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*"As followers of Christ, we give glory to God alone, through
witness and service to all."*

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2011

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

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Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19.9-18

⁹At that place he 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?" ¹⁰He 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." ¹¹He 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; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When 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?" ¹⁴He 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." ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Romans 10.5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But 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? ¹⁵And 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!"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia

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The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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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.

Worship Duties

Organist: Mindy Eastman
 Greeters: George Andersen
 Toni Groven
 Ushers: Ray & Jolene Jacobsen
 Acolyte: Mac Spotts
 Lector: Ray Jacobsen
 Communion Asst.: Ray Jacobsen
 Altar Guild: Jeanene Blickenderfer
 Kris Overturf
 Coffee Servers: Larry & Yvonne Schuler
 Counting Team: Toni Groven
 Karen Brandau
 Lawn Mowers:
 Aug. 8-14: Joel Hanson

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP join us in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and coffee.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of AnnaBelle Christiansen, who passed away July 29th. The flowers on the altar are from her funeral.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth today from 4-6:00 p.m. The meal is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children under age 5. The menu is Sloppy joes, fruit, chips, ice cream, brownies, coffee & lemonade. Proceeds to be used to help mission projects of the church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE:

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| <u>Today</u> | <u>August 7th</u> |
| 9:00AM | Worship |
| 10:00AM | Fellowship/Summer Forum |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>August 10th</u> |
| 5:00PM | Worship & Music Cmte. |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>August 11th</u> |
| 10:00AM | Coffee Break |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>August 14th</u> |
| 9:00AM | Worship |
| 10:00AM | Fellowship/Summer Forum |
| 4:00PM | Self-Study Committee |
| 5:30PM | Youth Group @ Huey's |
| 6:00PM | Church Council |

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| Sunday, July 31 | |
| Worship Participation | 50 |
| Total Income Needed for July | \$ 8,386.34 |
| Monthly Income to Date | \$ 4,864.95 |
| July 31 Offering | |
| Current Envelope Offering | \$ 1,054.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 6.00 |
| Electronic Deposits | |
| Other Current Offering | |
| Savings Transfer | |
| Total Current Offering | \$ 1,060.00 |
| Total Monthly Income to Date | \$ 5,924.95 |
| Income Still Needed for July | \$ 2,461.39 |

Other Income Week of 7-31-11:

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| Ice Cream Social | \$ 20.00 |
| Malaria Fund | \$ 30.00 |

NEEDED: Items for the school kits for to go to Lutheran World Relief. Items needed to put into the bag are:

- Notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, totaling 150-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include three); no loose-leaf paper.
 - One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
 - One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
 - One pencil sharpener
 - One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.
 - 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
 - One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- Now is a good time to purchase these while school sales are going on.