

August 8 - 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from First Kings

At Horeb, the mount of God,
Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there.
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
“What are you doing here, Elijah?”
He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts,
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword.
I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

And Yahweh said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord,
for I am about to pass by.”
Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains
and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,
but the Lord was not in the wind,
and after the wind an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in the earthquake,
and after the earthquake a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire,
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle
and went out and bowed down at the entrance of the cave.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans

Do you not know?

“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 are saved.

For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,

and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written,

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat
and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee,
while he dismissed the crowds.
And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone,
but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,
for the wind was against them.
And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying,
“It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.
But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him,
“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
He said, “Come.”
So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water,
and came toward Jesus.
But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened,
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”
Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,
“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.