AUGUST 9, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

We are sent to bring the good news of Christ to others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 14:22-33**	**Jesus walks on water**
Monday	**1 Kings 19:9-18**	**The Lord appears to Elijah**
Tuesday	**Romans 10:5-15**	**Anyone can be saved**
Wednesday	**Genesis 41:37-49**	**Joseph's rise to power**
Thursday	**Psalm 105:1-11**	**God's faithfulness to Israel**
Friday	**1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**	**Timothy brings good news**
Saturday	**Psalm 85:8-13**	**Restoration of God's favor**
Sunday	**Matthew 15:21-28**	**A woman's faith**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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!"
Romans 10:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God's word be near you. (Romans 10:8)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Are Marching in the Light

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- Who do you know that is spreading the good news of Jesus through their work? What do they do?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 10:5-15.
Paul continues an intricate dance that balances the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Hebrew community with fulfilling the new covenant given through Jesus. It is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all. Therefore, our job is not to judge but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard. What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—what some may consider the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person themself. People cannot receive the message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to others. We are the ones that are beautiful souls, not because of our feet, noses, or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others.
Discuss: How do you use your hands, feet, and voice to spread the good news of Christ?
Pray: **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with us and others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where can you go to tell others about Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect on one's life in prayer. When you go to bed, think or talk about fears you may have. How does it make a difference to know that Jesus is with you and calms any "storms" or fears that you might experience? Pause for a moment and reflect on your answer. Then say: ***"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."*** (Psalm 4:8)

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