

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 8 and 9, 2020

In Person worship, Saturday, 5 pm and Sunday at 9 am

Sunday service will be livestream on Facebook

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: It Is Well With My Soul arr. Eleanor Whitsett

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The leader leads the following prayer of preparation.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 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.

⁹At [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?” ¹⁰He 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.”

¹¹He 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; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When 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?” ¹⁴He 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.” ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet 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: Psalm 85:8-13 *to be read responsively between the lector and pastor*

⁸I 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.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: 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.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But 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); ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But 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?

¹⁵And 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!"

*** 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.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION OF THE DAY

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Eternal Father, Strong To Save” **ELW #756 - see insert**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the 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 jobs and affordable housing. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You gather us here today as your 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 in the midst of the pandemic, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the 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.**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING** – *to be spoken quietly*

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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The presiding minister continues.
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 your 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all visitors who are eligible to receive the Sacrament in their home congregation.
The Sacrament will be distributed at the steps. Please follow the directions given by the Pastor and printed in the
bulletin.*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

***TABLE BLESSING**

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds
The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.
God of abundance, with this bread of life and
cup of salvation you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people. Now send us
forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Eternal Father, Strong To Save arr. John B. Dykes

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Prayer Requests – Please email, text, or call Pastor Kathy with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. Pastoral care requests may be directed in the same way.

Holy Communion – At home Communion kits are still available for people who join us on Facebook for worship. Please call the church office to receive one. These kits can also be used by the pastor for a contactless Home Communion visit. If you are unable to join us in person or online and would like the Pastor to bring Home Communion to you, please call the church office to arrange a visit.

Synod Assembly – Ever wondered what happens at synod assembly, but never had the time or desire to travel to it? Well, here's your opportunity to attend the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly without ever leaving your home! This year's assembly, which includes electing a new Bishop, will be held virtually in October in 5 sessions over 2 weekends. We need to identify 2 delegates, plus Pastor to represent our congregation. Please contact Pastor Kathy for more information.

Outdoor Worship – Before the weather gets cold, the Worship Committee is exploring having an outdoor worship service with people staying in their cars or sitting just outside. We need an outdoor sound system that can accommodate 2 microphones and the keyboard. If anyone can help us with sourcing the equipment we might borrow, the committee would be grateful.

Sponsor Opportunities are available for altar flowers, bulletins, and our weekly mailings. Contact Linda in the church office for more information.

Attendance for August 1 and 2, 2020: 32 physically present, 107 virtual views and 1 share as of 8/3. Not comfortable worshipping in person, join us for our Sunday livestream at 9 am or check out the recording on our Facebook page.

Show your unity and support our Bear Creek Campers! Don't forget to show your unity with the family of St. Paul's Lutheran Church wearing a St. Paul's t-shirt while supporting our Bear Creek Campers. Shirts available are both long and short sleeved. Deadline to order with payment is August 31st. Orders can be mailed or placed in person at church. More details are on the order form.

The articles for the September newsletter are due in the office no later than August 15th.

Bulletins have been dedicated in honor of the birthday of John Edwards by Eva Waldman.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Evan Wisner's 9 th birthday by his parents Julie and Nick Wisner.

One vase of altar flowers has been place in honor of Trish Krause's birthday per her grandchildren Carly and Tanner.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR ONLINE GIVING/MAIL-IN/DROPPED OFF FOR LAST WEEK

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$56.50
Local Benevolence	\$117.50
Current	\$1079.55
Capital Building Fund	\$25.00
Plate	\$6.00
Soup Kitchen	\$107.00
<u>Total Received</u>	\$1391.55

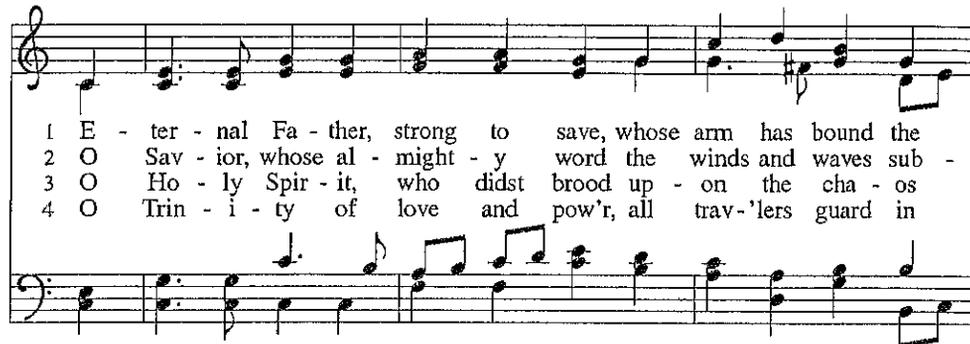
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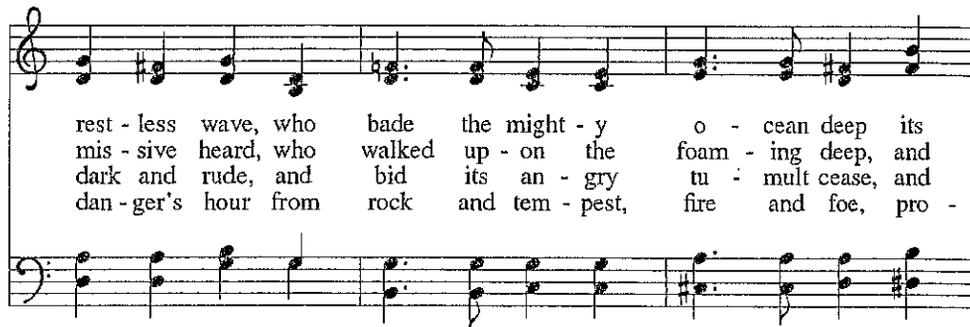
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Mon: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11—8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10
- Tues: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29
- Wed: Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27
- Thu: Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4
- Fri: Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28
- Sat: Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1-5; Matthew 14:34-36

