



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

At Home Worship  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Closter, New Jersey

*My burden is light.*

Matthew 11:30

Our service today is taken from *Hymnal Supplement '98*.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PREPARATION

#### INVOCATION

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

**Congregation**      **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**Congregation**      **O Lord, who could stand?**

Pastor But with You there is forgiveness;

**Congregation**      **therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,

**Congregation**        **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation**        **Amen.**

## **ENTRANCE HYMN    *O Worship the King***

- 1. Oh, worship the King, All glorious above;  
Oh, gratefully sing His power and His love,  
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise!**
- 2. Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath The deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.**
- 3. This earth, with its store Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power Hath founded of old,  
Established it fast By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, Like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils In the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust And feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust Nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!**

**O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight To hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise.**

**KYRIE** Lord, have mercy on us; Christ have mercy on us;  
Lord, have mercy on us.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God,  
give us an increase of faith, hope, and love  
that, receiving what You have promised,  
we may love what You have commanded;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## READINGS

### *Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4 - 18*

- 4 [The LORD said to Job]:  
"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 5 Who determined its measurements---surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 6 On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
7 when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
9 when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?
- 12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?



- 14 It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.
- 15 From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.
- 16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
- 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
- 18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.

*After the reading:*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:**

**Romans 10:5 – 17**

- <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; for 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."
- <sup>14</sup> How then will they 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.

*After the reading:*

Lector

This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation**

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**  
**These things are written that you may believe**  
**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter fourteen beginning at verse twenty-two.

**Congregation**      **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- <sup>22</sup> Immediately he 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."

*After the reading:*

Pastor                      This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Congregation**           **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **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.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Just As I Am*

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me.  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## SERMON

### PRAYER 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 portion of the prayer:*

Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation hear our prayer.**

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

**Congregation Amen.**

## LITANY (Sung)

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For Pastor Holsten, our Pastor in Christ, for all the servants of the church and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation Alleluia.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*(Silence for meditation)*

Pastor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation To You, O Lord.**

Pastor O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER**

Pastor Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Pastor The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**
- 2. When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**
- 3. When the darkness appears,  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**