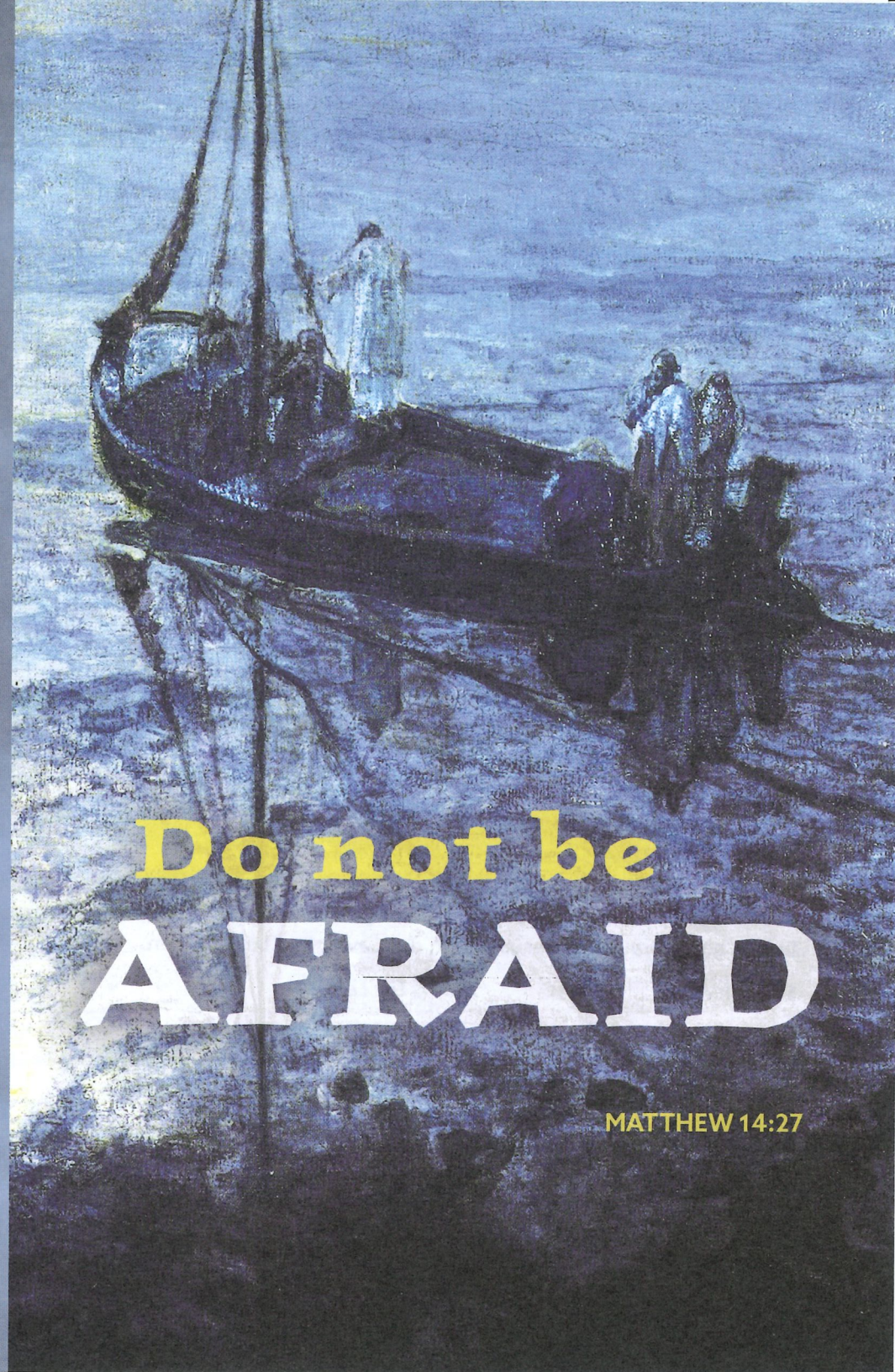




Do not be
AFRAID

MATTHEW 14:27

Time after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Radio ministry is given in loving memory of Kim Eaker Lang by Jeff Lang.

Baptized today: Amara Rae Dangler, daughter of Taylor Christianson and Derek Crouch, born on June 10, 2026, in Rochester, MN. Her sponsors are Bo Zwiener and Ragan Nelson.

Sunday 8/09	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	Congregational Meeting – Agenda: Roof Project Part 2
	1:15pm	Prairie Manor Worship
Monday 8/10	7:00pm	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday 8/11	4:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm)
	6:00pm	Deacon & Trustee Meetings
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday 8/12	8:00am	Bible Study
Thursday 8/13	3:00pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Sunday 8/16	9:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	Coffee Farewell for Pastor Heidi

Acolytes: Liam Kremer, Noah Bartness

Lector: Ashley Boehnke

Ushers: Randy Klemmensen, Dwain Schultz, Rich Schwartz, David Strenge

Lutheran Social Service has been our partner in mission for over 160 years! FLCW are inviting our participation in building LSS Project Kits July 1-Aug 16. See narthex display & grab one of the post-it notes to buy just one or two items or a full shopping list. Any amount is appreciated!

Children's Offering for summer is a noisy offering.

Our mission as The Welcome Place grows deeper each day. Thank you for your prayers, participation, offerings and tithes to keep our ministry strong.

Sunday, August 2 – Offering \$4,698.02
Attendance – 140

Online Giving



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who compassion endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)
Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**
Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**
Member comments – “It is a song I try to sing to my grandchildren.”

Borning Cry

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***Baptism of Amara Rae Dangler**

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***Baptismal Acclamation**
Children of the Heavenly Father

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Prayer of the Day**
Let us pray. 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.**

Special Music *Holy is the Lord* Worship Team

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Children’s Message

***Gospel Acclamation**
P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Calypso Doxology

see insert

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14:22-33

P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Open the Eyes of my Heart

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RESPONDING

*Prayers of Intercession

(Lord, in your mercy/**Hear our prayer**)

*Sharing of the Peace

*Offering

*Offertory

This Little Light of Mine

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*Offertory Prayer

*Lord’s Prayer

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SENDING

*Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, †bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Song

Lord, Reign in Me

#128 WT

*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

***Members’ Favorite*

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

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?" 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."

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13; tone 2



I will listen to what
the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace
to your faithful people
and to those
who turn their | hearts to you.
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near
to | those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell
| in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness
have | met together;
righteousness and peace
have | kissed each other.
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up
| from the earth,

continued

Psalm, continued

and righteousness
shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses 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) ⁷"or '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,
in your mouth and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,

¹³Righteousness shall go
be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare
for | God a pathway.

and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 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!"

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

[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. 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."

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Gathering Hymn

Borning Cry

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1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Baptismal Acclamation

Children of the Heavenly Father

#148 WT

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Gospel Acclamation

Calypso Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people, let it show.
Praise God above, let all heaven sing it, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Well,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Oh Amen. Yes, Amen, Amen, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
(Repeat)

Hymn of the Day

Holy is the Lord

#107 WT

1 We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship him now, how great, how awesome is he.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, the earth is filled with his glory.

2 It is rising up all around, it's anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around, it's anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, everyone sing. **(Chorus)**

Offering

This Little Light of Mine

#145 WT

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Sending Song

Lord Reign in Me

#128 WT

1 Over all the earth, you reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset
sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that you'd reign in me again.

Chorus: Lord, reign in me, reign in your power; over all my dreams, in my
darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't you reign in me again.

2 Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my
Lord; cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't you reign in
me again. **(Chorus)**