



*Sunday, August 9, 2020*  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

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**August 9, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**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**

*Majestic Song*

**Callahan**

**MEDITATIVE MOMENT**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG:            *WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE ARE RAGING***

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## WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE ARE RAGING



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;  
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;  
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;  
 4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;  
 5 When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, stand by me;



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when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;  
 when the hosts of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,  
 when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,  
 when my foes in battle ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,  
 when my life be - comes a burden, and I'm near - ing chil - ly Jordan,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.  
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.  
 thou who saved . . . Paul and Si - las, stand by me.  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley, stand by me.

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

## **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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE**



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

**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.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

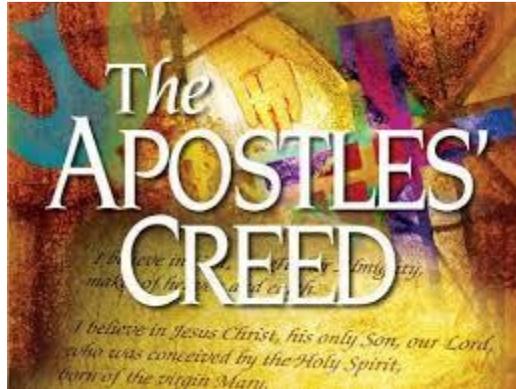
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**



### 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## 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. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### Congregational Refrain: **HEAR OUR PRAYER**



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch:

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### Congregational Refrain: *Hear Our Prayer*

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

## OFFERTORY

**Oceans**

**Hillsong**

**Jamie Searles, Leader of the Alive Band, soloist**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

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.**

### **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  
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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,  
you have fed us with your word.  
Continue to open us up to your presence,  
and send us forth into mission in your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**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.**

**SENDING SONG:**                    *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Verses 1, 3)*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

**Hatton / arr. Wells**