

# First English Lutheran Church

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Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

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Pentecost 11

August 9, 2026

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## ***Prelude, Ringing of the Bell***

***Opening Hymn*** - LSB # 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

## ***Welcome***

***Order of Worship*** – LSB Divine Service 5 - pg. 213

## ***Invocation; Confession and Absolution***

### ***Psalms 18:1-6***

P: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**C: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**C: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

P: the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

**C: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

***Kyrie*** - LSB #943 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son

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***Gloria in Excelsis*** – LSB #947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

All glory be to God on high  
And thanks for all His favor  
No harm can touch or terrify

A child of God forever.

God shows His good and gracious will  
And grants His peace, the world to fill  
All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You  
We give you thanks forever  
O Father for Your rule is true  
And just and changes never.  
With boundless power Your mighty reign  
fulfills whatever You ordain.  
Lord grant us every blessing.

O Jesus Christ, the only Son  
Begotten of the Father,  
Your saving death has made us one  
With God and with each other.  
O Lamb of God, to You on high  
In our distress we sinners cry  
Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight  
And source of consolation  
Protect us from the devil's might  
Through Jesus, our salvation,  
Who by His death upon a tree  
Has rescued us from misery  
To this we hold forever.

***Collect and Responses*** – pg. 214

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

***First Lesson*** – Job 38:4-18 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> when

the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? <sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup> “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson** – Romans 10:5-17 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> 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); <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please rise)*

**Holy Gospel** - Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Children’s Message**

**Creedal Hymn** – LSB #953 “We All Believe in One True God”

### **Sermon**

*(please rise)*

**Prayer of the Church** – pg. 215

**Apostles’ Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

**Offering** *(hymn will be sung during the offering)*

**Offering Hymn** - LSB # 717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**Lord’s Prayer** – pg. 217 (Or inside back cover)

**Benedicamus and Benediction** – pg. 218

**Closing Hymn** - LSB # 817 vs. 1-4 "Earth and All Stars"

**Announcements and Postlude**

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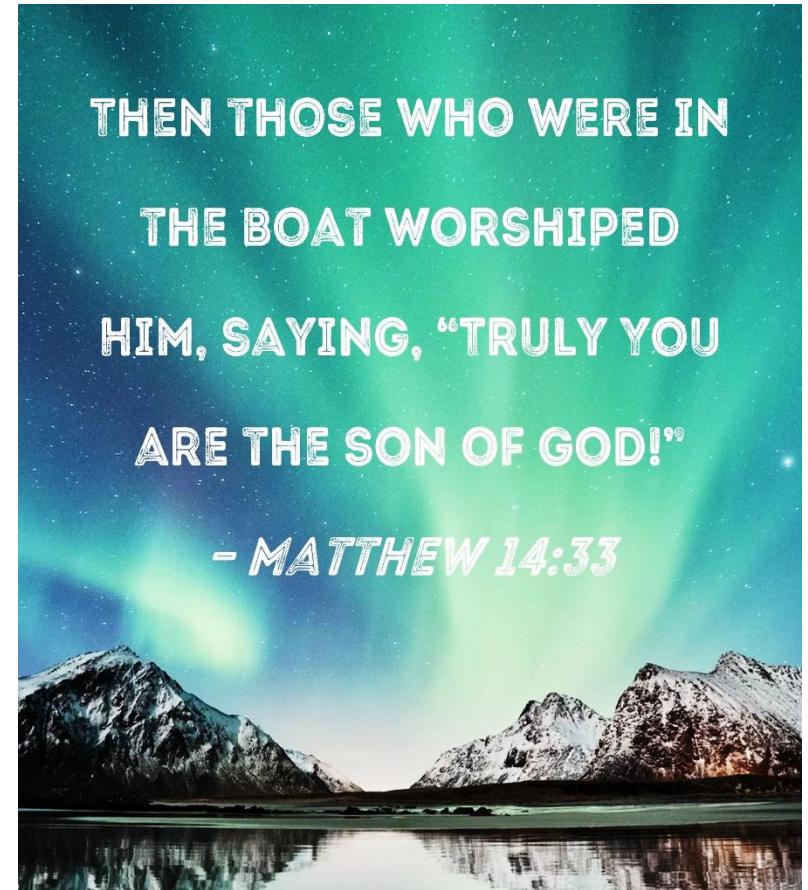
Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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