



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020 ~ 10:00 am

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE VIDEO *Invincible (Life In the Storm)*

GATHERING SONG *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Cindy Strieter

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. We pray especially for Kim (friend of Cuciak family), Dennis Collister (brother of Liz Grider), Phyllis Johnson (friend of Linda Baumbach), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Amy Pazzino and baby (niece of Barb Fronczak), Toni Plute (sister of Charlie Koch), Katarina Rolik, Deanna Rose, Ellie Sanow, Family of Mary Siller, Ben Ubienski, Rachel Zinram and all those we name silently now.

O Lord, we are sinking beneath the waves of this pandemic. We are fearful of becoming ill. We struggle with our own mortality. We are saddened by the loss of lives. We miss the freedom of gathering and going about life as we used to. Protect healthcare providers. Give wisdom to those who advise us on best practices for staying safe. Be with educators and parents as they make difficult decisions with regard to the benefit and safety of the children in their care. Help us to keep our eyes above the waves and fixed on You.

O Lord, we are sinking beneath the waves of economic stress. Some of us have lost our jobs and stand to lose our savings and even our homes. Be with the homeless and the hungry. Be with the poor and the marginalized. Be with those who are fearful of their future. Soften the hearts of those in power who could provide relief for those in need. Help us to keep our eyes above the waves and fixed on You.

O Lord, we are sinking beneath the waves of social injustice and racial disparities. Our country groans to find expression that is peaceful, but clear and strong. Still the violence. Protect those who protest. Protect those who defend the law. Give us leaders and legislators of calm mind, who can help heal this divide. Inspire in us a love for all Your people, even those we fear, even those we disagree with. Help us to see them through Your eyes. Help us to keep our eyes above the waves and fixed on you.

O Lord, we are sinking, but You are the solid rock on which we can stand. With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, You reach out to Peter, to us, to all Your people and You pull us to Your safety. Your love endures forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Romans 10:5-15

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) 7“or ‘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!”

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

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.”

SERMON *Jesus Calms the Storm*

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another’s loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today’s service to send your check to the church or to make your [offering online](#).

OFFERTORY SONG *The Solid Rock*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Here I Am to Worship*, Offered by Joan, Mark and Brian Drobnak

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

CLOSING

BLESSING and CHARGE

POSTLUDE *Forever*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Thomas Henderson
Prayers and Reading:	Cindy Strieter
Cantor & Video Editor:	Ian Faleer
Ushers:	Tom & Lora Robinolt
Dismissal:	Phil & Pat Sprague
Sound Technician:	Ben Ubienski
Video Operator:	Jerry Ackerman
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