



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2026

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #574

Here I Am, Lord

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #763

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #475

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

SENDING HYMN

Hymn Lotto

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ 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?" ¹⁰ 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."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is 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, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet

I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² 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. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ 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!”

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²² [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.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking

toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS-----August 9, 2026

We welcome you to Emmaus in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the back of the church in the narthex and grab a welcome bag. Join us for Coffee Hour downstairs afterwards.

All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ, this day. Come, encounter the grace and love of God! For those not yet communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Large print bulletins and children’s bulletins (as well as crayons and storybooks) are available in the narthex. We also have assisted listening devices available.

Help Restore a Piece of Emmaus History! An incredible vintage model of a tall ship, originally gifted to our church by Scandinavian sailors, has returned to Emmaus. While the ship is sound, it requires professional care from White’s Nautical Antiques to restore it to its original glory. The Congregation Council is launching a "Restore the Ship" fundraiser to raise the necessary \$4,000 outside of the church budget. The ship and a blue donation box will soon be displayed in the narthex; cash (in a labeled envelope) and checks are gratefully accepted. If we do not reach our goal, all donations will be returned. Please see any council members with questions!

For our August, the Thankoffering is School Kits through Lutheran World Relief for students in need around the world. These kits provide crucial educational tools that help children attend school, learn, and build a brighter future. We invite everyone to participate by donating the specific items so we can pack as many complete kits as possible during this meaningful drive. Please see the list of items and their specifics on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Make your check out to Emmaus and mark “Thankoffering” in the memo line.

Hymn Lotto is back due to popular demand! Choose your favorite hymn from the ELW hymnal located in the pews, write it down, and place it in the blue box found in the Narthex. Every Sunday during worship, a hymn will be drawn from the box and played. Join in the fun!

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Stacey Pardales for Peace on Earth.

Fall Happenings

Brunch for All is back after summer break! Our first gathering of the season will be Sunday, September 13th, right after worship. Come enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship with your church family. All are welcome!

Bible Study: Beginning Monday, September 14, join Pastor Gail every Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for a new Monday Night Zoom Bible Study. If you want to spend a little more time with Sunday's Scripture, this is a welcoming space to explore the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday—no Bible expertise necessary! Together, we will read the texts, ask questions, share insights, and discover how these ancient stories continue to shape our lives today, whether you have been studying the Bible for years or are just beginning. Zoom link will be emailed before each session. Come when you can, invite a friend, and prepare for Sunday in a thoughtful and meaningful way—we hope you can join us!

Painting with Presence: Discover the joy of slowing down at our first Creative Contemplation Saturday! September 26, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. join artist/educator Chris Reed and Pastor Gail as they lead a free watercolor workshop designed to nurture our innate creativity by practicing mindful presence. Chris will lead us in a guided meditation, painting demonstration, which will be followed by an open painting session. Chris and Pr. Gail will offer assistance, feedback, and encouragement to participants. Supplies are provided, though goodwill offerings are appreciated. Space is very limited to ensure personal attention, so please register early. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions!

Rev. Gail Angellis is the pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church. Pastor Gail is available from Sunday through Thursday (office 781-4820) or by cell phone at (603) 557-8671. You can also email Pastor Gail anytime at pastor.gail@emmausfalmouth.org.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.: 50

ASSISTING THIS MORNING:

Assisting Minister	Sarah Hallen
A/V	Kelly Chadbourne
Altar Guild	Jencie Gerwig
Ushers	Tammy Buchanan
Coffee Hour	Jencie Gerwig

***IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michelle, Jerry, Jackie, Maria, Felix, Kristine, Lara, Carol, John, Phyllis, Cathy, Mary Beth, Dawn, Charlie, Peter, Babette and Bartholomew, Sylvia and DuWayne. We pray for those who grieve. We pray for all who are being persecuted for their faith expressions throughout the world. We pray for all who serve our country and work for peace.

