**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 27, 2008
Service of the Word - I — 9:30 a.m.

***Our Preparation***

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| The Prelude | | Enter quietly to worship |
| *The Confession of Sins | (1) | p. 56 |
| †*The Entrance Hymn | (4) | #370 |
| *The Greeting | (5) | p. 57 |
| *The Kyrie | (6) | p. 57 |
| *The Hymn of Praise | (7) | p. 58 |
| *The Prayer of the Day | (8) | p. 26 |

***†Latecomers may be seated***

***The Word***

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| The First Lesson | (9) | I Kings 3:5–12 |
| The Psalm 119:129–136 | (11) | p. 277 |
| The Second Lesson | (12) | Romans 8:26–39 |
| *The Alleluia | (14) | p. 62 |
| *The Holy Gospel | (15,16) | Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 |
| The Sermon | | Pastor Phyles |

***Our Response to the Word***

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| *The Hymn of the Day | (19) | (Sts. 1–3) | #345 |
| *The Apostles' Creed | (20) | | p. 65 |
| The Offering and the Offertory | (45,46) | | p. 75 |
| *The Pastoral Prayer | (47) | | p. 75 |
| *The Lord's Prayer (either version) | (47) | | p. 76 |
| *The Benediction | (48) | | p. 76 |
| *The Departure Hymn | | (Sts. 1–4) | #320 |
| *A Moment of Reflection | | | |
| *The Postlude | | | Depart joyfully to serve |

****Congregation standing*** ***†Latecomers may be seated***

**Lay Assistant:** Linda Phyles
**Lector:** Tom Knowlton
**Usher:** Fred Faust
**Nursery:** Heather Phyles and helper

***Please disable all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank You.***

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by Judy Othote to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Othote.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who may be worshipping with us this morning. St. John is a congregation of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. We invite you to worship with us again and to join with us in our ministry here on the North Shore. Please sign our Guest Book before you leave, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

We also extend a warm welcome to our own Angie Cornwell, who is substituting at the organ console this morning. We genuinely appreciate her musical leadership of our worship.

The Bible study group will not meet this week. The group will meet again next Wednesday evening at 7:30 here at the church.

Openings remain on the Flower Chart. The flowers are supplied by Evans Florists of Peabody and the cost is still $30.00 per Sunday.

Please continue to use the blue offering envelopes to help offset the cost of the new roof for the steeple and the painting of the church to be done this summer. The balance due to pay ourselves back is sizable and your support is genuinely appreciated.

We shall celebrate the sacrament of holy communion next Sunday, August 3, at our usual 9:30 hour.

We are in the middle of the summer months, when we have the opportunity to re-create in the midst of God's good creation. Be sure to take time to pause and enjoy the grandeur and beauty of the world around us.

We ask your prayer and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.

Ellen Hepburn — Sylvia Moynihan — David Fredrickson
Dorothy Fender — Mary Dancewicz — Raudna Pelletier

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We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another those who have departed this life in the sign of the faith.

Eino Elias Liimatainen – 7/27/89
Ruth Elizabeth Mackie – 7/29/84