

10th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, August 9, 2020



All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Introduction to the day

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.

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

NARTHEX TIME

9:50-10:05 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP/GREETING

Sue Lystad

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisette Branscomb
Congregational President

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

ELW 773

When my way groweth drear
 Precious Lord, linger near-ear
 When my li-ight is almost gone
 Hear my cry, hear my call
 Hold my ha-and lest I fa-all
 Take my hand, precious Lor-ord
 Lead me on

Precious Lord, take my hand
 Lead me on, let me sta-and
 I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
 Through the storm, through the night
 Lead me on to the li-ight
 Take my ha-and, precious Lor-ord
 Lead me home

When my work is all done
 And my race here is are you-un
 Let me see-ee by the light
 Thou hast shown
 That fair city so bright
 Where the lantern is the li-ight
 Take my ha-and, precious Lor-ord
 Lead me on

Precious Lord, take my hand
 Lead me on, let me sta-and
 I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
 Through the storm, through the night
 Lead me on to the li-ight
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GREETING**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

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**

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.**---WORD---**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN**Mac McCann****FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18****Sandra Robinson**

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.

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

Sandra Robinson

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.

A reading from Romans.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from 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). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Alleluia. I wait for | you, O LORD;* in your word | is my hope. *Alleluia.* (Ps. 130:5)

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But 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."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Ruth Hamilton****HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Hillsong UNITED**

**Avery Szalkowski Leal
and Wesley Szalkowski**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**Tom Wagner**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in

their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray especially for:

- Rob and Tara Lystad, their new baby son Thomas Michael and grandparents Sue and Jerry Lystad.
- Jim Scobee: Amy Cauble; Lisa Mitchell; Ian Mitchell; Charlie Kuni.
- Cathy; Kevin; Ted Haag.
- Sherry Lang; Janie and Gary Toebben.
- Leisa Wiggley; Officer Max Brewer; Bronwyn Yale Blanco; Rosie Marks; Marta; Sheila Wagner; Margaret Robinson; Rick Robinson; Sondra Fowler; and Pinky Palm.
- Chris Holdrich, Stephanie, and all healthcare workers.
- Rob and Maija Miller.
- Bob, Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip.
- Doni Saunders, Joanne Heckman, and Richard Kraus.
- The Szalkowski Family.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.
- The people of Beirut, Lebanon.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself especially Scott Crain, Lee McCurry, and Shirley Fareed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/AllSaintsLutheranChurch1/general>

OFFERING of Bread and Wine

Preparing your bread and wine

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OFFERING PRAYER

Tom Wagner

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

+DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

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.

+PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

John Womack

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

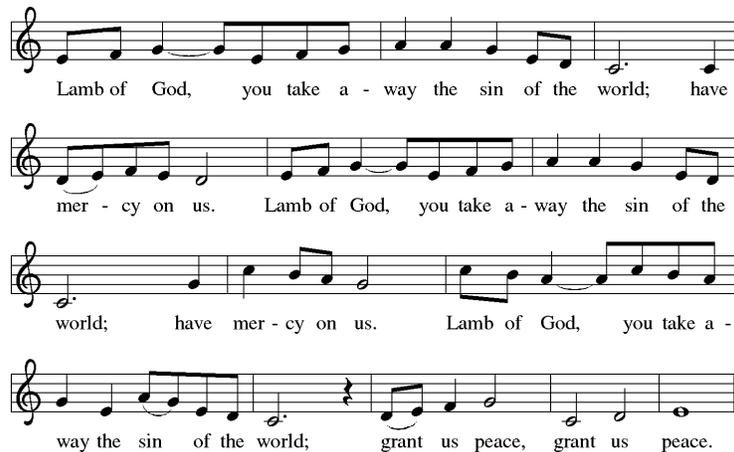
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)

John Womack



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tom Wagner

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

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---PRAYER LIST---

- Rob & Tara Lystad, for the blessing of their baby son Thomas Michael, for big brothers RJ & James, and grandparents Sue & Jerry
- Jim Scobee, heart surgery on August 26
- Amy Cauble, Lisa Mitchell, & Ian Mitchell, for healing from COVID-19
- Charlie Kuni, for a diagnosis of arterial issues
- Cathy H. (friend of Joann Rosselle), hospitalized with COVID-19
- Kevin L. (Joann & Brad Rosselle's dentist), hospitalized with COVID-19
- Ted Haag (friend of Joyce & John Holdrich for 60 yrs), for healing from ongoing lung cancer, undergoing chemo, prognosis is not favorable
- Sherry Lang (sister of Sheila Wagner), for healing from hip replacement surgery
- Janie & Gary Toebben (relatives of Charlene Adams), healing for Gary with his cancer diagnosis and ongoing recovery for Janie's health issues
- Leisa Wiggley (friend of All Saints' quilters), for healing from cancer
- APD Officer Max Brewer, now home, for healing and successful rehab and therapy
- Bronwyn Yale Blanco
- Rosie Marks (Cherie Mason's sister-in-law), recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Marta (long-time friend of Rica Kelly), for healing from health issues
- Sheila Wagner
- Margaret Robinson (mother-in-law of Sandra Robinson), recovering from broken hip and falls
- Rick Robinson (Sandra Robinson's husband), for healing
- Sondra Fowler (friend of Sandra Robinson), for healing
- Pinky Palm (wife of Pastor Randy Palm, Rock of Ages Lutheran), healing from a broken femur
- Chris Holdrich (John & Joyce Holdrich's grandson) and Stephanie (friend of Joann Roselle), for guidance and protection in their work as healthcare workers
- Bob (brother of Cherie Mason), unemployed due to COVID-19
- Rob & Maija Miller (Sue Martinson's niece) – financial issues with disability status
- Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, Phillip – underemployed/unemployed
- Doni Saunders (friend of Cherie Mason); Joanne Heckman; Richard Kraus (father of Bruce Kraus) – for reassurance and safety living in facilities where COVID-19 is present
- Jerry & Jackie Szalkowski – for smooth transition to new living arrangements; health issues; Jerry's retirement
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators – guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all as schools prepare to re-open
- The people of Beirut, Lebanon for comfort in their grief, for healing and recovery of their city in the aftermath of the explosion
- Comfort and peace for Stacey, the wife of Scott Crain, his children, and all his friends and family. Scott, who passed away from COVID-19 last week, was a friend and coworker of Sheila Wagner and a Parent Mentor with Hall Co. schools
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Lee McCurry (friend of the Yale family), young man who passed away unexpectedly
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Shirley Fareed, upon her death, that justice be served