



# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I  
8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

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Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Romans 10:5–15

*NRSV*, p. 1034

*Commentary: The focus of Romans 9 through 11 is God's past, present and future dealings with the nation of Israel. Moses revealed that a person who practiced the righteousness commanded in the Law would live. However, there was a problem: no one can keep the whole Law perfectly. Paul reminded those relying on Judaic legalism that all they had to do was accept what God had done for them in Jesus Christ. Paul pointed out that spoken words and inmost beliefs should be in agreement. 'Jesus is Lord' was one of the most common and fundamental expressions of faith in the early church. The basis of salvation is the same for everyone, Jew and Gentile. Belief in God, specifically in the finished work of Jesus Christ, is the only condition for salvation.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 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) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But 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); because 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 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. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 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? 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!”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

*NRSV*, p. 893

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham*

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