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*Matthew 14:25-27*

## **Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

August 9, 2020

*Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel*

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.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten*

*The paraments are green during the season of Pentecost to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

### **ACCLAMATION**

Bruce W. Tippet

Alleluia. I wait for you O LORD; in your word is my hope. Alleluia.

*(Psalm 130:5)*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Sonata in F Major, K. 224

W.A. Mozart

*We stand.*

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

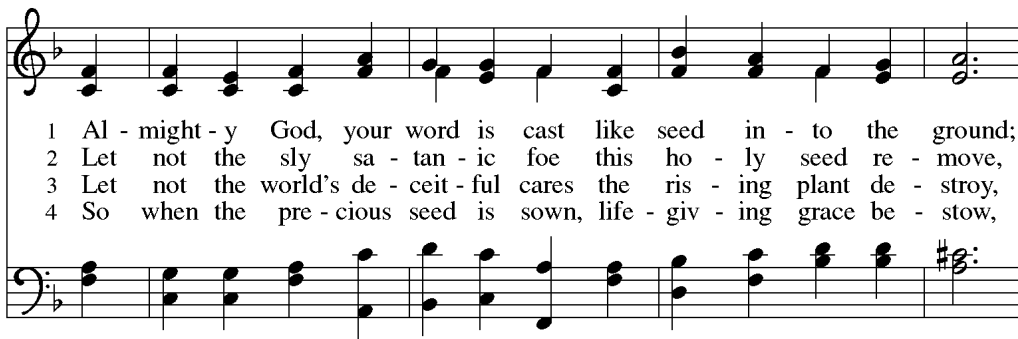
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

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

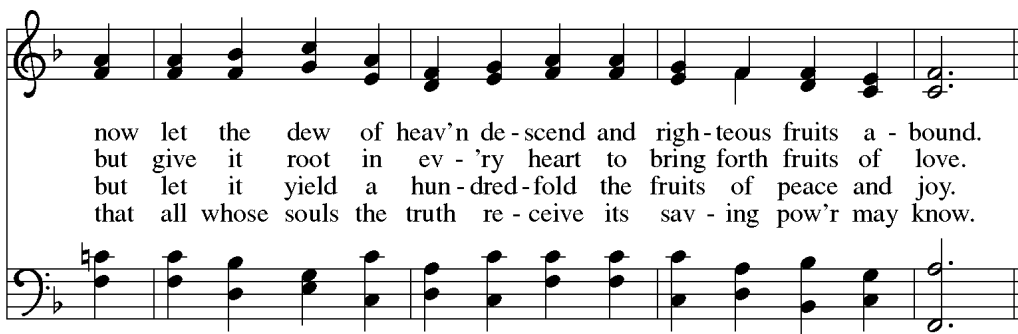
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.  
 Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

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.**

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels round the throne.

2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex - alt - ed thus!"

3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and pow'r di - vine;

4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the sa - cred Name



Ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"

And bless - ing, more than we can give, Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.

Of Him Who sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

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?” 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.” 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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 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?” 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.” 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. 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. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 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.”

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

- <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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 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. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 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? 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!”

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the crowds. 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. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

*We sit.*

## SERMON

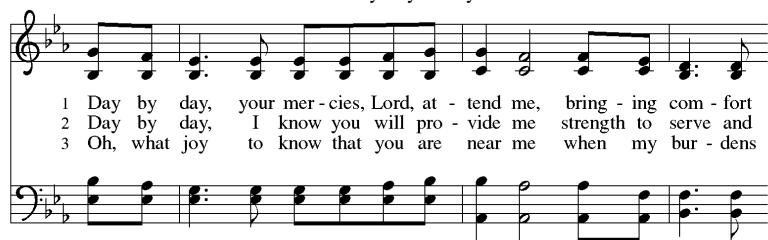
Hannah Norem

*We stand.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY 790 Day by Day

BLOTT EN DAG



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



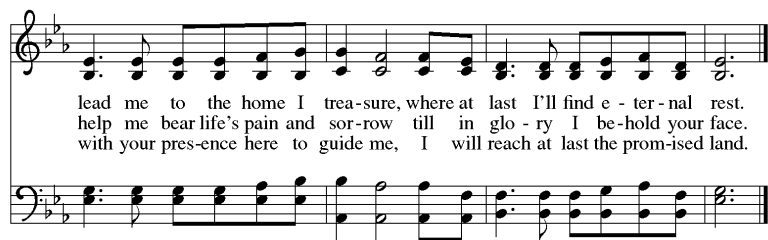
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## 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.

## 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.

*Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

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.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Almighty and Everlasting God Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand  
to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

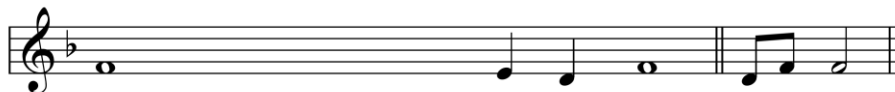
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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




The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace.     **A - men.**


# SENDING HYMN 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING




1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.




Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING POSTLUDE** Sonata in B-flat Major, K. 68

W.A. Mozart

## *Soli Deo Gloria*

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## Announcements

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God** and in celebration of Linda and Phil Martin's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 14, by Linda and Phil Martin.

**This week we keep in prayer Barbara Schwartz**, 3681 Marlowe Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-4118. Please send **Barbara** a note.

**The first episode of our 2020 Virtual Wine and Word** will be available this Tuesday evening. Our focus for this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA and its predecessor bodies. This week's episode will feature Rev. Jessica Christ, the former Bishop of Montana Synod and the first woman to chair the ELCA Conference of Bishops. On Tuesday, August 11, we will host a live zoom based Q&A session with Rev. Christ.

**Dessert with Pastor Lori will resume this evening**, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:15 p.m. A Zoom Room has been set up so that members from our congregation can click on the link sent out via Flocknote. You can come early, stay as little or as long as you like, and leave when you are ready. Since many of us could not vacation away from home this summer, come prepared to share one of your past vacation memories. I am looking forward to seeing you all this evening.

**Intergenerational Sunday School class:** This morning we met for week five of an eight-week intergenerational Sunday School class exploring the challenges that our community and our nation currently face. You are invited to join the pastors as we explore matters related to racism, poverty, policy setting, and other issues that need to be discussed. Each week will have a different topic with different preparation materials. Even if you cannot be present at all classes, you are still welcome anytime you are available. The preparation materials for each week, should average about 15-30 minutes of your time prior to that Sunday morning. The

class will take place on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a. m. Please email Pastor Paul at [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) if you would like to participate.

**Altar Flower Dedications.** Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office for more information. We currently have open slots for Sept. 20, and Oct. 4, 11, and 18. The total cost of both bouquets is \$80.

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org).

**God's work continues at Augsburg,** and while we can't gather in person, our hands can still help carry out that work wherever we are through our love and our resources. Because important ministries continue during our facilities closure, offerings can still be shared through any of these suggested options: drop it in the mail, use the bill pay services that your bank offers, or use Realm to give online. Visit our website—[www.augsburglutheran-ws.org](http://www.augsburglutheran-ws.org)—and click on “Give Now” for more information. Thank you for all the ways that you support God's work at Augsburg, your Stewardship Team.

**Readings for next week:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

**Worship attendance for services last week: 179** views on **YouTube.**

### **Providing Service Today**

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Hannah Norem

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