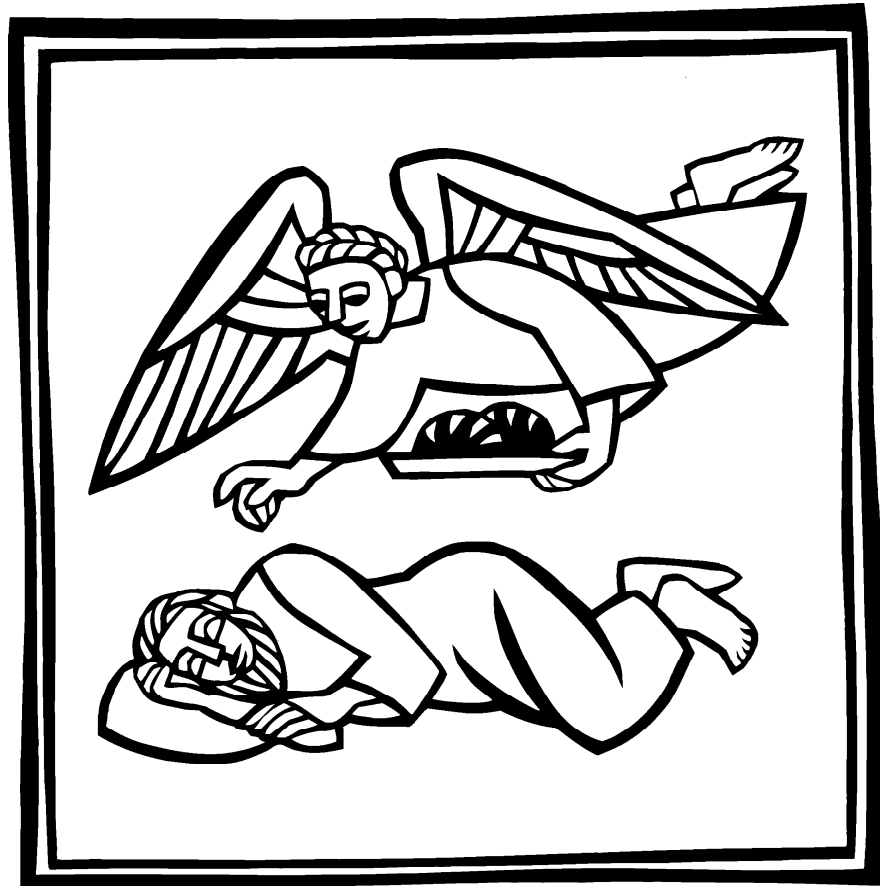


# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## We Gather

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### **Prelude**

*Allegro*

Anonymous (English School)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Please Stand as you are able)*

*Worship Leader:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**All: Amen.**

*Worship Leader:* Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Worship Leader:* God, our provider,

**All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

*Worship Leader:* Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**All: Amen.**

