

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

August 9, 2020

9:30 a.m. Live-stream



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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 and confidence of Christ that soothes our fears.
In the presence of the Word Made Flesh, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

Service of Word and Prayer

Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses.

At the sign of the cross (✠), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Michael Hassell

***Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 self-examination.

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.

***Gathering Hymn No. 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?

***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 ✠

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?" ¹⁰Elijah 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." ¹¹The Lord 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

The cantor introduces the refrain. Leaders and at-home worshipers repeat the refrain.

The cantor sings verses; leaders and at-home worshipers sing the refrain.



I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. **Refrain**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway. **Refrain**

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) 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 the Lord 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 ask for help. 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 preach? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***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 Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Jesus 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 Jesus 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, here I am; 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 Peter 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 worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor David Nevergall



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



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

***The 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

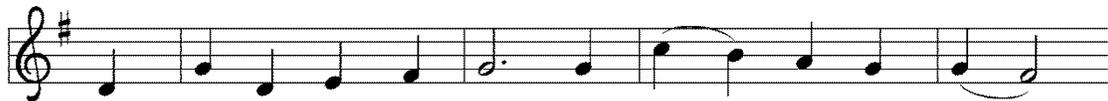
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

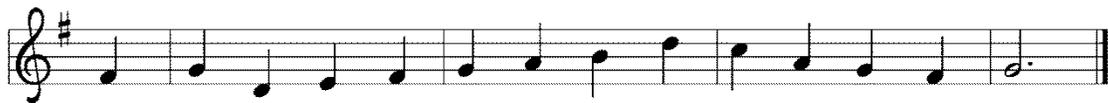
***Offertory Hymn No. 686**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

HEATH



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

✠ SENDING ✠

***The Prayers**

Called and sent by Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and those who are in need.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy. We respond: **Hear our prayer.**
The collect ends our prayers.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***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.



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

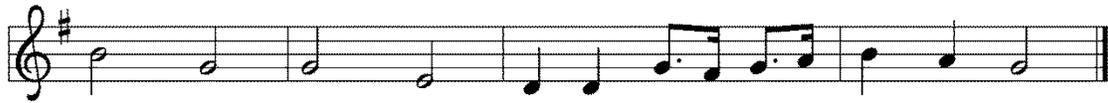


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

***Dismissal**

You are the Spirit-filled people of God.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

For those worshipping in the sanctuary: Please be seated. An usher will dismiss you.

Postlude

I'm So Glad that Jesus Lifted Me

Spiritual, arr. Mark Sedio

Jeremy Howdyshell, soloist; Hannah Good, Emily Hall, Marshall Thomas, Ruth Anderson

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
I was sinking down, Jesus lifted me...
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me...

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We Give Thee But Thine Own Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850. P.D.

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Looking Ahead... the Scripture texts for next Sunday, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, are Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32; and Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28. We encourage you to read and pray these passages in preparation for our worship together.

Start your day with Morning Devotions: Monday through Friday at 8:00am, on Facebook Live.

Bring your prayer concerns to Prayers for All People, our online prayer meeting: Tuesday at 1:00pm via Facebook Live.

Our weekly Bible study is on hiatus, and will resume on Wednesday, August 19, at 11:00am, via Zoom. The topic will be "God and the Pandemic," based on the writings of Bishop N.T. Wright. Contact Rachel Nunez (rnunez@holytrinityakron.org) for the link to the online meeting.

The Luther & Lager Hour is on hiatus until Thursday, September 10. Watch this space and your monthly Highlights newsletter for this fall's line-up of topics.

Pandemic Hope, our weekly check-in for sharing, reading, talking, praying, and blessing, is on hiatus until Friday, August 21, at 9:00am via Zoom. Contact Rachel Nunez for login information.

Join us for Sunday worship: next Sunday, August 16, streamed on Facebook Live, on YouTube and on our website at 9:30am. We are also open for in-person gathering. Please review [our worship guide](#) to prepare to attend.

Take good care of yourself, especially as we move back into public life. Use these days as a Sabbath time of rest, reflection, and reconnection to God and neighbor.

Your tithes and offerings are important to our ministry. On-line giving options are available at holytrinityakron.org/donate. For assistance or information, contact Financial Secretary Jim Minisall at jminisall@holytrinityakron.org. Or simply mail your offerings to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron, Ohio 44304. Thank you for your generous and regular support.

Today's Love Offering is designated for Robinson CLC. Holy Trinity continues its partnership with Robinson CLC for the upcoming school year by helping provide needed classroom and home supplies, online learning software and additional supports for teachers and staff. Thank you for your generous support of our students and their families, the teachers and staff and their good work.

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