



And we know that for those who love God

**ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER FOR GOOD,**

for those who are called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

Sunday, August 9, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

**CHRISTIANS REST IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THEM IN
CHRIST**

Whenever events in life tempt us to worry or doubt, God is present with His plan and promise to encourage us. As the Bible reveals again and again, He works in all things for the good of believers. He reassures us of His grace and plan through the Gospel – picking us up out of a sea of worry and doubt so we can live in the confidence that He will work in everything we experience in our lives for our eternal good.



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844 What God Ordains Is Always Good CW 844 sts. 1-3



1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: his will is just and
2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: he nev - er will de -
3 What God or-dains is al - ways good: though I the cup am
ho - ly. As he di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
ceive me; he leads me in his right - eous way and nev - er
drink - ing which sa - vors now of bit - ter-ness, I take it
meek and low - ly. My God in - deed in ev - 'ry need knows
will he leave me. I take con - tent what he has sent; his
with - out shrink - ing. For af - ter grief God grants re - lief, my
well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.
hand that sends me sad - ness will turn my tears to glad - ness.
heart with com - fort fill - ing and all my sor - row still - ing.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Time of the Church

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

The Lord graciously puts Elijah's doubts to rest with His plans and promised grace.

⁹He came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

¹⁰He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

¹¹Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

¹⁴He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 sts. 1–3



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
 for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con-found - ed, fly.
 that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
 If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
 With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
 what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
 thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
 the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28–39

In all things, good and bad, God carries out His perfect plan for His glory and our salvation.

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 sts. 4–7



4 He can-cel'd my of - fens - es, de - liv - er'd me from death;
 5 Now no one can con-demn me or set my hope a - side;
 6 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, no pain or pov - er - ty,
 7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;



he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.
 now hell no more can claim me, its fu - ry I de - ride.
 no earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger shall ev - er van - quish me.
 my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.



In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;
 No sen - tence now re - proves me, no guilt de - stroys my peace,
 Though earth should break a - sun - der, you are my Sav - ior true;
 The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;



in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 for Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me and shields me with his grace.
 no fire or sword or thun - der shall sev - er me from you.
 the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

In the account of Peter walking on water, we see how quickly doubts arise, and how graciously Jesus takes hold of us to rescue us from them.

²²Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. ²⁴By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” ²⁷But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

847 Be Still, My Soul

CW 847 sts. 1-2

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or-der fu-ture as he has the past; your hope, your con-fi-dence, let and pro-vide; in ev-'ry change he faith-ful will re-noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly friend last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end. his voice who ruled them while he lived be-low.

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Sermon

Romans 8:28–30

Christians Rest in God's Plan for Them in Christ.

- 1) He uses all things for the believer's good.
- 2) He uses His plan to bring them into glory.

513 In You Is Gladness

CW 513



1 In you is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 If he is ours, — we fear no pow - ers, not of
sun - shine of my heart. By you are giv - en the gifts of
earth or sin or death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -
heav - en, you the true Re - deem - er are. Our souls are
tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - ing, our bonds are break - ing; who trusts you
sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and
sure - ly has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er.
voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er.
Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are pin - ing to see your
Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for glad - ness, win o - ver
shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to you are
sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall
cling - ing now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
raise him glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Time of the Church

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

CW 849



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,
di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.
With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;
so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

August 9 – Matthew / August 16 – Andrew

Food Drive

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a food drive for the Barrhaven Food Bank until August 30th. Please consult the poster on the door or the handouts on the table in the back of church to see what items are most needed. Place donated items in the baskets located under the mailboxes in the back of the church.

Free Online College Course!

Want to be involved with spiritually caring for the aging? There is a “Geriatric and Care Facility Ministry” course, a three-credit online class offered with “on-the-job training” through Martin Luther College in behalf of WELS Special Ministries. The training is available to lay men and women (pastors, teachers and staff ministers too!) as an elective in the Chaplain Certificate Program. You do not need to become a chaplain to take the course. The class begins in late August (August 24-December 11, 2026) but register as soon as possible. Online instruction offers flexibility with weekly study, assignments and discussion. For more information contact the instructor, Dan Krause at (920)203-7570 or KrauseDE@mlc-wels.edu The tuition (over \$1000) is provided by Martin Luther Elder Care Ministries. Register at mlecm.org or MLC-WELS.edu .

DIVINE WORD’S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (9) 9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Church Picnic

Tu (11) 11:00 am Christian Funeral for Adeline Gadde

Fr (14) 6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

Sa (15) 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class

Su (16) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)

10:45 am Brief Bible Study

3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore

4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

(Pastor will be out of town from August 17-24)

Su (23) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship

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