

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 9, 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *taken from sections of today's scripture readings.*

Come be still and know that God is God.

Come listen to what the Lord God is saying; for God speaks peace

Come stand before the Lord, for the Lord will pass by.

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

Hear the living Word: Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid.

We come to hear the Good News once again.

**GATHERING SONG:** *"In You Alone"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymvSuZXgoLs&t=34s>

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, love from the beginning, Word made flesh, breath of heaven. Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn you redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Dear people of God, hear the good news:

You are loved and forgiven in the name of Jesus who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**SONG:** *"In the Eye of the Storm"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sx8wTnnfSc>

### **FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup>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?" <sup>10</sup>Elijah 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."

<sup>11</sup>The Lord 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; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>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?" <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>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."

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 85:8-13**

<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.

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

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

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

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

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>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) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>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); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>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 preach?

<sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

<sup>30</sup>But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**MESSAGE: Shivon Miller**

**SONG: “Praise you in the Storm” Casting Crowns**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YUGwUgBvTU>

**CONFESSION OF FAITH THE 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.**

## THE OFFERING

*Looking for a way to give to support Trinity ministry? We have now launched our Text to Give program. Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 833-610-0635. Kathy will also continue to check the mail and make deposits weekly Thank you for your generous giving that enables continued ministries.*

**OFFERING SONG: “Take My Life and Let it Be” Norton Hall Band**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2zt7PzHPqk>

## OFFERING PRAYER

**God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident of your care and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Save us, we pray.”

*A brief silence.*

For your church throughout the world, we pray: Strengthen the faith of all who believe. Speak to us through your word of power and mercy. Abide with those Christians who are isolated from others. Give wisdom and stamina to all preachers who bring your good news to the world. Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the well-being of your creation, we pray. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Tame the storms that threaten human habitations. Maintain the health of pets. Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the leaders of nations, we pray. Inspire those who govern to keep peace with their neighbors and to maintain justice for their citizens. Calm the world’s violence. Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For those in need we pray. For those who are unemployed, or homeless, or hungry, or hospitalized; for those whose money has run out; for those who are fearful of the future; and for those we name before you now:

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For the world facing the coronavirus we pray. Sustain medical workers for their arduous tasks. Assist our Congress and governors in legislating wisely during the pandemic. Give wisdom to educators as they plan the fall semester. Give us kindness with one another and patience for ourselves. And we beg: give us a vaccine. Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

For ourselves, we pray. Reach out your hand to us; save us when we are sinking; and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

We praise you, O God, for all who have died in the faith, for martyrs, for leaders in the struggle for civil rights, for victims of COVID-19, for those dear to us. Bring us at the end with all your saints into your everlasting life. Hear us, holy God:

**Save us, we pray.**

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

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

### **BLESSING based on 2 Thessalonians 2**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Creator, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “My Feet are on the Rock” I Am They**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uYiHiJTN6Y>

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**