



August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Anne Krentz Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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,...through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

words: Willard F. Jabusch;
music: Hasidic tune

APOSTOLIC 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

Glorious God,...through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bogie

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Michael Burkhardt

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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directed to Omella to make an online gift.
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COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be brought to you. All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of your church affiliation. Receive our crucified and resurrected Lord in the bread of this meal.

Gluten Free Bread is available from the server by request.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

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.**

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,... through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life... bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Summertime Improvisation

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F.R.O.G. @ Home (the 2020 VBS program) continues this week! The program will run through August 30th, with a different theme each week. It is open to all ages. There are no fees or registration. The website is located at <https://sites.google.com/view/frogathome>. Information is also available on our website (stlukeslutheran.org) and on our Facebook page. Please contact Laurie Rohrwasser at lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org with questions.

The Church Hasn't Closed

Our building is closed, but the church remains open. The church is simply deployed – sent into the world to do ministry in the name of Jesus, our Lord. The building may be closed for worship, but worship continues. Weekly, we are the church and no matter what comes our way, we continue to follow Jesus wherever we are. So, the church isn't closed, even though our building is.

We Are a Congregation of SOPHIA

St. Luke's is one of fifteen member congregations of SOPHIA. SOPHIA is a grassroots organization of people of faith united by a passion for justice, a commitment to community and a practice of hope. SOPHIA is dedicated to empowering people to work together on issues of justice, and to engaging individuals, agencies, and public officials in dialogue. We seek creative and effective efforts to improve our communities. SOPHIA Members include individuals, organizations, and, and diverse faith communities who united with a powerful voice to speak against injustices in our community. PJ is looking for people to walk with him in engaging in Sophia activities around housing, immigration, criminal justice reform, transportation, health care and racial equity. If you are interested in any of these activities, let PJ know. To learn more about Sophia, visit www.sophiawaukesha.org.

In Our Prayers...

Our Sympathy For
The Families of Trisha Seely, Shirley Harrits and David Liedtke

Special Prayers

Pastor Christina, Sammie & Jose, Phil, Shirley, Danny, Rebecca, Brian, Corey, Paul, Joseph, Sandy, Harold, Miranda, Janet, Kathy, Chuck, Shane, Judy, Donna, Wayne, Mike, Jerry, Graziano, Racer, Pastor Lema, Kathy, Scott, Diane, Patrick, Don, Paul, Kaitlyn, Carolyn, Dan, , Gene, Lizanne, Jim, , Dave, Sherry, Nelly, Ana Maria, Rachel, Bob, Gregg, Karen, Tina, Dawne, Carole, Crystal, Bev, BJ, Betty, Kenzie, Mark, Marlene, Tom, Manny, Steve

General Prayers

For those with Covid and those recovering from it, For the children of Tanzania who have returned to school, may they be safe; For strengthening our partnership with the Maroni Parish, For those who live alone, For all with chronic illness, For those coping with mental illness or addictions, For caregivers and medical personnel, For those who grieve, For those who have been or are being abused, For victims of racism and hatred, For all who struggle financially, For all in need of restored relationships, For all who have strayed from faith, For the needs of our partner churches in Tanzania to be met, For all who go hungry, For those without adequate medical care, For all those who are impacted by violence. For unity and peace.

Current Prayers

For St. Luke's F.R.O.G.@Home Vacation Bible School, For school teachers, For those impacted by the earthquake in Mexico, For all the residents and staff of the Samson house, For all to be assured that God is present in our lives; For unity and compassion, especially during this pandemic: For Missionaries and missions abroad; For those all impacted by the tornadoes on Easter Sunday; For small business owners and the self-employed; For shut-ins and the elderly; For those all with compromised immune systems; For the children of Tanzania as they

experience the effects of the pandemic, school being cancelled, where many get their only meal for the day; For those all who are ill; for those all living in fear; for those all who are being bullied, especially children; for our Care Team and Prayer Team; for the all who are homeless, hungry and forgotten.

Those in Military Service
Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr., Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, August 9, 2020

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

Monday, August 10, 2020

All Week F.R.O.G. at Home

8:00 a.m. Amigos

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

8:00 p.m. Women's AA

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

All Day Michael Schaner's Birthday

6:15 p.m. CLM Advisory Board Meeting

Serving this Weekend:

Presiding: Pastor Bogie

Preaching: Pastor Bogie

Music: Michael Schaner

Ushers: Diane & Dennis Voit

Kathy Fontaine

Wendy Bacon

GOSPEL MESSAGE

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LECTIONARY 19

Take Heart

We who gather for worship each week know what it is like to feel terrified. We may not be on a literal boat being tossed by the waves, as are the disciples in the gospel story today, but our lives are often rocked by the circumstances we experience. Sometimes the howling wind that buffets our boat is a terrifying health diagnosis. The waves that batter us about might be financial ruin, marital struggles, the demands of caregiving, or a myriad of other issues. We are not strangers to feeling out of control or scared.

Some of us barely made it here today. We are out of energy and exhausted by living in fear. Jesus meets us in the midst of our worry and says, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matt. 14:27). He sings it to us in the hymns of our faith, speaks it to us in scripture, and feeds us with it in the meal.

As we turn to a hymn and open our weary lips to sing, Jesus is present in the words and melodies that God’s people have been singing for a very long time. We sing these hymns in the chapters of our lives when the seas are calm, and when we are certain we are about to capsize.

When someone stands to read a piece of scripture we have heard dozens of times, Jesus comes to us afresh as we hear that word with troubled or peaceful hearts. Christ meets us in the ancient texts that never get old, offering us stability when our little boats seem dwarfed by the raging sea.

We approach the table, steady or perhaps trembling; when we feel beloved and when we are deeply aware of our captivity to sin. Each time, we reach out with our cupped beggar hands, and Jesus offers himself to us: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

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