

# *Order of Worship*

## *The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, August 9, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*Please stand.*

### OPENING SONG

#### ***“Rock Of Ages You Will Stand”***

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand;  
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;  
My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.  
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;  
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

When darkness seems to hide Your face, I rest on Your unchanging grace;  
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil;  
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.  
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;  
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

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### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*We stand for the Confession and Absolution.*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

**All:** we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

#### **THE EPISTLE READING**

#### **ROMANS 10:5-13**

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on 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, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### **REFLECTION**

**THE EPISTLE READING** *continued*

**ROMANS 10:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <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 preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 14:22-33**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN**

***"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"***

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

### *"The God Gap"*

*Matthew 14:22-33*

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition the prayer concludes:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## THE 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

**REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:** *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this Holy Supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)*

*Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you his own body and blood in the Sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening from Jesus.*

**NOTE:** *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

## THE DISMISSAL

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**All:** Amen!

## CLOSING HYMN

### ***"Mighty To Save"***

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in, Now I surrender.

*Chorus:*     **Savior, He can move the mountains, My God is Mighty to save,  
He is Mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.**

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.

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## *We Pray For This Week*

Derek Hitzel, Karen Leeb, Kristie Rodrique & Family, Marilyn Roehrs, Jill & Kevin Roell,  
Erika Rogers, Hannelore Rogers & Family, Tim & Joanna Rogers & Family,  
Pastor Tom & Chris Rogers, Marta Roman-Wilson & Family

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

**Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:**

Brian Adams	Patricia Howard	Maggie Winn
Terri Green	Jeanne Kelly	
Alexander Hernandez	Jan Morton	

**We pray for those who are recovering:**

Rocky Hewitt	Brad Morton
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