

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The TENTH Sunday after Pentecost

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Reverend Johnson leads

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

CONFESSON

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Reverend Johnson

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE INVITATORY

Leader O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reverend Johnson

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

*Reader from St. Mary's***FIRST LESSON I 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

THE HYMN *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

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| 1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep. O hear us when we raise our plea for those in peril on the sea. | loved ones go. Protect them by your guarding hand from ev'ry peril on the land. | 4. O Trinity of love and pow'r, your children shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and for, protect them where so e'er they go; and then shall rise with voices free glad praise from air and land and sea. |
| 2. O Christ the Lord of hill and plain. O'er which our traffic runs a main. By mountain pass or valley low, wherever, Lord your | 3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament; O wind of heaven by your might save all who dare the eagle's flight and keep them by our watchful care from ev'ry peril in the air. | |

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE 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?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But 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); 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.

Reader from St. Mary's

Canticle 21

We Praise You, O God *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

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!” Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church
acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.**
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our
judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

ANTHEM *That's Where Faith Comes In*

Are you searching for an answer?
Are you praying for some help? Verse
Are you asking for God's mercy?

That's where faith comes in
That's where faith comes in. Refrain

David Smith

Karen Armogida

Does the daily news cause you anguish?
Is your family suffering?
Do your future hopes seem unreachable?

Refrain

He can heal a hurting world and unite us

We can do the greatest things when we pray
We can see the beauty here in His people

Refrain

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader and People

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 again 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

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from Concordia leads

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 those on our prayer lists. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all of us. 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.

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. 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.

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written "to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission" during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray,

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Leader and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

THE 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.

THE HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in
endless song;
above earth's
lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though
far off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

*No storm can shake my
inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm
clinging.*

Since Christ is Lord of

*heaven and earth,
how can I keep from
singing?*

2 Through all the tumult
and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my
soul.

How can I keep from
singing? **[Refrain]**

3 What though my joys
and comforts die?

I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness
gather round?

Songs in the night he
giveth. **[Refrain]**

4 The peace of Christ
makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since
I am his!

How can I keep from
singing? **[Refrain]**

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

NOTES:

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DAILY READINGS FOR AUGUST 10-15

Mon – Aug 10

Genesis 7:11-8:5

2 Peter 2:4-10

Psalm 18:1-19

Isaiah 61:7-11

Psalm 34:1-9 (3)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Tue – Aug 11

Genesis 19:1-29

Romans 9:14-29

Psalm 18:1-19

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

We will celebrate St. Mary's Day on Sunday, August 16, 2020 (both in the morning zoom service at 10 am and the afternoon in-person worship, RSVP required, at 4 pm)

Wed – Aug 12

Job 36:24-33, 37:14-24

Matthew 8:23-27

Psalm 181:1-19

Thu – Aug 13

Isaiah 45:20-25

Revelation 15:1-4

Psalm 67

Mary, Mother of Our Lord Saturday, August 15, 2020

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her

Fri – Aug 14

Isaiah 63:15-19

Acts 14:19-28

Psalm 67

Saturday Aug 15

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Readings