



## ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus  
and walk with our community.

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 9, 2020

Welcome to your time of worship as I realize you may be reading this a day or two from Sunday, or later in the day or whenever. As you read this, keep your eyes on Jesus as you wrestle with your own Pandemic response and for those in your family. I have said several times, the Virus does not have the last word, God has that in Jesus Christ.

Today Jesus walks on water toward the disciples and they become afraid much like we are today in this Pandemic. Jesus says to them and we can "translate" that to us today "Take heart, it is I" In other words, I am the Lord there is no other and I am with you in the storms. And all God's people from wherever you are said...."Amen!"



### Introduction

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.

## Prelude

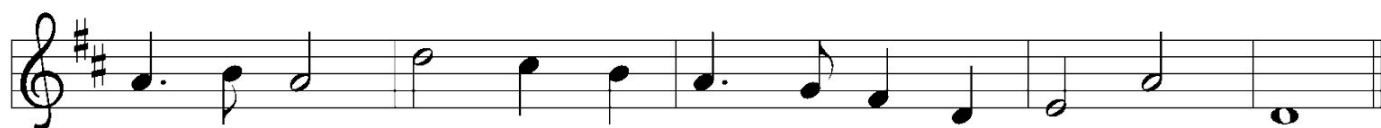
### My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. **Silence is kept for reflection.**

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## 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?" 10He 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."

11He 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.”

### **Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

- 8I 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.  
9Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.  
10Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
11Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
12The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
13Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

### **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 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!”

## 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.

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

Lutheran Hills is Christian camp for kids that has always been a popular camp for the trails in the woods, the good camp food on patio benches (at least pre virus) and, of course, a swimming pool.

The camp is surrounded by a lake and many evenings the camp staff would put on plays with a Christian message for the kids at lakeside. One summer when I was there I got to see this first hand. The camp counselors had rigged up some kind of underwater apparatus that allowed one to look like they were standing and walking on the water.

They replayed the scene from our Gospel lesson today! A couple counselors got in a canoe and were out in the water when another camp counselor began to walk a few feet on the water.

The disciples are in the boat as they see Jesus walking toward them. They are scared just like we are fearful today in our own lives. The Pandemic, personal and family challenges, and all that comes with that.

Jesus walks toward the disciples and they cry out in fear. But the Lord says "Take Heart, It's me!! And that is something " as opposed to losing heart, for God is near. It means today something like "Chill out!" (jk) or more likely we would say "Have courage", "Be strong/courageous" because the Lord is coming close to us walking on water, walking through the storm, walking over fire, the Lord is here and with us in this storm we are encountering..."Take Heart!" Be encouraged as we live in a fallen world, Jesus raises us up.

A second learning I see here is about Peter. Always the impetuous one he asks the Lord to let him come to him on water. The Lord says “Come” and in the same way invites us to a close relationship in the midst of our fear and worry and anxiety. Peter steps out and as long as he keeps his eyes on Jesus he can continue to walk. It is only when Peter looks down at the storm and the waves (Matt. 14:30) does he begin to sink. And then he cries out for the Lord, who reaches out to him and rescues him and says to Peter “You of little faith!”

What’s that mean for us? We can avoid sinking down into our fears, and worries or we can rise above by keeping our eyes on Jesus. In other words, looking at the sunrise, beautiful flowers, into the eyes of a loved one, hearing beautiful music, doing things that relax and bring peace is looking at Jesus.

At Lutheran Hills the campers got to “see” Jesus not only in these plays and such, but also in how the counselors lived their everyday lives. How they smiled, loved each other and the kids, the things they said in private moments and the very fact a high school or college kid took time out to serve at camp helps all the campers see Jesus.

Amen,  
Pr. Doug

### 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. **A brief silence.**

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: “Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid.” May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Here other intercessions may be offered.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself (especially). 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Joined together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught:*

**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.**

### **Offering 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.**

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### **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## Postlude

### When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise;



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
let all re - joice who have a voice to raise;



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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### **Families on the Prayer List**

Mr. & Mrs. David Butts (Cynthia)