Here I Am, Lord



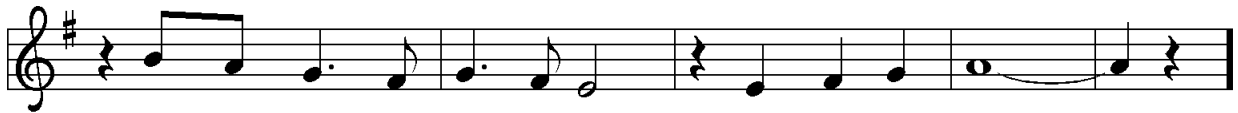
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

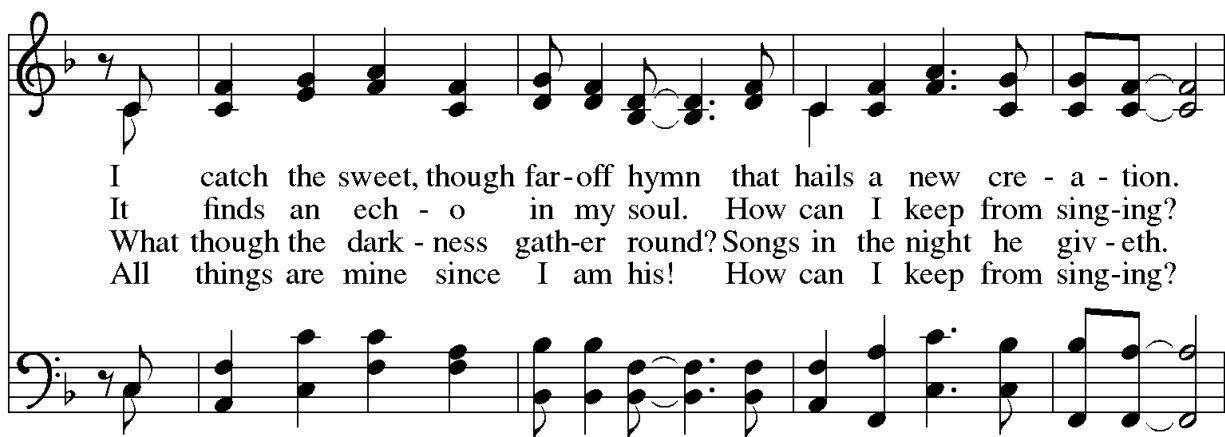


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

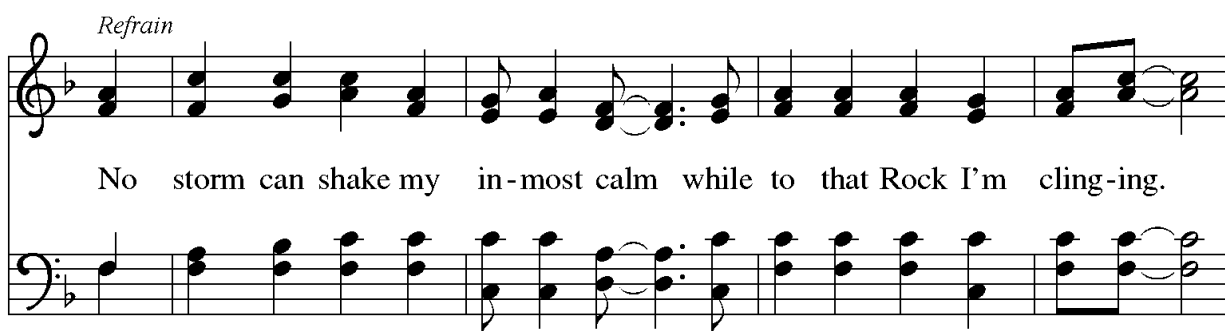


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

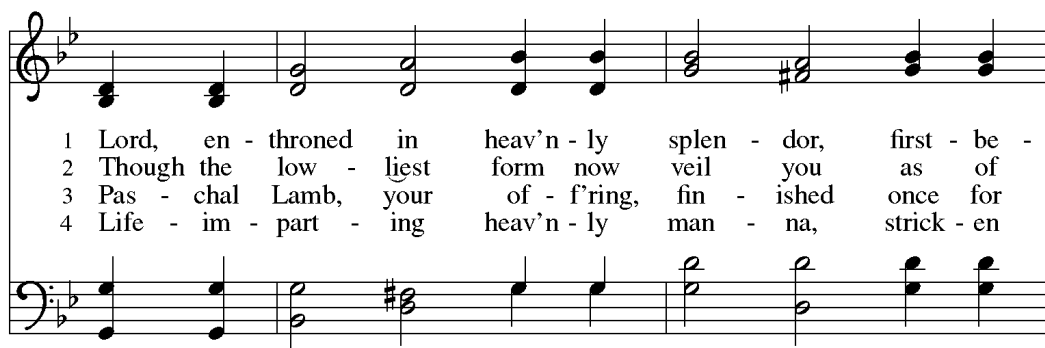


