

Family Worship for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** (*Ps 124:8*)

If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you?

But with you is forgiveness; therefore, you are adored. (*Ps130:3-4*)

As we gather to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins, trusting in his infinite mercy for forgiveness and asking for his Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Almighty God, have mercy on me, hear this my confession, forgive all my sins, and renew me by your Holy Spirit for right living. (*Silent confession*)

In Holy Baptism our merciful God has declared us to be his royal children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake, our risen Savior and Lord. Give praise now to the Lord of heaven and earth and live joyfully as his witnesses in the world. **Amen**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 18:1-9

¹ I love you, O Lord, my strength.

² **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.**

³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴ **The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ **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.**

⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸ **Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.**

⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

HYMN [Leaning on the Everlasting Arms](#) (*With Lyrics*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. **Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Job 38:4-18

SECOND READING – Romans 10:5-17

GOSPEL VERSE *(Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 14. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE

HYMN [Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me](#) *(With Lyrics)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW #242, st. 1)*

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"

Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise him, our almighty King!"

Offer now your service true, To the One who makes us new.

Lifting heart and hand and voice, Serving God will be our choice.

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

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.

BLESSING *(Romans 15:13)*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN [When Peace Like a River](#) *(With Lyrics)*

EXTRA

[Pastor Dave: Fill the Tank](#)

[Jesus Walks on Water](#) *(Children's Message)*

READINGS

First Reading: Job 38:4-18

⁴ “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.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ 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); ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² 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. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ 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!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

PRAYERS

Sovereign God, we acknowledge that your thoughts and works are beyond our knowing and we can neither see nor comprehend the greatness of your Divine Being. Forgive us when we stand in judgement over you. Give us wisdom to understand what we can and humility to match. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Help us daily, O God, to keep your commands and to confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Give your One Holy Church courage and opportunity to preach the gospel of salvation until the end of the age and the renewal of all things. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Help us, Father, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as we navigate the choppy waters of our current times. When the winds of trouble and confusion blow against us, keep us steadfast and true in our disciple's walk. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our nation and ask that you raise up righteous leaders who know how to walk humbly before you, who hold truth as the highest good, and whose desire is to serve all people, but especially those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for parents, students, teachers, and all school employees as they return to their schools. In these new and trying times, protect them from illness. Grant them all patience and wisdom to deal with uncertain routines, new and profound challenges, and the anxiety of others. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for the ministry and future of Bible Lutheran Church. Give us wisdom to discern as one Body, the work you would have us do in our community. Give us hearts open to your Spirit's direction and courage to go where you lead us in the years ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for David and Luna as they begin their life journey under the baptismal covenant you have made with them. Be with them in every moment of their live and fulfill your holy desire to bring them into your glorious kingdom as brothers and sisters of Christ the Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for the Zeigler family as they mourn the death of Mary Blomberg. Comfort them with the ministry of your Holy Spirit in the depth of their sorrow and give them all the sure and certain hope of our resurrection in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Brenda Reiser, Susan Reese, Ruby Neurath, Sarah Smith and all whom we lift before you from our hearts.... (silent prayer)

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for August 9, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Brenda Reiser, Lymphoma (M. Reiser, 8.2.2020)
Susan Reese, Covid (S. Sommervold, 8.2.2020)
Sarah Smith battling cancer again (F. Smith, 8.2.2020)
Ruby & Earl Neurath, health problems (C. Bazemore, 7.30.2020)
Helen Zeigler, dementia difficulties (A. Terry, 7.26.2020)
Jason Pridgen, still suffering with liver problems, friend of Betty Robinson (7.22.20)
Amy Holcomb undergoing cancer treatments (R. Ratliff, 7.22.20)
Don Hasty suffering from heart troubles (D. Vorel, 7.22.20)
Marie Callahan recovering from a Brain Aneurysm (S. Sommervold, 7.19.2020)
Pat Gollihue on diagnosis of bone cancer (R. Zipperer, 7.19.2020)
Jeff Byrd on diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (L. Byrd, 7.19.2020)
Shirley Hogan hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Cathy Conaway, hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Keith Cornell, paralysis and due for surgery (J. Helmly, 7.19.2020)
Ann Reiser, undergoing cancer treatments (M. Reiser, 6.28.2020)
Rick Boyd, multiple health problems (C. Boyd, 6.21.2020)
Pam Moore, surgery after a bad fall (B. Helmly, 6.13.2020)
Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized for heart problems (K. Hall, 6.7.2020)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Cecilia Zeigler and family on death of her mother, Mary Bloomberg (8.4.2020)
Brenda Dasher and family on death of her cousin, JW Porter (7.19.2020)
Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)
Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)
Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)
Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Michael Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer;
Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home); Keith Cornell (Paralysis;Helmly); Clyde Johnson
(Home;Muthersbaugh); Thomas Owens (Home;Garner); Clay Stewart(Dementia;Sommervold);
Dale Williams (Nursing facility; B.Williams)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. - Job 38:18

We human beings, mere mortals that we are, sure do ask a lot of questions of God. We want to know why he isn't there when we need him, how could he let tragedies happen, and why won't he answer when we call? We sure do think a lot of ourselves, don't we? That we would be so bold as to demand an answer from the One who created everything out of nothing is either very brave or totally audacious. Who do we think we are anyway?

Job was considered to be an upright man, according to God. In this saga, the enemy, Satan, questioned God as to the motivation of Job's faithfulness. As the story unfolds, Job loses just about everything as he is put to the test. He suffers great pain and hardship and grows weary of his circumstances. Everyone around him seems to have an answer, many blaming Job himself for the pain he's experiencing. By chapter 13, Job challenges God saying, "Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you reply to me. How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?" (Job 13:22-24) Job cannot imagine what he has done to deserve such a fate.