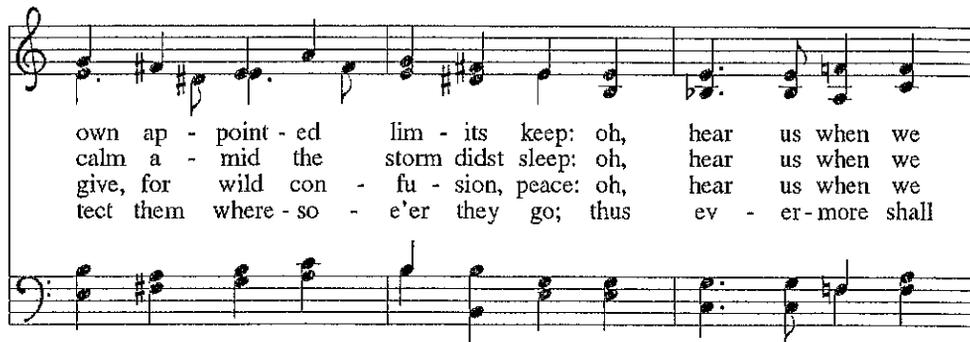
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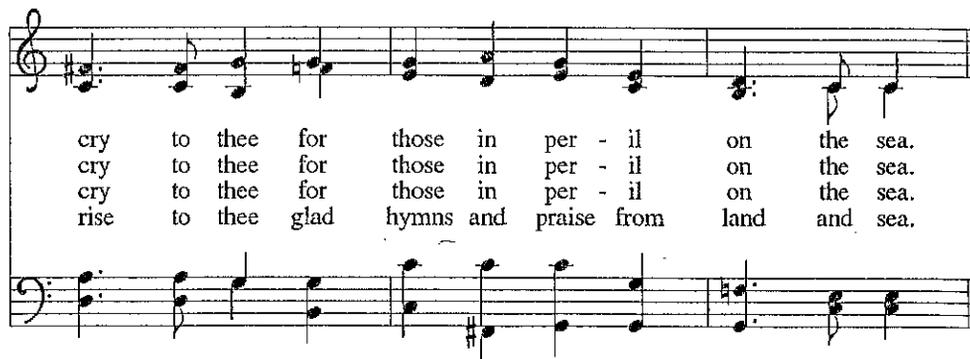
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 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



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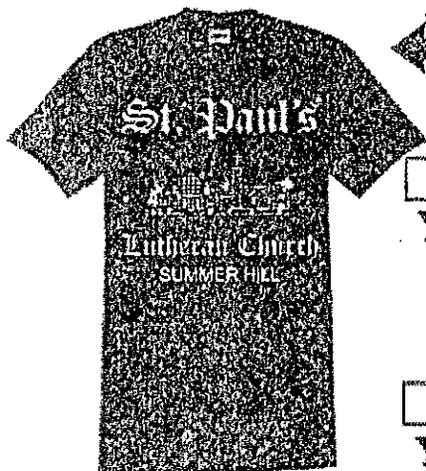
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 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

ST. PAUL'S CLOTHING ORDER FORM

Due August 31

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES ONCE THE ORDER IS PLACED...THANK YOU!

Benefits Christian Ed. Bear Creek campers



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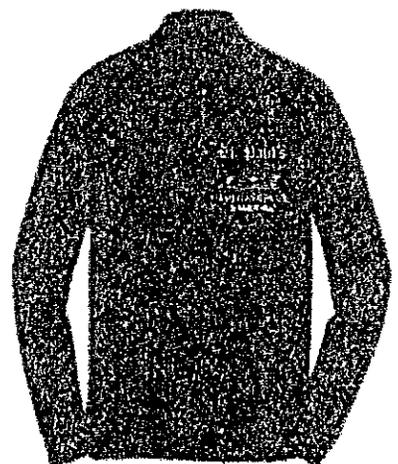
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