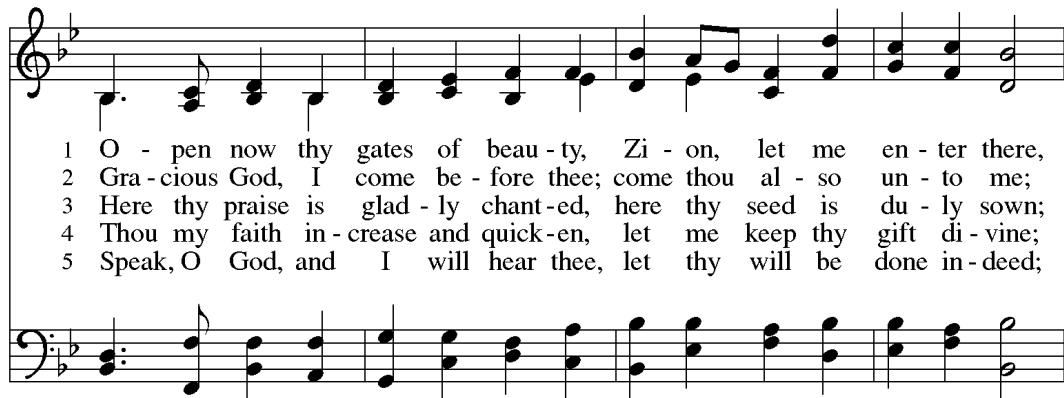
### **The Greeting**

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

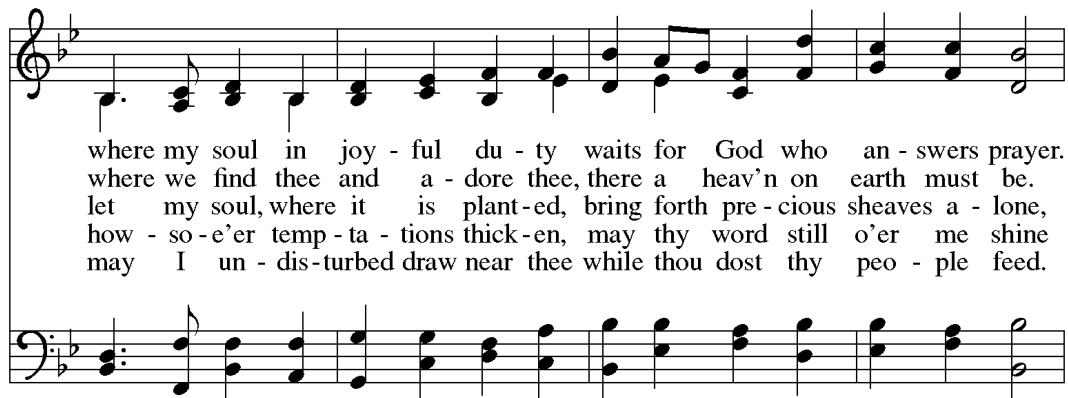
**All: And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

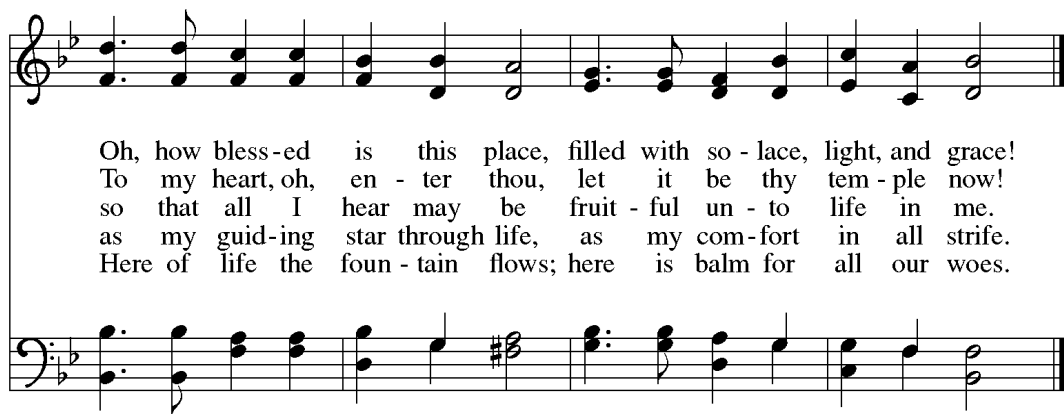
### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(All may be seated)*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

### Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

## **Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

*(Please Stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*(All may be seated)*

## **Sermon**

### **Apostle's Creed**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

*Worship Leader:* Glory and praise to you, O God, for your words of promise. With Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Deborah and Elijah, Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, we receive your gospel of challenge and comfort. By your Spirit, equip us to serve those in need, faithfully following your Word, Jesus Christ, our Companion and Savior, now and forever.

**All: 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**

*(All may be seated)*

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## **We Are Sent**

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## **Blessing**

*Worship Leader:* The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Worship Leader:* Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God**



## Sending Hymn

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## Postlude

*Trumpet Fanfare*

Jean Joseph Mouret

## Announcements

This week's flowers are given by Diane Wood-Miller, Lorna Davis, and Trudy Cerbone. Diane and Lorna's flowers are given in memory of their mother, Mildred Davis' birthday. Trudy's flowers are given in memory of Trudy's mother Theresia.

### *Important Dates to Remember:*

Next council meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm

Next Fellowship Breakfast will be on Thursday, August 12 at 9 am at the Palace Diner

Next Pub Night will be on Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 pm at Schatzi's

Please sign up to provide flowers for worship – the flower chart is in the narthex

Pastoral care is being coordinated by our First Lutheran Shepherds. If you are not sure who your Shepherd is, please contact FELC President, Nancy Slingerland at

[President@firstlutheranpok.org](mailto:President@firstlutheranpok.org)

**Masks** - The CDC says that wearing masks inside is no longer mandatory however it is still suggested. It is also recommended that everyone wears a mask while singing to help prevent the spread of COVID.

**Fellowship after Service** - Please join us for fellowship after the services. PLEASE sign up downstairs to bake/bring a desert.

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

8/12 Jane Flynn

8/14 Pastor Deborah

8/14 Otto Frank, Jr.

8/26 Eric Hepp

8/28 Carol Ann Fischer

8/28 Andrew Stephens

8/28 Philip Stephens

8/30 Lorna Davis

### **Thank You to Today's Servers:**

Pastor Koenig, Homilist

Peter Slingerland, Deacon

Eric Hepp, Organist

Nancy Slingerland, Worship Leader

Lorna Davis and Diane Wood-Miller, Greeters

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