



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020

Online Service

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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 communion, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

## Welcome and announcements

**Opening Hymn:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW #773

## Opening Prayer:

P: No matter how strong the storm, how threatening the waves, Jesus calls us to trust in his love and mercy. Rejoice in his goodness; rely on his power in all things. In his name we pray, **Amen.**

## \*\* Confession and Forgiveness

P: God makes no distinctions among us— *Rom. 10:12–13*  
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous.

Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Confessing our sins,  
we depend on God's generosity and grace.

## C: Gracious God,

you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. *Matt. 13:40*

We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear.

We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. *1 Kgs. 19:9–10*

We are not able to fulfill your commandments, *Rom. 10:5*

for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.

Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips *Rom. 10:9*

but do not believe in our hearts.

Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.

Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice

even when it is the sound of sheer silence. . . . *1 Kgs. 19:12*

*[A time of silence is kept.]*

P: We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Jesus is Lord! *Rom. 10:9*

God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.

**C: This is the good news we believe in our hearts** *Rom. 10:10, 15*

**and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**This is good news to share with all people! Amen.**

## Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**C: 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.**

### **Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

### **Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

L: <sup>8</sup>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.

**C: <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: <sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**C: <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### **Lesson: Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

P: The gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** Eternal Father, Strong to Save ELW #756

## **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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Sharing The Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

**P:** Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim that you are in our  
midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your  
hope, your healing is near to them.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**\*\* Charge**

P: The word of faith is near you, on your lips and in your heart. *Rom. 10:8*  
How shall others hear unless you proclaim it? *Rom. 10:14*  
Go now in the generous grace and favor of our God.  
How beautiful are the feet of you who bring good news! *Rom. 10:15*

**\*\* Blessing**

P: May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; *Ps. 85:10*  
the peace of Christ enfold you;  
and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn:** My Life Flows On in Endless Song ELW #763

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