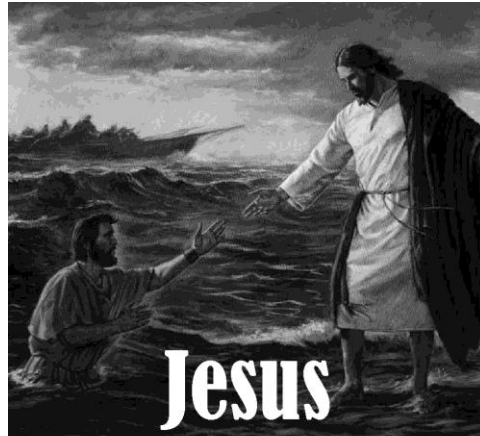


**+ The Holy Communion +**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 9, 2020**



**immediately  
reached out his hand  
and caught him,  
saying to him,  
“You of little faith,  
why did you doubt?”**  
**Matthew 14.31**

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Deepen relationships with our neighbors  
so we can grow in Christ together.

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# + The Holy Communion +

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*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

*The Color for the Sunday's after Pentecost is green which, represents growth.*

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Please stand as you are able*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

**Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## GATHERING Hymn "Oh, Worship the King" LBW #548 vs. 1 & 6

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove. Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise."

6 O measureless Might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to your praise.

*Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.  
Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727*

HANOVER  
10 10 11 11

*Please stand.*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

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.**

*You may be seated.*

## Word

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### First Reading a reading from **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?" He 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." He 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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When 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?" He 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." Then 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. Also 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. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 85:8-13** (read responsively)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people,**  
**to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
**righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**  
The Lord will give what is good,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**  
Righteousness will go before him,  
**and will make a path for his steps.**

Second Reading a reading from **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.” 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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**  
**Lord to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel    Matthew 14:22-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, 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  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

Hymn of the Day "My Life Flows On In Endless Song" ELW #763 vs. 1 & 2



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
87 87 and refrain

*Please stand.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in them midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take Heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day; especially those we name before you either silently or aloud. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gather us here today as our people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks, O God, for saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **Sending**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen**

*You may be seated.*

**Sending Hymn** “*Eternal Father, Strong to save*” LBW #467 vs. 1 & 4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, All trav - 'lers guard in  
rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y o - cean deep Its  
dan - ger's hour From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -  
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er-more shall  
cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

*Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876*

MELITA  
88 88 88

*Please stand.*

## MEAL

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### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on Earth and the Hosts of

heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*the minister addresses the assembly*

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

**Receive nourishment for the journey.**

*You may be seated.*

## **Communion**

*Our Lord's body and blood are truly present in the bread (and wine, for those at home) to forgive and strengthen us. **We practice open communion:** all Baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. **Gluten free wafers** are available. Please indicate to the pastor during distribution if you would rather have gluten free wafers. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament, a simple prayer such as this or another appropriate prayer may be said "May the Body of Christ bring me everlasting life."*

## **Communion Hymn**

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
(The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**)

*Please stand.*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Prayer**

**Let us pray.** *(silence for reflection and meditation)*

God of the welcome table, **in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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