

August 9, 2020

*Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Pastor:

Richard Willsea

Deaconess:

Karen Suter

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE (*Fri. service*)

"Simple Gifts"

arr. L Burswold

Andrew Messersmith, violin

(*Sun. service*)

"Praise Him With Trumpets"

R. Blake

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "Awesome God" arr. C. Tornquist

WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P God speaks, and recognizing His grace and mercy, we respond. The psalmody appointed for today is the first six verses of Psalm 18. Let us hear them and respond in song we as begin our worship.

A I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (vv. 1-2)

HYMN

"A Might Fortress"

LSB 656 st. 1

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "A Might Fortress". Both staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a long note on "God,". The lyrics are: "I A might - y for - tress is our God,". The first staff has a longer note on "God," than the second staff.

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 The old e - vil foe Now means
 dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 is not his e - qual.

A I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
 and I am saved from my enemies. (v. 3)

HYMN

"Jesus, Remember Me"

LSB 767

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.
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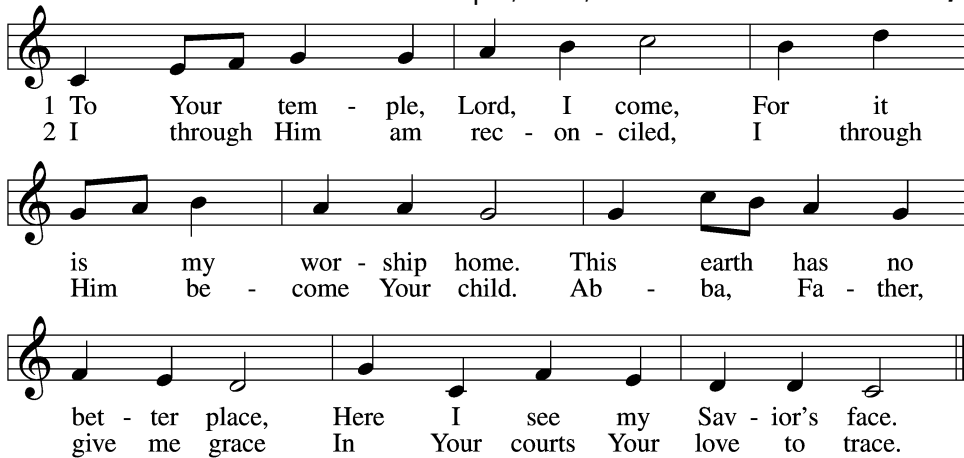
A In my distress I called upon the LORD;
 to my God I cried for help.

From His temple He heard my voice,
and my cry to Him reached His ears. (v. 6)

HYMN

"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

LSB 981, sts. 1-2



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our fallen condition.

- P** Heavenly Father,

C **we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility, but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your strong Word and the salvation it proclaims. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.**

- P** Although God's Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (*Romans 10:13*). As a called and ordained servant

of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 34:4-8; antiphon: Ps. 34:1



P I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

I sought the LORD, and He | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

C **Those who look to Him are | radiant,***
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

P This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.

C **The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear Him,***
and de- | livers them.

P Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessed is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the
proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul,

G **may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38: 4-18

L This is how the Lord responded when Job said he didn't deserve his troubles. A reading from the 38th chapter of Job.

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Ps. 34:9, 19 alt.

L Fear the LORD, you His saints,
For those who fear Him lack nothing!

C **Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE

Romans 10: 5-17

L The deliverance, that salvation we have in Christ, overcomes the Law. It is such good news that we dare not keep it to ourselves, as Paul writes in the Epistle, which is from the tenth chapter of Romans.

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Stand

VERSE

Matt. 14:27

P Alleluia.

C **But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,**

P "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

C **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

P The Gospel saves us as surely as Jesus saved Peter on the water in today's Gospel. But our response does involve actively trusting our Lord!

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

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

P Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said,

C **It is a ghost!**

P and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him,

L *Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.*

P He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out,

L *Lord, save me.*

P Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,

C **Truly you are the Son of God.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"When You Need a Helping Hand"

Billy Milam

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" *Matthew 14:31*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in

rest-less wave, Who bidd'st the might-y o-cean deep Its
runs a-main By moun-tain pass or val-ley low; Wher-
fir-ma-ment; O Wind of heav-en, by Thy might Save
dan-ger's hour; From rock and tem-pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap-point-ed lim-its keep: O hear us when we
ev-er, Lord, Thy peo-ple go, Pro-tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea-gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where-so-e'er they go; Thus ev-er-more shall

cry to Thee For those in per-il on the sea.
guard-ing hand From ev-'ry per-il on the land.
watch-ful care From ev-'ry per-il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

SERMON

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED, *As printed on the forward screens*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church around the world, and for those near and dear to us.
- A** Our great God "laid the foundation of the world." Let us ask His guidance and protection for all who tend His good creation, tilling the soil and protecting the environment; for all who connect resources with people in need of food, clothing and shelter, providing dignity and hope; and for all who work for peace and justice in their positions of authority. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Let us ask the Holy Spirit's strength and encouragement for all who proclaim the Gospel in pulpits and hospitals, in battlefields and refugee camps, offering the salvation that the Word of Christ announces; for all who put their faith into action, teaching the

young, consoling the ill, comforting the grieving, and listening to the distraught; and for those near and dear to us (including...) and those known only to our gracious God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Jesus said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Let us ask our Savior's gracious presence and protection for people of faith around the world, enduring persecution and standing with the weak; for the Church in our land, confronting injustice and resisting indifference wherever they are found; and for ourselves, gathering around Word and Sacrament and responding to the Gospel in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER, *As printed on the forward screens*

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you close to Him; the Lord make His face shine on you with countless blessings; the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

LSB 715

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will,
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear
 pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE (*Fri. Service*)

"You Are My Hiding Place"
Andrew Messersmith, violin

arr. E. Elwell

(*Sun. Service*)

"Postlude Brevis"

D. Lasky

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea

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Deaconess: Karen Suter

Trumpet: Susan Messersmith

Organist: Patty Barnes

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