Mr. Joseph Cardoza

Mr. Nathan Cardoza

Mrs. Barbara Chaplin

### **Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:**

Vicki Alleman, daughter of Bonnie Parker

Christine Claprodt, daughter of Norma Sweeney

Fred and Darlene Fairchild, parents of Erin Browning's friend

David Tryon, son of Mary

John Racek, brother-in-law of Jamie Shake

Janet Walsh, friend of Susan Hahn Johnson

Angel Kaulfers, the wife of Rose Jones' coworker

Gil Mascher brother of Jeanette Burbrink

Connie Stephens, friend of Suzy and Gary Henschen

Martha Helms, niece of Helen Czenkusch

David, friend of Ed & Bev Bailey

Patrick Frepan, friend of the Hills

Jeannie Hermerding

Marlon, brother of Ellen Shupe

Denise Hollman

Keith Johnson, husband of Susan

Pat Tumey

Jeanne Wall

Bob Holtman

Ellen Shupe

### **Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:**

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch

Ruth Tingle

Wheeler Elementary School

### **Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:**

Lynn Bigelow

Alton Dahl

Thelma Jones

Penny Kalk

Martha Larson

Norma Petraits

David Royer

David Schmalz

The Harrison

### **Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:**

Michael Joseph

Jerry Shake



We share our Christian sympathy with Jeannie Hermerding and family  
on the death of husband Paul on August 5, 2020.

"Rest eternal grant him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him."

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. --Romans 8:38-39*

Please continue to pray for Jeannie and the entire Hermerding family.

Sending cards is always appreciated.

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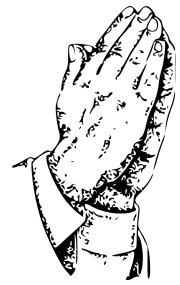
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## A Very Special Prayer Request

This year our partnership with Wheeler Elementary will continue. School resumes on August 5. This is a very scary and difficult time for students, teachers, parents, and staff. We have been asked to please keep them in our prayers as the year begins and progresses through this unknown time.



### Calendar

- **Sunday, August 9** Re-gathering in person worship 11am
- **Sunday, August 9** Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, August 10** Zoom Staff Meeting 10am
- **Thursday, August 13** Zoom Council Meeting 6pm
- **Saturday, August 15** Newsletter items due to Kelli
- **Sunday, August 16** Re-gathering in person worship 11am
- **Sunday, August 16** Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, August 17** Zoom Staff Meeting 10am

### Announcements

#### DIGITAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

No way to view our worship service via the email that is sent out or via our website? No worries! We have a new option that will be available shortly. We will soon be making DVDs for those who do not have access to the internet. Please reach out to a council member or Kelli Steurer if you have any questions. They will be glad to assist you in making sure you have the proper equipment lined up and give you all of the details.

#### PRODUCTION TEAM NEEDED

We need YOUR help! Are you able to help record worship services? Are you willing to learn how to use a camcorder? Are you interested in helping learn more about live streaming? We need YOU! Please reach out to Kelli! It is time to grow our team of 1 to many!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS EMAIL

On Monday you will only be receiving our Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers email via our website. If you have not subscribed yet, please do so right away!

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please send all items to Kelli by the **15th of the month**. We are in need of news items and resources that you would like to share with members and friends!

#### FACE MASKS

We have an offer from Jeanette Burbrink to provide masks for our members at no charge, these are hand-made by her stepdaughters in San Diego. Let Jeanette, MJ or Kelli know if you need a mask.

#### FOOD PANTRY

At this time we are not operating our Food Pantry. The Storehouse Food Pantry is still serving clients and if you wish to support their food ministry send monetary contributions to Speedway Christian Church at 5110 W 14th Street, Speedway In 46224. Make checks payable to Speedway Christian Church and indicate with a note or memo "Speedway Food Pantry."

★ **We will not be including the following Announcements in future mailings.**  
**Please save this page to have the information to refer to.**

#### **AN UPDATE ON SAVING PLASTIC BAGS FROM JAN SMITH**

Please continue to save your plastic grocery bags for the Mats for Homeless project. After several days they will be safe to use and when we are able to work with them again we will use the oldest ones first. Perhaps gather them in a paper bag to save for bringing to the church. Jan asks that you do not wad them up and if at all possible smooth out flat. To process the bags they must be flat and smooth for cutting into strips which is difficult if they have been waded into balls. If you're not able to flatten them just keep as flat as possible.

#### **SPEEDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLESSING BOX**

The church has a Blessing Box which can be accessed by the church sign on 16th Street. The idea is to serve the community by putting nonperishable food items in the box from donations. Anyone in the community can take what they need or leave donations.