HOLY COMMUNION
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY
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.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Adagio Mozart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand
HYMN: Evening and Morning

Printed on the following page.
Evening and Morning

1 Evening and morning, sun-set and dawning,
wealth, peace, and gladness, comfort in sadness:
these are your works, rich in glory divine!
Times without number, awake or in slumber,
your eye observes us, from danger preserves us,
causing your mercy upon us to shine.
2 Gracious Lord, hear me, pardon and spare me;
calm all my terrors, blot out my errors,
that justified in your sight I may stand.
Order my goings, direct all my doings;
guard me and guide me and stay close beside me;
all I commit to your fatherly hand.
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
though billows tower, and winds gain power,
after the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing and peace never ceasing;
these shall I treasure and share in full measure
when in your mansions you grant me a place.
4 To God in heaven all praise be given!
O God, we offer and gladly profess
gifts from your hand; these alone you will prize:
human hearts that receive you and faith to believe you;
your throne like sweet incense arise.
and to your throne like sweet incense arise.
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,
C 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.

P 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.

Stand
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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, heav’n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-
ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, O Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P  Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C  Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

A  A reading from First Kings.

9 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?” 10 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.”

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

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13 (The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.)

8 I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to him.
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him, that his glory may dwell | in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
12 The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.


**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.*

A reading from Romans.

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 6 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) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 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); 9 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. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 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. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 14 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? 15 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!”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation, Verse, and repeats the Alleluia.*
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 holy gospel according to Matthew.

C  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. 23 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. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

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

P  The gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*Printed on the following page.*
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we
2 O Saviour, whose almighty word the winds and waves submisive heard, who walked up on the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild confusion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where so e’er they go; thus ever more shall
3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
4 O Trinity of love and pow’r, all travellers guard in danger’s hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, provect them where so e’er they go; thus ever more shall
cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.
APOSTLES CREED
P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
C 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 into hell.
    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
A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
    let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized,
    for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.
    Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.
    Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm’s way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

No Sign of Peace is offered.

The Offering will be collected in the Upper Narthex as you leave the church.

The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:
The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

P 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.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**C** 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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Behold the Lamb of God,
    behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
    Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** Lord, I am not worthy
    that you should enter under my roof,
    but only say the word
    and my soul shall be healed.

**Sit**

**COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another
Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the Body of Christ in your palm, move to the side aisle, place the Body of Christ in your mouth, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way;
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!

Without your grace and favor I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.
OFFERING
The offering will be collected as you leave the Brick Church Nave.

POSTLUDE: The Rejoicing

Handel

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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ’s ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

The green chasuble worn in the Old Church has an unusual shape. It is called a “fiddle back” chasuble because it has the same shape as a violin. This is the shape of chasubles in the 1700s, so it is historically accurate for the period of the founding of the Old Church. And with so much material removed from the sides, it is much cooler to wear in hot temperatures.

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*The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave* are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. David Cornish and family in memory of loved ones.

*The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave* are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her mother, Virginia L. Weicheld, and Debra Augustine in loving memory of her son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

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*The Worship Bulletins* are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Linsenbigler in memory of parents and grandparents Leon and Leona Linsenbigler.
We’re so glad to see you today!
We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed through the summer. Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator will be available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

We are never alone during this stressful time.
Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.
Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners: Green Phase

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held in the usual places and at the usual times during the summer: 8:00 AM in the Old Church and 9:30 AM in the air-conditioned Brick Church Nave.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing … and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary during the Green Phase. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.