



**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School**  
**Grafton, WI**  
**August 9, 2026**

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

**Today's Focus:** Christians answer doubt with faith.

Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always lingering. Doubt asks the serpent's garden question, "Did God really say?" People doubt God's care, God's promises, or God's providence.

The answer to doubt is not found in loud, dramatic demonstrations. The true answer to doubt is found in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering to us in his Word. Through Word and sacrament, Christ reaches out to us with nail-scarred hands, proof of his great love. Jesus gently says, "Why did you doubt?" Our faith is restored. Christians answer doubt with faith.

**Stewardship from God's Word:** 1 Kings 19:9-18

Elijah was discouraged and depressed, thinking his service to the LORD was all in vain. God spoke to him in the still, small voice and encouraged his servant to serve his people with the Word. Compelled by the love of Christ, we will manage our possessions in amazement that God gives us his gifts and graciously equips us to serve him and the needs of others.

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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## Welcome!

### 819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 sts. 1-4



- 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
- 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



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.  
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



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;  
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



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.  
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

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*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## 819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 sts. 5–6



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,



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.



No sen - tence now re - proves me, no guilt de - stroy's my peace,  
Though earth should break a - sun - der, you are my Sav - ior true;



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.

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## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

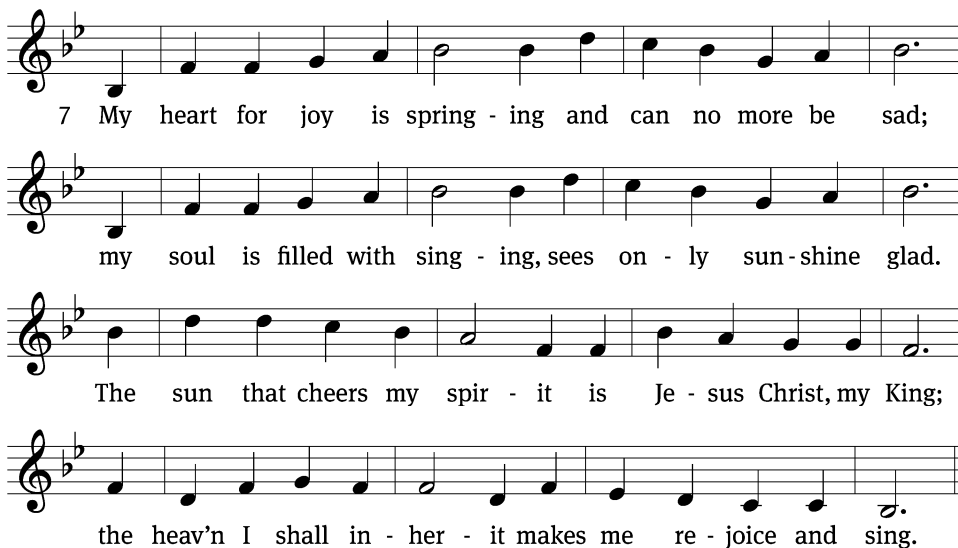
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

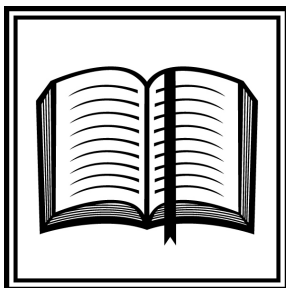
## 819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 st. 7



7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;  
my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.  
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;  
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## 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.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

<sup>9</sup>There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup>He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup>He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup>Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup>Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 73C My Feet Had Almost Slipped

Psalm 73C



1 My feet had al - most slipped; I near - ly lost my hold when  
2 My sanc - tu - ar - y sure, my por - tion and my rest, the  
3 My flesh and heart may fail but God is still my strength; his



wick - ed lies were on the lips of ar - ro - gant and bold.  
LORD re - mains my hope se - cure, the ref - uge of the blest.  
prom - is - es will soon pre - vail and o - ver - come at length.



Their un - re - pent - ant mouths caused mis - er - y and fears un -  
His pres - ence cheers my soul, his right hand holds me fast; he  
Whom have I, LORD, but you? I turn my eyes from earth and



til I en - tered God's own house and wiped a - way my tears.  
guides my path with his con - trol, takes me to heav'n at last.  
seek those things which, good and true, a - lone have price - less worth.

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## Second Reading

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

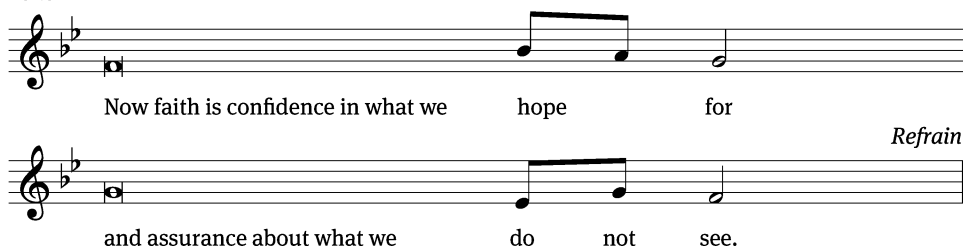
Hebrews 11:1



### Refrain



### Tone



### Refrain

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## Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup>Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup>“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.  
<sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**847 Be Still, My Soul**

CW 847

**Sermon**

*Romans 8:28-39*

*Stand*

## **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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:*

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**Give with the App:** Download the *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

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During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.

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**802 All Is Well**

CW 802

*Stand*

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.**

## **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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

# 844 What God Ordains Is Always Good

CW 844 sts. 1–2, 4



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 -  
 4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: this truth re - mains un -



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  
 shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



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  
 be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, for with his arm he



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.  
 will em - brace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

|                  |            |                                  |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday (8/9)     | 8:00 a.m.  | Worship                          |
|                  | 9:30 a.m.  | Twenty-Minute Family Bible Study |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Worship                          |
| Monday (8/10)    |            |                                  |
| Tuesday (8/11)   | 7:00 p.m.  | Council Meeting                  |
| Wednesday (8/12) |            |                                  |
| Thursday (8/13)  | 7:00 p.m.  | Worship and Communion            |
| Friday (8/14)    | 5:15 p.m.  | LWOS Bible Information Class     |
| Saturday (8/15)  |            |                                  |
| Sunday (8/16)    | 8:00 a.m.  | Worship and Communion            |
|                  | 9:30 a.m.  | Twenty-Minute Family Bible Study |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Worship and Communion            |

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

|                    | <b>Thursday<br/>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Early<br/>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Late<br/>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Team Whitford                              | Team 1E                                 | Team 1L                                |
| <b>Altar Asst</b>  |                                            |                                         |                                        |
| <b>Tech Team</b>   |                                            | Corah Fischer                           | Simeon Fischer                         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn               | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn            | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn           |
|                    | <i>Thursday<br/>August 13<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Early<br/>August 16<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Late<br/>August 16<sup>th</sup></i> |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Team Whitford                              | Team 1E                                 | Team 1L                                |
| <b>Altar Asst</b>  |                                            | Mike Sauer                              | George Edwards<br>Doug Zabel           |
| <b>Tech Team</b>   |                                            | Abby Behnke                             | Estelle Wagie                          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn               | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn            | Deanna Edwards<br>Sandy Hahn           |