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

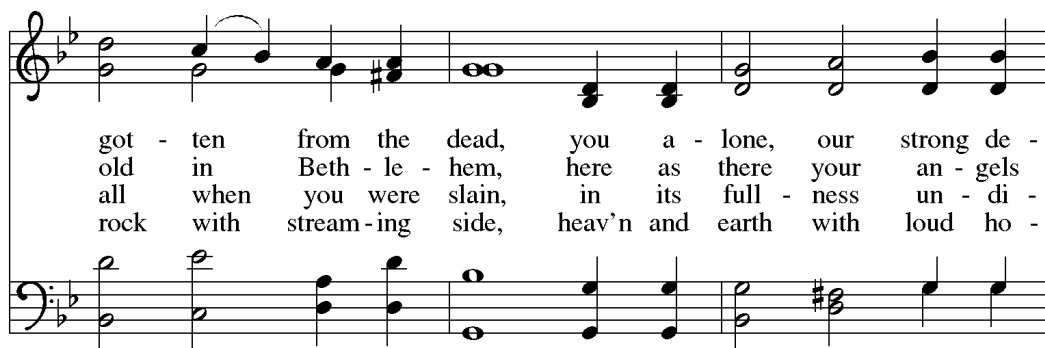


Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

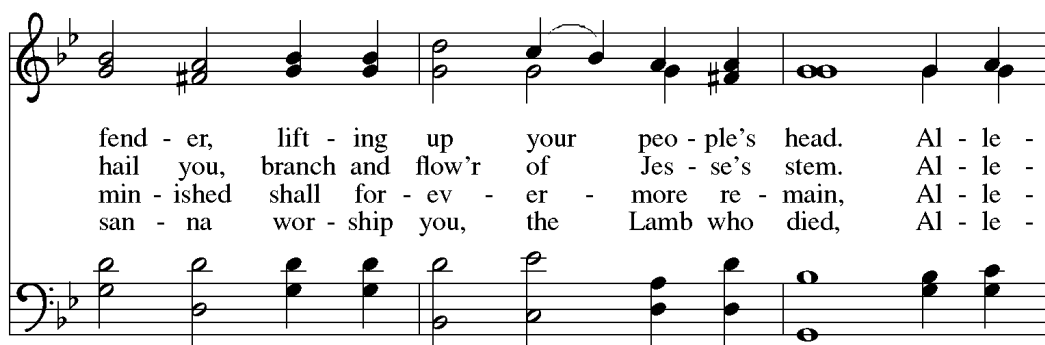
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



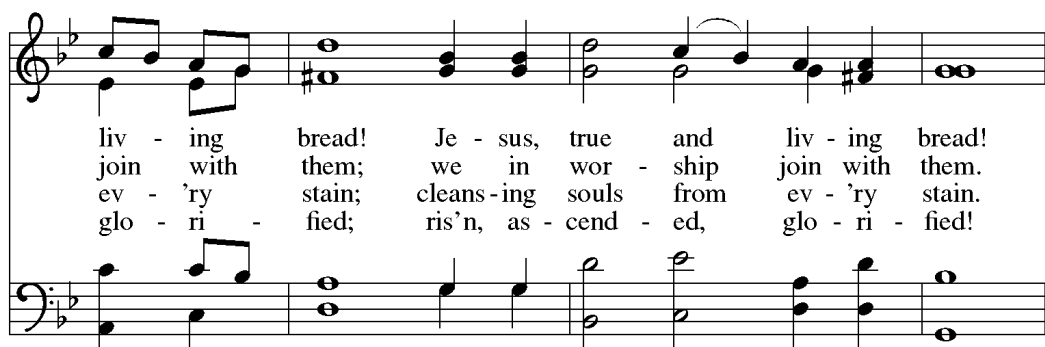
got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!