God takes his time when it comes to answering Job. His response is more of a question turned back on the sufferer. God's reply points to our human audacity toward him as we, too, question the one who laid the foundations of the earth, the one who set the stars in space, the one who speaks through a whirlwind. God asks Job, "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?" (Job 38:12-13) "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?" (Job 38:16-17)

God's challenging questions put us in our proper place. We are part of the creation. We are not on par with the Creator! God's ways are too wonderful for us! But therein lies the awesomeness of it all. Next time when we get to questioning Him, someone might want to remind us of this. Amen.

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Fill the Tank (of Compassion) - Pastor Dave

The compassion of Jesus for a lost and dying world compelled him to go to the cross to confront and defeat the powers of sin, death and the devil. It was compassion that he felt toward the harassed crowds of Israel during his earthly ministry (Mt. 9:35-38) and for which he asked that the church pray to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers to go into the field. As we look ahead this year to engaging the harvest fields of Effingham, here are four suggestions to help us begin filling our tanks with Christ's compassion.

- 1) Set an alarm for 12noon on your phone/watch. Say a short prayer asking for God to fill you with divine compassion and to send laborers into the harvest.
- 2) For those who like to blog/write/express themselves, please feel free to write out prayer petitions around the harvest/compassion theme and mail them to blc.rincon@gmail.com. Pastor will use them on Sundays during the Prayers of the Church.
- 3) Evangelism Committee will be running a children's Art Exhibition. Details coming in mid-August.
- 4) Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a congregational Prayer Vigil before we gather for our congregational planning meeting on Sept. 19. Details to follow...

Take Heart

Find the 42 **bold** words from Matthew 14:25-33 (ESV).

C D N D D D Z S O W U S R T R Y
O E I E J I E E F A E U A U J
M K G I E V A S L A L H S E O
M L H F D D E I R C P I K O E F
A A T I D N D H F Z I T I L J
N W N R K O E Z J A H C H N D
D R O R G D C E A S E D S E G
S L S E H T R U O F Z J P I G
Y L E T A I D E M M I I D H D
W E P E T E R W D B H L O E E
I O J R L T S N A S O S U K K
N W A T R A A I R T T A B O A
D E T U W H T O O K C A T P T
H I L A N S W E R E D H X S W
L Y C O M E W E M A C T O G E

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, "It is a **ghost!**" 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, "**Lord**, if it is you, **command** me to **come** to you on the water." 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, "**Lord**, **save** me." **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, "**Truly** you are the **Son of God**!"

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The Horn of My Salvation

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 18:1-6 (ESV).

Q E K A T N F C R I E D G S U
A L C U B T V O I C E Y E U P
D L O H G N O R T S H I G B O
E Z R V Y D I M I T M O U H N
S N A R E S N A R E D D F T H
T T C O N F R O N T E D E A E
R Q N O R P W E I L L R R E A
U T S E M S L O G T I O A D R
C F S E R P H N G C A L L E D
T I E R M R A I K R S V Z H E
I R R E A T O S E U S H L C V
O H T G N E R T S L A O O A A
N E R E R E V I L E D R E E S
E L O S S E R T S I D N H R L
K P F Q X U G Q O S D F S X N

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**. I call upon the **LORD**, who is **worthy** to be **praised**, and I am saved from my **enemies**. The **cords** of **death** **encompassed** me; the **torrents** of **destruction** assailed me; the **cords** of **Sheol** **entangled** me; the **snares** of **death** **confronted** me. 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**.

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BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Martell Hall to the Glory of God!

BAPTISM OF DAVID DANIEL & LUNA MADDOX

We welcome into the family of God Mr. David and Ms. Luna and we rejoice with the Vorel family in the gift of God's salvation offered in their holy baptisms this day.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting scheduled for August 16, 2020, to discuss amending the 2020 budget to hire a youth coordinator has been postponed. Council will reschedule this meeting at a later date. Please pray for God's guidance concerning this position. - Church Council

WORSHIP RESTART

Church Council, after consultation with the Worship & Music Committee, has set the date of Sept. 13th as the date we resume our normal worship activities. In the meantime, a congregational survey will be mailed out to solicit input on ways to serve the whole congregation during this time of the coronavirus. Don't forget that Holy Communion is being offered by Pastor Dave by request. This can be done immediately after Sunday worship or at any other time during the week. Simply text or call: 912-661-8735.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

OK, we are down to the wire I plan to have the Church Directory printed before the end of the month, and hopefully all information will be correct. **Please** help me with this by thinking back over the last couple of years – Has your home phone been changed or disconnected? Has your e-mail address changed? Do you have a new cell phone number than before? Did you move to a new address? If you can think of any changes that may not have been updated in our computer, drop me a line and let me know before we start printing. Thanks so much for helping with this, I know you're busy. Deb blc.rincon@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Crucifer –
Altar Care – Connie Bazemore
Head Usher –
Lector – Julie Thompson
Musician – Karen Warnell

PLAN AHEAD:

8/9 Finance Committee Mtg. after worship
8/10 Church Council Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
8/10-8/12 Fellowship Hall being used by
Board of Elections
8/18 Quilter's Group 10A-2PM (Bring lunch 😊)
8/18 AFPAG (Foster Parents) Mtg. @ 6:00 PM
8/20 W& M Committee Mtg. @ 6:00 PM
8/24 Annual GRITS Mtg Helmly River House
8/29 Fellowship Hall being rented
9/2 Christian Education Meeting
9/10 Property Committee Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
9/13 Sunday School Kick-off/Promotion